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DR. LAZARETH ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Dr. William H. Lazareth, professor of systematic theology here at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, has been named director of the Department of Church and Society of the Lutheran Church in America's Division for Mission in North America. He will begin his duties in the division in New York City the first of the year.

Dr. Lazareth was the director of the two-year Affirmations of Faith Study conducted by the LCA and adopted at the 1974 convention of the church. Currently a member of the management committee of the division, the widely-known theologian served as a member of the LCA's Board of Social Ministry and was active in the development of a number of the church's position statements on social issues including the statements on race relations; church and state, and sex, marriage and the family. Dr. Lazareth has served on the executive committee of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and is a delegate to the World Council Assembly scheduled for Nairobi, Kenya later this month. He will be moderator of Section I, Confessing Christ Today, at the Nairobi Assembly.

Dr. Lazareth has been on the faculty of LTSP since 1956. He is going to be greatly missed by students, faculty, administration and friends alike. But we wish him Godspeed, congratulate him on his appointment, and share in his excitement as new opportunities for serving Christ's church open up before him. The middler class especially wishes to thank him for his decision to finish out the academic year with them, which means he will be doubling his load. His dedication is an inspiration to all of us at the seminary.

ORDINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Informing the Seminary community that Charles Leonard will be ordained on December 14 at 4:00 p.m., at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 4th and Carpenter, Phila., Pa.

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Thanks to Rick Reeser, Jack Slotterback, Jim Werley, and Bruce Davis for being the Helping Hands who got the paper out last week.

Thanks also to Chicago Seminary for exchanging publications. The first three issues of The Seeker will be posted for all to read.

WHO REALLY CARES ABOUT "OUR" EDUCATION?

In the past six months I have become increasingly aware of the detrimental effects that the DPL-instituted studies are having on the quality of education at Mt. Airy. It seems that the continued harassment of our faculty, staff and student body is having effects that belie the DPL statements that they are concerned about quality education.

1. Faculty and staff members are working 7 days a week on cost studies and have to attend endless meetings.
2. The health and family life of these persons are being seriously endangered.
3. Course offerings are being curtailed and the quality of the courses offered has been affected. Our New Testament Dept. is being ravaged by overwork.
4. Our educational opportunities are now being harmed for the sake of a 1986 "pie-in-the-sky" proposal.

I believe that we as a student body should make our grievances known. I will be circulating a petition to be sent to the Board, DPL, CLTEN, and President Marshall. It could also be sent to the student bodies of the other seminaries encouraging them to take similar actions. If there is anyone who could help me in circulating, copying and distributing this petition, please let me know.

Greg Johnson

GARY CARRIER'S NEW POST

Gary Carrier, a senior student, has been named Assistant to the President for recruitment of students. Gary will be working closely with the faculty and administration and will be in charge of planning weekends for potential seminarians, as well as communicating with pre-sem students.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

A representative of "Christian Ministry in the National Parks" will be on campus, Thursday, November 20. Slides of the parks ministry program will be shown in the A-V room of the Library at 1:15. Students interested in serving on the staff of a parks ministry program can confer with Pastor Schmidt following the presentation.

JAKaufmann

Meeting on the Philadelphia Seminary campus, Friday, November 14, the Board of Directors of the Council for Lutheran Theological Education in the Northeast took clear actions to affirm the roles of the Philadelphia and Gettysburg Seminaries in the next decade as separate institutions, cooperating more and more closely with CLTEN, and developing with the synods in the northeast their own proposals for the future. Twenty-one board members, including eight synod presidents, and Dr. Lloyd Sheneman, CLTEN coordinator and DPL/Theological Education Director, participated.

In many ways the session contrasted sharply with the special meeting of the CLTEN Board on May 27 when it was difficult to reach agreement on any proposal, and a subcommittee was appointed to develop "a proposal for one seminary on one site...without prejudice." This subcommittee, consisting of Dr. William H. Baumer, Buffalo; Dr. Edward Lautenschlager Roanoke College; and Ms. Burnice Fjellman, New York City, plus President Heiges and Dr. Reumann, then worked over the summer and reported on September 12 to the CLTEN Executive Committee augmented for Long-Range Planning.

In light of that study four possibilities were set before the November 14 meeting: (1) "status quo" as things have been since 1973 with CLTEN; (2) return to the pre-1973 situation, i.e., no CLTEN. (Both of these were considered "not feasible" in a committee memo.) (3) Merger on one-site with duties of CLTEN taken over by the new seminary. (Assumed here was "Model III" among the possibilities discussed over the summer by the subcommittee, one which would combine the two existing faculties though an "educationally-based Model IV" drawn up by acting president Reumann was also circulated.) The likely savings and the inherent problems -- including student and constituency reactions -- in such a merger at this time were assessed, but the Executive/Long Range Planning Committee opted, in light of the pros and cons, for a fourth possibility.

(4) "Increased cooperation and coordination among the seminaries at Philadelphia and Gettysburg with the assistance of the Council including in particular increased cooperation and coordination in first professional degree programs and long-range planning." This proposal goes back essentially to a suggestion made by President Heiges on September 12 that (a) "the Council support the continued corporate existence of the seminaries at Gettysburg and Philadelphia for at least five years." (b) CLTEN "be greatly strengthened, including commonality" in the first professional degree programs such as has emerged in further education and that (c) "Lutheran theological education in the northeast be reviewed during the fifth year preparatory to the shaping of further plans...."

After a discussion on Friday particularly about "commonality" the CLTEN Board voted unanimously for course (4). To clarify what "cooperation and coordination" mean it endorsed the general direction exemplified in a statement on "Cooperative Planning for Theological Education in the Northeast" developed in the last six months by the two seminaries, the CLTEN Board adding the qualifications "that the special contributions of each to the church be included." CLTEN also noted the other aspects of the "Heiges proposal" (b) and (c) above that CLTEN "be strengthened...and restructured" and for review in the fifth year. To make such changes possible the meeting also voted necessary amendments to CLTEN'S Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation (the latter having also to be presented to the synods for approval).

(CLTEN continued)

A most important change for the future, affecting students and faculty was approved, a job description for a half-time Executive Director for CLTEN. Instead of part-time staffing by Dr. Sheneman in DPL, the proposal called for purchase of services half-time from a faculty member at one of the two seminaries or a member of a synod staff. This was broadened to allow for an individual outside seminary or synod (e.i. a retired person) but it is entirely possible that some one from the Philadelphia faculty could be asked to serve as the first Executive Director of CLTEN beginning next September. Nomination of that person and details about term are in the hands of the CLTEN Executive Committee with the Board being circularized by mail.

Perhaps the most significant action of all taken during the day was to address a response to the findings and recommendations of the Consulting Committee on Theological Education of DPL, published in the LCA Theological Education "Newsletter" of October 25. CLTEN voted to commend items 2 (a), (b), and (c) in the Consulting Committee's report -- which applauds CLTEN, the two seminaries and synods for growing cooperation while calling for CLTEN's strengthening and restructuring; affirms corporate existence of Gettysburg and Philadelphia on existing sites but cooperating through CLTEN with review in 1980-81 and calls for openness to cooperation with other Lutheran bodies in the northeast.

But 2 (c) that "the DPL in cooperation with the Council be instructed to submit proposals and plans for the corporate consolidation of the two seminaries to the LCA convention no later than 1986, including a recommendation on the site question" should in the opinion of the CLTEN Board be deleted by the Consulting Committee or DPL Management Committee as a recommendation to the Boston Convention.

CLTEN's Executive Committee, noting the competitive position such an action would put the two schools in precisely during the five-plus years they are to be cooperating, and concerned about the way press reports have escalated this subcommittee proposal went further and recommended that "consolidation on one site not be reopened in the LCA before 1986." The Board developed a more positive motion "We further recommend to the DPL that the LCA allow the two seminaries, their supporting synods and CLTEN to develop together by 1986 their own proposals for the future of Lutheran theological education in the northeast." This motion was voted with one person, a synod president, voting in the negative on the items involving Consulting Committee matters.

CLTEN also dealt with other matters receiving committee reports on continuing education, D. Min. and internship, as well as Gettysburg's Sesquicentennial Report with its proposed new shape of the ministry. Future Council budgets will continue to involve direct synod appropriations besides seminary and DPL appropriations; this keeps CLTEN visible before constituents.

I've written the above from notes without official minutes as yet. My personal impressinn is that it was a good meeting; a clear way is emerging for the next years ahead. There is hope for 5-10 years of attention to theological education and not a seventh attempt to impose merger. The issues are posed to let us get on with our job and relationalism -- "let the northeast work out its destiny and give us credit for facing fiscal responsibility."
John Reumann

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The following letter was sent by John Reumann, Acting President of LTSP, to the area seminaries. It should give you a "feel" for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service now being planned. It presents a unique opportunity to worship, both with faculty and students of area seminaries and with the families of Center City Parish who hosted us in September. RESERVE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 8PM FOR THIS EVENT.

The committee headed by Fritz Ruccius requests your help. Seniors are urged to take initiative to be present at 7pm to show student guests around the campus. Juniors especially are encouraged to telephone the families they ate with in September and personalize the written invitations the families are receiving from acting President Reumann. As written invitations are sent addresses and telephone numbers of families will be posted on the Faculty Bulletin Board in the Library. Please arrange to meet your hosts as they arrive at the Rotunda (7pm ff) and personally show them our "home" as they welcomed us to their's.

The reception to follow is not truly a meal, but it is more elaborate than normal with sandwiches, cookies and coffee. The faculty wives and spouses club are making arrangements.

Let's pitch in and make this a great evening of worship and fellowship.

"Our seminary community will be delighted if your students and faculty, or as many as can, are able to participate in an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in our chapel on Tuesday, November 25 at 8pm. St. Charles Seminary was host for our area schools on this occasion last year, and we are eager to continue the tradition.

The worship event itself will have an ecumenical flavor with faculty and students of area schools taking part in the liturgy. Father David Gracie, the former Urban Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese of Phila., has consented to preach. Our own seminary choir will sing.

Sandwiches and other light refreshments will be served following the worship, in the rotunda of the Library.

Students and faculty who are able to arrive at 7pm will have time for a brief tour of the campus. While our extensive renovations are continuing for a third year (Hagan Hall is to be completed in 1976), a number of projects have been completed and are in use (library, main dorm, student apartments).

Thank you for your assistance in publicizing this event in your community. We look forward to greeting your faculty and students on November 25. Along with you, pastors, and host families from Center City Lutheran Parish, Philadelphia, who took part in our Orientation Week visits to their churches and homes in September, will also be present. We look for a splendid evening of fellowship.

Sincerely, John Reumann"

Bob Hughes, Chaplain

1975 marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of Norwegian immigration to the United States. Sesquicentennial celebrations held throughout the country during the year were highlighted in October through an official four-week visit to America by the King of Norway, Olav V. Also visiting last month and preaching in several sesquicentennial worship services in Lutheran congregations were two of Norway's ten bishops, Dagfinn Hauge of Tønsberg and Kaare Støylen of Oslo; the latter is also primate of the Church of Norway.

Over 800,000 Norwegians have come to the United States since the first immigrants arrived in New York on October 15, 1825 from Stavanger aboard the ship Restaurationen. Norway is exceeded only by Ireland and Italy in percentage of population emigrating during the period before 1925. Currently, over 3,000,000 US citizens claim Norwegian ancestry.

The factors which combined to encourage the significant emigration from Norway were social, political, economic, and religious in nature. Although having no hereditary nobility, 19th century Norwegian society was characterized by a sharp distinction between an upper or "official class" and the common people. The official class consisted of public administrators, judges, law enforcement officials, military leaders, wealthy businessmen, a few large landowners, and significantly, the clergy. Many were Danes and most were educated in Denmark. They controlled the political and economic life of the country. The culture and even the language of the official class was distinctly different from that of the small farmers and laborers which made up the bulk of the Norwegian population, and the official class was very conscious of their privileged position, often openly ridiculing the common people. Resistance on the part of the common people increased dramatically in the 19th century. The Haugean religious revival played a significant role in creating this new resistance, because Haugeanism reinforced the concept of one's daily work, whatever it was, as a Christian calling and thus worthy of respect. Increased confidence, a new democratic spirit, and a strong will to improve their status in life led thousands of Norwegians to consider emigration as a realistic avenue toward freedom, respect, and equality of opportunity. The government openly discouraged emigration, labeling it as desertion of the fatherland, but especially after "America Letters" arrived in Norway with stories of success, nothing could stop the flood of emigration. Besides, the Norwegians had no great love for the government since before 1814, the king had been a Dane, and after 1814, the monarch was a Swede!

There were four major periods of migration from Norway to America, these being determined by varying conditions in the old and new world. The pre-Civil War years constitute the first period, followed by the years 1866-74, the decade of the 80's, and the first quarter of the 20th century. Major settlements in the early years were in Northern Illinois and Iowa, and southern Wisconsin and Minnesota. Later immigrants settled in the Dakotas, Montana, and the Pacific Northwest. Major Norwegian cultural centers today are Minneapolis-Saint Paul, New York City (Brooklyn), Chicago, and Seattle.

The many theological positions which characterized 19th century Norway included orthodox state church traditionalism, pietistic Haugianism, Grundvigianism, and Johnsonian orthodox pietism. The state church in Norway, with its episcopal structure and legal power, was able to keep these potential unity-destroying viewpoints together. But in the free environment of America, each of the theological tendencies which the immigrants brought with them found expression in a separate ecclesiastic church body. Varying degrees of anti-clericalism were evident as there was a concern not to reconstitute in America a class of "university-trained, episcopally-ordained, high-church divines" as the clergy of the Church of Norway who reflected the old social order could be described. A total of fifteen different synods, church bodies, and church associations have been formed by Norwegian-American Lutherans since 1846.

Norwegian-American Lutheranism has been characterized by a distinctive pietistic view of the Christian life and of church life in particular, a theological confessionalism combined with a strong emphasis on biblical preaching and teaching, and also an interest in maintaining the ethnic heritage of Norway. There was a long series of theological controversies the most well known being that concerning the question of predestination which began in the 1880's when some Norwegians were so bold as to suggest that the Missouri Synod theologian, C.F.W. Walther's teaching on predestination bordered on Calvinism!

The majority of Norwegian-American Lutherans today make up somewhat more than half of the American Lutheran Church (ALC). In addition, there are four very small conservative synodical groups which are thoroughly Norwegian in background. Norwegian-American Lutherans have founded several church-related colleges, the most well known being Saint Olaf, in Northfield, Minnesota, and Luther in Decorah, Iowa. The major seminary among Norwegian-American Lutherans, Luther Theological Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota, is currently the largest Lutheran theological school in the United States with 40 professors and over 700 full and part time students.

John E. Peterson
Resident Norwegian-American

WOMEN AND MEN IN DIALOGUE

At our last meeting we had as our guests Cole Hammell and Betty Jane Reisner. Both are active laypeople within the church and NEPenn Synod. The discussion centered on the role of the clergy as viewed by the laity. The point was made that the minister should know his or her own role, so that ministry has some direction. Ministers should be aware of the pitfalls of being too caught up in janitorial and secretarial work and losing sight of their primary responsibility to preach the gospel. We touched on the importance of knowing the congregation, studying social dynamics and power bases that may be important in accomplishing goals. More discussion focused on expectations of congregation, "political" maneuvering, and cultivation of lay leadership. It was a good evening. Many thanks to our guests.

Next meeting is December 2 at 8pm in the Library. Craig Herrick and Marie Scharfe
Joan Wolfe are the presenters.

THE FAMILY IS ALWAYS THE LAST TO KNOW

This morning (Wed. Nov. 12) I received my copy of the Lutheran and to my surprise I saw a picture of Dr. Lazareth above the article entitled "Lazareth to Leave Seminary for LCA Social Ministry Post," on page 19. As this was announced in chapel yesterday the content of the article was no surprise to me, yet I was astounded at the speed with which the article reached the LCA magazine.

It was my impression that the call to Dr. Lazareth was to be considered last Friday, November 7, at the meeting of the Executive Board of the LCA after which Dr. Lazareth would reply to the offer of the call.

However, to my surprise, there were people who knew of this decision before Monday. They had told me that there had been an article containing this information in one of the church's publication, apparently this issue of the Lutheran. On page 3 of this issue it is stated that the Lutheran is published on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Therefore this issue was published on Wednesday, November 5, TWO DAYS BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WOULD MEET TO OFFICIALLY ISSUE THE CALL. Was this article based on an assumption, or was in fact the decision made before the Board met?

I am offended that the Administration did not make this announcement public at its first available opportunity; which would have been after chapel on Thursday, November 6. It is not unusual that the student body has been kept uninformed about a decision which most strikingly affects their community.

When I heard the rumors of Dr. Lazareth's offer I went to the administration and asked that a public announcement describing the situation be made to clear the air. I was told the situation was tenuous because no official call was yet issued. A position which I at the time respected. Now I really don't know when the decision was made and who had the correct information.

I feel that the student body should be kept informed of the status of its professors and administrators for it is we whom they most intimately affect. The decision of Dr. Lazareth to leave seems to be a classic example of the ignorance in which the students are kept.

This article is in no way intended to speak against Dr. Lazareth or his decision to leave as I am sure that he found himself in an awkward position. I am sure I speak for many members of the student body when I say that he will be sorely missed as a friend and as a teacher. However, I wish him well in his new post and am sure that he will perform a valuable service for the Church at large.

Christian von Dehsen

SMOKING IN THE LIBRARY

At its November 10, 1975 meeting the Library Committee responded to informal requests to restrict smoking in the library.

As of November 24, 1975 smoking will be restricted to the following area in the library: classrooms, the conference room, the fireplace area in the rotunda on the main level, the lounge area at the base of the stained glass window on the upper level and the room toward the west just off the back issue periodical section on the lower level. Signs indicating smoking and non-smoking areas will be posted.

Two chief concerns led the members of the Library Committee to this decision regarding smoking. The first of these concerns has to do with consideration for those who are non-smokers. As a matter of courtesy it may be good on occasion to ask for permission to smoke of others who may be working in a designated smoking area. The second of these concerns has to do with security. The library is only equipped with a manual fire alarm system. The system is not equipped with smoke or heat detection.

The Library Committee has among its members two smokers and one ex-smoker who is constantly tempted to go back to smoking. That is to say, the decision the Library Committee made with reference to smoking was made with understanding and empathy.

Helmut T. Lehmann

CONFESSIONS OF A HOUSEHUSBAND

10 TODDLER WARNING SIGNS

1. if the house looks like you are expecting a flood. (Everything four feet off the ground;)
2. if the toilet cover is taped shut;
3. if the toilet paper stretches down the hall, around the cat, under the couch, and into a closet;
4. if the bottom kitchen cabinets are padlocked;
5. if you constantly cock your head to one side and say, Did you hear something?"
6. if the walls are decorated with fingerprints all at 2' 11";
7. if all the inside doors are closed;
8. if you find yourself trapped in the living room by your baby gate;
9. if all your breakables are in a safety deposit box;
10. if you have developed a deathly aversion to sudden silences;

CONGRATULATIONS... You are the parents of a toddler!

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER: It is impossible to spoil a child under 9 months. Feel free to hold a child as often as you feel necessary. No baby was ever given too much love.

HINTS TO HOUSEHUSBANDS: Give your wife chores to do around the house. It is a great way to cut down on the bibbitzing.

Note: Any people who would like a set of copies of my articles from last year may get them by sending me 50¢ for postage, handling and secretarial fees. Your copy of Confessions 1974-75 will be rushed to you.

"Father" John

THE COMMON CUP IS HERE!

In response to recent requests and "Seminarian" articles, the Social Activities Committee will be sponsoring a coffeehouse this Wednesday, November 19th from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. in the refectory. Come out and get to know your fellow students better! Ease into some nice music, good conversation...and from there it's up to you. Refreshments will be available for a minimal charge. Take a study break and come on out!

FRIENDS OF GERMANTOWN AVENUE

This Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Sunday School room of the Chapel, there will be a meeting of "Friends of Germantown Avenue". The purpose of the meeting is to implement plans for improvement of the Mt. Airy business district. This is a new group. Anyone is invited to attend. If you're concerned about our community's business district, why not check out this meeting?

Mark English

THIS WEEK WE PRINT ONE OF THE MANY LETTERS
CHAPLAIN DIEFENQUINAS RECEIVED FROM ESTRANGED
.....MIDDLERS

Dear Chaplain Diefenquinas,

I hear a voice crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord. Aside from the fact I'm hearing voices, right now I'm in the "wilderness" and how do I get out? I think I'm preparing to proclaim the Word but I'm lost in the "wilderness".

John the B.

Dear John,

You seem to be telling me that you are lost in the wilderness. Are you being tested? If you are being tested, remember the farther God seems to be away from you, the nearer He really is. (Did I hear you say you didn't know God could be that close to you? Shame on you!) I'm sure your period of testing won't last forty days or forty nights, so get out your ink bottle (in the words of Martin Luther) and go in there fighting. Don't give up on the Voice.

Same as always,
Chaplain Diefenquinas

THANKSGIVING VESPERS

On Tuesday, November 25, 1975 at 8:00PM ecumenical vespers of Thanksgiving will be held in the Chapel. The Rev. David Gracie will preach the sermon. There will be no Chapel services that morning because we would like to be assured of your participation in the evening service.

In addition to guests from other seminaries, the families from Center City Lutheran Parish, who hosted students for Sunday dinner during Orientation Week have been invited to join us for this Service.

The Chapel Committee

ATTENTION WOULD-BE BASKETBALL TEAMS

Exhibition games will be played this semester with the regular season beginning in January. Format as follows: 6 person teams (no more), four players on the floor at one time, two twenty minute halves. Submit your complete roster of players to Newell Embley by Monday. See Main Dorm for game schedule.

ADDITIONAL LIBRARY HOURS

At its meeting on November 10, 1975 the Library Committee agreed to opening the Library for student use on Sundays from 5:00-9:00PM, beginning with Sunday, November 16 and ending December 14, 1975. The Library will be open to students and not to the public during these additional hours.

The degree of use that is made of the library's resources during these additional hours will play a part in determining whether a similar arrangement should be made in the spring semester.

Helmut T. Lehmann