



CONFERENCE '67

Unity among the three major Lutheran bodies in this country was the theme of the Twentieth Annual Conference of the Association of Lutheran Seminarians held this past weekend at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The Conference began early Friday afternoon with nine seminaries present. It opened with "The Office for Christian Unity".

The first lecture was given by Dr. J. Brauer, Professor of Christian History and Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and currently the Chairman of the Board of Theological Education, who spoke on the topic "Lutheran Unity Now". Following the lecture there was a panel discussion. The panel had representatives of the three main Lutheran bodies.

After Vespers on Friday evening Dr. Walter R. Beuman, Assistant Professor of Theology at Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, delivered a lecture on "The European Background of Lutheran Unity".

Saturday morning a Festival Eucharist for the Octave of All Saints Day was celebrated. It was preceded by optional private confession. This was our first experience with private confession and we found it a rewarding Christian practice.

The next two lectures were given by Dr. E. Arden, Professor of Church History at L.S.T.C. ("Lutheran Unity in America") and Dr. E. Brand, Associate Professor of Liturgics, Church Music and Systematic Theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbus, Ohio ("Lutheran Unity and Worship").

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CPE FOLLOW-UP IS IT NECESSARY?

by Tom Sinnott

By nature CPE is a tremendous growth experience. It is designed to be intensely introspective. How do I and my theology have meaning to my own life and to other's lives? The questionnaire "A Reaction to CPE" recently compiled by midblers, indicated that the seminary should recognize the fact that this question is asked in earnest and seriously consider the possibility of a CPE follow-up. Although there was no specific question asked concerning CPE follow-up many midblers filled in such a desire. A few reactions shared here:

--In response to the question "has clinical training made your courses more meaningful this year?" a reply, "Not so far. The seminary is not prepared - there is no follow-up."

--"Some kind of follow-up should be employed."

--"There should be a follow-up added to the curriculum."

--"There is no follow-up of CPE. No good practical course electives offered--Really poor!!"

--One wrote in a question: "should there be CPE follow up" and answered it "Yes-Yes-Yes. Group, practical courses, anything."

The salient question being asked in this article is: Should there be a follow up to CPE? This necessarily causes one to ask other equally important contingent questions. Does the faculty understand the CPE movement? Does the faculty feel the frustration prevalent among students? Are the faculty willing to make more than a casual promise concerning the feeling and meeting the needs of this never before considered problem? Are the students willing to work with the faculty in developing a viable solution to OUR problem?

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, DR. HEIGES WILL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN THE CHAPEL FOR ALL STUDENT BODY MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING. THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE ABOUT 15 TO 20 MINUTES LONG DIRECTLY AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE AND PRIOR TO DR. ADEN'S MEETING WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR CLASS.

WHERE THE ACTION IS

by Don Henderschedt

(Ed. Note: This is another in a continuing series of articles written by the interns.)

Greetings from the Synod of Ashland, as our Ashland Area Lutheran Parish was jokingly referred to at the last synodical convention. The Ashland Area Parish is made up of five congregations; Good Shepherd, Ashland; Zions, Girardville; St. Paul's, Gordon; St. John's, Kimmels; and St. Peter's, Lavelle. Together they comprise a membership of approximately 1300.

As of Jan. 1967, Good Shepherd in Ashland was the only one of the five congregations with a pastor, while the other four were vacant and had very little hope of being able to call their own man. The present parish arrangement, which is really an experimental venture of one year's duration, then grew directly out of a study of the Manifesto, working with the suggestion to "join with other Lutheran congregations, especially those nearby, in mutual counsel and action." The five congregations agreed to combine operations for the year and to share a team ministry provided by Good Shepherd's Rev. Robert Hughes and an intern. The experiment, it is hoped, will provide answers to a crucial problem of the area, the increasing number of vacancies and the inability of many of these small congregations to call and support a pastor of their own. The problem is a very real one in the area where in Schuylkill County alone there are 50 congregations and 21 vacancies.

To determine the success of what we have done so far, just 5 months into the present arrangement, is a rather difficult thing to do. However, we do feel that the set up, although of a temporary nature, has been a wholesome one, in that a feeling of co-operation between the congregations has prevailed and many joint programs have been undertaken with much success. Our hope is that this spirit of co-operation continues and eventually brings about

a new congregational alignment would become permanent. This is a decision resting before the study committee and the parish members in the months ahead.

Because of the complexity of organization with 5 congregations, Pastor Hughes and myself share as many of the duties as we possibly can, while still concentrating on our chosen areas of Pastoral work; his being Stewardship and Evangelism—Education and Youth Work for myself. We cover the hospitals jointly, both in Ashland itself and over a more widespread area. He will cover Ashland in the earlier part of the week and I will visit in the latter half. Also, one week he will head North to cover Danville and Bloomsburg while I go South to take care of Shendoah and Pottsville, alternating our directions week after week. We also share the shut-in visitations attempting to see our 75 shut-ins at least 5 times during the year. Again we have also decided to share attendance at regular meetings; council, LCW Exec. Com., etc. All of this stems from the fact that from the beginning we wished to cultivate the idea that the parish members could look to both of us as pastor and therefore there would be no need for duplication of attendance.

In addition to involvement on the parish level, I have also had many opportunities for ecumenical and community work. Having congregations in 5 different communities has made it possible for me to work along with many of their organizations. In addition, the Ashland Ministerial Association, composed of all clergymen presently in Ashland, both Roman and Protestant, has been a very exciting organization to be a part of. We have just concluded the second School of Religion sponsored by the Association and are now working toward the provision of a Youth Center for the Ashland teenagers. It is wonderful to be part of co-operative action between Roman Catholics and Protestants in a community which has exhibited in the past nothing but constant tension and feuding.

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SIM

The Northeast Regional Coordinator of Student Interracial Ministry (SIM) for the National Council of Churches of Christ Mr. William Thompson, will be visiting our campus on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 16, to chat with interested students and faculty about SIM's programme, internship opportunities, and particularly about their concern for theological education and for involving seminarians in various areas of Christian concern. He will be in The Seminarian office all afternoon, and all seminarians are encouraged to drop in to at least see what it is all about.

RED THESIS IN WITTENBERG

(Ed. Note: The following is an editorial appearing in this week's Evening Bulletin)

Communist East Germany has turned the 450th anniversary celebration of the Protestant Reformation into a scandal. Foreign churchmen who traveled to Wittenberg for the occasion found the city dressed for the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution rather than for a solemn religious ceremony.

But this was not the least of the affront. After permitting the celebration, the East German government proceeded to claim Martin Luther as a patron saint of Marxism and issue a call to all Christians to unite with Marxists in class warfare against capitalism.

Communists can pervert history and scandalize the religious but long ago they learned the truth of Luther's stirring hymn, "A mighty fortress is our God." They besiege the fortress but they can't take it.

WHERE THE ACTION IS (Cont).....

While there has been a great deal of work to do, at least enough to get my feet wet, I can not help but feel that this year of internship has been extremely beneficial for me. I have gained a great deal of preaching experience, having to preach every Sunday and having had quite a few funerals to take care of. The experience alone of being able to work with five different churches in five different communities is itself of great value. It is above all, quite a feeling to provide a ministry for these people in the face of their problem.

FROM THE PEN OF THE POET

This is to you, seminarian, from another.

A lot of water under the bridge now.

The first days at college

Not wanting to be seen as in any way different from the pre-meds, English, and Elementary Ed majors. But sometimes, in a discussion, realizing that you were.

And sometimes

When you turned off the lights

You turned on the thoughts,

He God ?

This way God?

Are you there God?

And at seminary

The rug pulled out

Demythologized; historicized; deglorified

No infallible book nor man

The defenses came out then,

Hysterical cynicism as protest

But we began,

fighting all the way,

But we began,

to feel,

to think,

to experience,

to express.

Within the shell, is there substance?

In the midst of darkness, is there light?

In spite of despair, is there hope?

In the face of death, is there life

Emptiness, darkness, despair, death, evil, hate.

Could fullness, light, hope, life, good, love absorb it?

handle it?

Burn it away?

Yes!

This is the gift, given to you

And this is the gift which you can give.

It is a promise, this gift, sealed in blood and sweat

It is a demand, this gift, more binding than any other

It is "for God so loved the world"

It is "Thus saith the Lord"

The pious, the poor, the cynical, the dreamer, the escapist, the hypocrite, the slob, the success, the apathetic

They want to hear it.

They need to hear it.

Go out and say it!

GO ANGELS

2ND QTR. ELECTIVES

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249. Old Testament Lectionary; Mr. Bornemann. Exegesis of the O.T. lessons appointed for Sundays throughout the church year. The class will be conducted on a seminar/ lecture basis. A paper and possibly a final will be required.
334. Greek N.T. Selected Readings; Dr. Reumann. Readings in II Corinthians and I Clement.
352. Hebrew; Mr. McCurley. Selected readings for beginning Hebrew students.
365. Readings in the Prophets; Mr. Bornemann. The class will deal with II Isaiah.
451. Protest and Reform in the History of the Church; Dr. Lee. The course will consist of an examination of attempts at reform and types of protest within the history of the church. There will be an examination of the present reform within and without the R.C. Church in light of past history. There will be a final exam.
546. The Biblical View of Man; Dr. Heincken. Studies in the non-biblical view of man including the Greek tragedians, Plato, Aristotle, Stoics, modern existentialism, Kierkegaard, and "the Biblical view." Course requirements include extensive readings (including some old and modern plays), a class report, and final.
749. Liturgy and Worship in the Several Communities of the Church; Dr. Seltzer. Investigations into the development of liturgy in different churches. Class reports and paper.
843. Leadership Training; Dr. Voehringer. Class will deal with the pastor's responsibility in recruiting, training, supervising volunteer workers; organizing training courses, selecting materials, and training opportunities outside the church. There will be a project, class demonstration and paper required.
381. Greek seminar open to selected Junior students. Mr. Sigel.
975. From Exegesis to Proclamation. Drs. Kredel and Albert. Open to seniors with a 2.5 average or better. Limited enrollment.
976. Ministry in Action. A seminar open to returning interns only. An inter-departmental seminar headed by Dr. White. (Returning interns may substitute this for a preaching class.)

Among the first orders of business of the Convention was the selection of a site for next year's meeting. A motion was made by the delegates from Gettysburg and Philadelphia that the 1968 convention be jointly sponsored by the two, and be held at the Gettysburg Campus. The motion was defeated. Next year's conference will be held at Columbus, Ohio. We and the two delegates from Gettysburg found ourselves to be in basic agreement on most issues and all felt that the two seminaries should work more closely in many areas.

The next, and only motion not contested and passed in a relatively short period, was a call for "reform of the present placement and calling practices which limit and restrict Black clergymen to certain areas where they might serve in the Lutheran Church".

The remaining two motions were the most hotly debated of the session. It was proposed that the Lutheran churches in America seek organic reunion with Rome as speedily as possible. After much debate and parliamentary maneuvering the motion was defeated 14 to 4. The last motion debated was a call for Lutheran Unity beginning immediately with Alter and Pulpit fellowship and progressing quickly to complete organic union. The motion after the longest debate of the afternoon was passed 17 to 1.

As we at Mount Airy are looking forward to our new seminary a few words about Chicago's would be in order. The new \$8,000,000 edifice was dedicated only two weeks prior to the conference and it smacked of newness. The chapel-auditorium in fact, as well as parking lots, etc., is not completed. The library facilities were not much larger than ours (100,000 volumes). The bookstore which was bright, and clean, was very systematically arranged. Its discount was smaller than Mount Airy's.

The modern facilities of the new main building are little used. Most students prefer to congregate in the commons for coffee or at their individual dorms. The dormitories are in fact converted one family houses.

CALENDAR

- Nov. 10 - Luther's Birthday
9:00 AM Students leave for G-burg Excursion.
2:00 PM Mt. Airy v. Gettysburg
- Nov. 12 - 3:00 PM Choir Concert at Trinity Lutheran Church, Phila.,
8:00 PM Music program at First Presbyterian Ch. (cf. Campi)
- Nov. 13 - 2:00 PM President Hankey of W. Pa. W. Va. Synod meets with seniors in Dr. Heiges' office.
3:00 PM Football: Mt. Airy v. Alumni at Westminster.
4:00 PM President Hankey meets with middlers from his synod.
4:30 PM President Hankey meets with juniors from his synod.
- Nov. 14 - 5:45 PM Thanksgiving Dinner (\$2.00 for off-campus students)
7:00 PM Holy Communion
- Nov. 15 - 7:30 PM Wives Club at Sally Roth's (CH 7-9229)
- Nov. 16 - 11:25 Dr. Heiges hold a news conference in the chapel for all students.
11:50 AM Dr. Aden meets with Juniors, Hagan Hall, rm. 1
2:00 PM William Thompson, representative of SIM will be available to talk with students in The Seminarian office.

AROUND CAMP

There's a lot of football in the news this week. The Angels try for their first win of the season against G-burg Friday. They lost to Westminster 26-18 last week.....Dr. Heiges has invited all Mt. Airy students to his house for a "Happy Hour" before the game on Friday. The game is scheduled to begin at 2:00 PM (if the players can find the field).....The game will be played on the battlefield..... Although some classes have been called off, the Inter-Seminary Seminar will still meet. Those students wish the team well.....Be sure and ask Mr. White about Olie Olson.....Shag left his sleeping bag at home last weekend when he was on choir tour.....How did they do it? Kuntz, Zindle, Alderfer, Crawford, Boughter slept in the girl's dorm at Thiel. Was there a jockey short raid? What about Aubrey's pajamas? And tell us about the bare feet and wine fellas!.....Ask Doug Haak about the Virgin Baby Who Had a Mary Boy. Better yet, ask Mr. Bornemann about his theology!.....The annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held in the Refect-

CONFO '67 (Cont.).....

The one area in which we feel that Chicago and most of the other seminaries have surpassed us is in worship. At times it was obvious that the men of L.S.T.C. were merely showing off but at the same time it was apparent that they were developing a strong, meaningful, corporate, liturgical worship.

by John Sabatelli and
Bob Busch

FINAL EXAMS

- Sat. Nov. 18: 9:00 A.M. Greek (315)
rooms 3 and 4
- Mon. Nov. 20: 9:00 A.M.
Intro. to N.T. (111)
rooms 3 and 4
Ministry in NT Times (159)
rooms 1 and 2
- 2:00 P.M. Dogmatics (521)
rooms 3 and 4
- Tues. Nov. 21: 9:00 A.M.
Intro. to O.T. (211)
rooms 3 and 4
World of the OT (252)
rooms 1 and 2
- 2:00 P.M. Am. Christ. (421)
rooms 3 and 4
- Wed. Nov. 22: 9:00 A.M.
Christian Educ. (821)*
rooms 3 and 4
Faith and Ministry (911)*
rooms 1 and 2
- 2:00 P.M.
Comm. & Creative Exp. (848)*
rooms 3 and 4

* 2 hr. exams

ory on Nov. 14. The cost is \$2.00 per person for off-campus students. The main feature of the menu will be Sauerbraten.....The Wives Club meets Nov. 15 at the Roth's to discuss Basic Christian Teachings. Call Sally if you plan to attend.. A new course for interns, Ministry in Action may be substituted for a preaching class if they desire. The interns can still take a preaching class if they wish, but they have fulfilled their preaching requirements.....George Summers and Main Dorm students wish to hold a Christmas party for all students, faculty and children. If interested, see George.