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DR. LAZARETH CONDUCTS SEMINAR

- Marsha Jark

Dr. William H. Lazareth, Director of the Department for Church and Society of the Division for Mission in North America of the LCA spoke on the purpose of the Strength for Mission fund drive and the formulation of Social Statements by the LCA to a gathering of faculty, students and the public on Sept. 21st. A former faculty member of LTSP, Dr. Lazareth presented three talks, the first of which centered on the responsibility of the Church to advocate social justice.

Social Statements generated by the LCA provide norms for action and thus are more than a negative assessment of the state of society. Dr. Lazareth declared that Social Statements are a part of the responsibility of the church as a body to administer direct help to people in need, to bring about conditions which mitigate suffering and to pass judgement on irresponsible social institutions.

Dr. Lazareth introduced a draft of a Social Statement on the Aging, which will be presented to the LCA national convention in 1978. The statement calls for a restoration of dignity to older adults whose vocation as Christians does not end with retirement from their occupation. The church is called to encourage the contribution of time and talents by older parishioners as well as to recognize and minister to their special needs.

In his final speech, Dr. Lazareth spoke on Strength for Mission, a funding appeal for 25 million dollars to "frontally assault the financial inflation and spiritual deflation" of the LCA.

Our mission is to carry on Christ's mission understanding that the word "mission" is a verb "to send" and not a noun. Our imperatives to act can be formed by examining the Biblical passages which begin with the words "Christ came..." for the New Testament is composed of theologies, central of which is the theology of the cross. We receive a foretaste now of Christ's mission, forgiveness of sin and the worship of the church in heaven.

Strength for Mission is meant to provide 12 million dollars to mission in North America, 12 million dollars to World Mission and 1 million dollars to Evangelical Outreach. A witness-oriented Bible Study Program written by Dr. John H.P. Reumann, and Dr. Foster R. McCurly of LTSP and Dr. Austin F. Shell of Southern Seminary is the tool to implement E.U. in LCA congregations.



LTSP GETS NEW NEIGHBORS AT CRESHEIM ARMS

LTSP will this month be getting some new neighbors on Allens Lane. The Hare Krishna organization here in Philadelphia has bought the former Cresheim Arms Hotel and will be using the structure for their living quarters and temple.

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness was brought to the United States by A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada in 1965. Hare Krishna is not spoken of as a religion by its followers, but is described as a cultural movement which involves one's entire lifestyle. The goal of the Hare Krishna people is to achieve a state of "pure, eternal bliss, free from all anxiety," by entirely dedicating one's self to Krishna, the Supreme Lord of the universe. This awakening of one's consciousness can be done by joyfully chanting the name of Krishna over and over again. For, as the group members will tell us, Krishna Consciousness is within each one of us and merely needs to be awakened; and if this chanting gives one inner peace and a feeling of brotherhood with all others, then you are experiencing Krishna Consciousness.

Members of the group are usually most readily identified by their Eastern style of dress and behavior. It is this refusal to conform with Western standards which causes most of the criticism that the group receives. The men shave their heads except for a top-knot and wear robes of orange and yellow. The women wear brightly colored saris. Their days are spent following a rigorous schedule of prayer and work, their work being totally for the organization.

You've probably noticed or encountered the Hare Krishna people out on the streets chanting, dancing and handing out tracts. It is important to note that you are not required by state law to give any "donation" for materials being given out by any such group, even though they may try to pressure you into giving them money.

Up-to-date information on the Hare Krishna people and several other cult groups can be found in Daniel Cohen's book - The New Believers (Ballantine Books, 1975). This is a paperback and is available at Fortress.

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LATE SCORE - JUST IN:

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES - 15 CHICAGO CUBS - 9

Information on how to acquire tickets for the play-off games and the World Series can be found on the Hagan Bulletin Board.

STUDENT BODY MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 1977
3:30pm -- AMPHITHEATRE
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order -- Prayer
- II. Reading of minutes from last meeting
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Report of President
 - A. CLTEN
 - B. Nominating Committee
 - C. Elections
 - D. Interim Chairpersons and appointments
 - E. Priority Channels of Communication
- V. Report of Treasurer - Budget
- VI. Report of Committees
 - A. Nominating Committee
 - B. Others
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Proposed Amendment to Article IV Section 7
That the following sentence be deleted - "Social Ministry Committee shall designate \$60 of its yearly funds to be donated to the Adopt-A-Student program of Emmanuel Church Parish School.
- IX. Announcements
 - A. Medical Services
 - B. Other

THIS IS THE FIRST STUDENT BODY MEETING OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. IT IS IMPORTANT!!! SO PLEASE BE THERE !!!

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Shortly we will all be voting for secretary of the student body. It is not only good to know the people we're voting for, but the jobs they will fill. Therefore you are here provided an appropriate job description:

The secretary is responsible for taking and publishing in the Seminarian all minutes of the Student Body meetings and Board of Director's meetings. He/She is also responsible for taking minutes of all Executive committee, type them up and distribute them to all Executive Committee members. There are also periodic committee reports which must be typed and published in The Seminarian. And last but not least, there will be letters to type and a file of all documents to keep.

Nancy Anderson (past secretary)

LTSP STUDENT BODY PROPOSED BUDGET 1977-1978

COMMITTEE	BUDGET 76-77	EXPENDED 76-77	REFUNDED 76-77	NET EX. 76-77	PROPOSED BUDGET
Athletics	\$100.00	\$ 85.19	\$ 3.18	\$ 82.01	\$100.00
Contingency	75.00	81.94	-----	81.94	75.00
Publications	600.00	593.94	17.25	576.69	615.00
Social Activities	750.00	2360.55	1589.50	771.05	750.00
Social Ministry	150.00	150.00	-----	150.00	211.00
Spouses Club	50.00	33.16	-----	33.16	50.00
Student Admin.	50.00	51.02	-----	51.02	40.00
Guest Night	100.00	28.00	-----	28.00	125.00
Sherry Hour	-----	-----	-----	-----	50.00
Men and Women in Dialogue	75.00	56.86	-----	56.86	-----
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TOTALS	\$1950.00	\$3440.66	\$1609.93	\$1830.73	\$2016.00*
Operating Principle					565.95**

* Based on 126 students at \$16.00 per student.

** Operating principle is defined as the accumulated balance from previous years. Withdrawals from this principle are subject to the approval of the President and the Treasurer.

Note: A loan of \$270.38 has been made to the Sherry Hour Committee out of the operating principle in an effort to reduce prices by buying alcohol in volume. This loan is to be repaid by weekly receipts from the Sherry Hour.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce G. Trethaway, Treasurer

COMMITTEE NOTES

Guest night this year will be chaired by Margie Weiss and Rich Sauer. The object of the committee is to enlist people with interesting occupations or hobbies to make a presentation in the refectory. Although there are no funds to pay visitors, they are guests at dinner. Everyone is invited to suggest people to be guests.

This year the presentations will be scheduled at the convenience of the guest speakers and will be less frequent than last year. Announcements of programs will be made in advance.

The Social Activities Committee, co-chaired by Barry Mitchell and Scott Davis, acts as a clearing house for all social functions on campus, planning some, and providing funds for those arranged by other student groups. Last year the committee sponsored movies, dances, the Fasnacht celebration, and the Spring Banquet.

Committee members are elected at the fall class meetings. Represented on the committee are the MAR students, married students, and each class, all having one member. The committee will welcome suggestions for any kind of social activity.

The purpose of the Refectory Committee is basically to voice the complaints and suggestions of the student body to the food service personnel in regards to their services surrounding meals.

The committee consists of a representative from the food service, the headwriter, chairperson(s) and a representative of each class as appointed by the Student Body President. Regular meetings will be scheduled and announced in advance to the Student Body.

--Dave Ellis, Chairperson

The seminary books store is in operation for the sole purpose of providing necessary books and supplies to members of the association at the lowest possible price while maintaining the solvency of the Co-operation. To fulfill this purpose, a strict terms of payment must be maintained. Other than the conventional cash method, the bookstore allows its members each to deposit an initial \$50. and then to charge up to \$25. after that amount. All unpaid balances must be paid no later than one month before the last day of classes, per semester.

Anyone who wishes to serve on the bookstore committee (one person per class) should see Bruce Wallace, chairman, dorm room 108. The committee will constantly evaluate the operation of the bookstore and ensure that its stated purpose is being met. The committee will also be selecting an assistant manager to work with Frank Nelson in operating the bookstore. Details for applications will be forthcoming in the Seminerian within the next few weeks.

--Bruce . Wallace
Committee Chairman

Committee Notes continued

Recreation - Sports

This year our sports program is going to be the biggest thing on Campus. (I am not saying it will take the place of the books, but everybody has to take a break sometime.) I am looking and planning a football game against Gettysburg who who beat us last year. During the winter, while we are bored with snow there will be volleyball leagues for singles, couples, and faculty. This enjoyment will take place most nights right after supp³⁴.

Our biggest success has been our basketball teams. For a sneak preview, during January (for those who don't have Greek) there will be pre-season basketball for those who just want to sharpen up some skills before February. Our February season pins most of the teams with two games a week.

Finally, in the Spring, we are looking to some co-ed and male dominated softball teams to end the very exciting year. Each class will have a 10 person team (5 male, 5 females) to compete on a point system.

--Mack Smith, Chairperson

The immediate concern of the Social Ministry Committee, co-chaired by Joe Irvin and Pete Swain, is securing nine volunteers to assist Keith Albur at various times of the week, getting to and from class and in other areas. At this writing, most of the nine have signed up, but anyone else who might be able to substitute in an emergency may contact either Joe or Pete.

The thrust of social ministry this year will be primarily educational in an effort to keep seminarians in touch with important issues. The committee hopes to stimulate people's thinking on theological issues as they come up as well as identify social issues such as world hunger. The rationale behind this decision is that by keeping within a limited context, the committee may be more effective. It hopes to present speakers, films, and forums on pertinent subjects.

The committee will continue the programs begun last year, i.e. the blood bank and adopt-a-student, and the distribution of the periodicals "Vanguard" and "Focus."

NOTE: All appointments of chairpersons are subject to final approval of Executive Committee at their first meeting.

What I Did On My SUMMER VACATION

by Tom IRWIN

(Ministry in the Pocono Mountains)

About 9:00am on a Sunday morning the groundhog would scurry out from under the 125 year old school house which sits by the stream that runs through Hickory Run State Park. The people were leaving their campsites and by 9:30 the school house would be ringing with the sounds of "Amazing Grace" or "Standing on the Promises". Elsewhere in the Poconos, campers in a KOA campground would bring folding chairs to a clearing in the trees and wait for the Chaplain to arrive with songsheets and a message for the day.

This is the work of Pocono Area Lutheran Ministry (better known as PALM). PALM is an effort of the Northeast Penn Synod to provide ministry to the many vacationers in the Poconos. Because of the varied interests of people on their leisure time, this kind of ministry takes on many forms:

A few times this summer I found myself worshipping on the riverside while we landed the canoes for a break in our 18 mile trip down the Delaware; as a Chaplain to the Pocono International Raceway for the "Schaeffer 500" I talked to a lot of anxious people waiting for their car to round the next bend; and (would you believe) I assisted in leading money management seminars for honeymooners (I can hardly balance my checkbook!)

PALM is really involved and they're even helping to start a Lutheran Mission Congregation in Blakeslee (in the Poconos). Much time was spent surveying the area to see the potential for the mission, as well as teaching VCS to the kids already associated with the mission.

From the river to the racetrack - a whole lot of experience in a whole lot of ways. Look into it for yourself. write: Rev. Donald Henderschedt, Director
Pocono Area Lutheran Ministry
R. D.#3 Box 449K
East Stroudsburg, Pa. 18301

TEAR OFF AND FILL OUT AND PLACE IN THE SEMINARIAN MAILBOX IN HAGAN CENTER - SOON!

I WANT TO HELP WITH THE SEMINARIAN

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| _____ Monday after 3pm. | _____ Type |
| _____ Tuesday afternoons | _____ Write Articles |
| _____ Tuesday evening | _____ Help with Publication |

Thanks! jo

Dr. Lazareth, con't.

Dr. Lazareth concluded his remarks with a criticism of the evangelical hucksterism which pulls people out of the dirty world and into personality cults. He questioned whether television is an appropriate medium for evangelism since it allows arm-chair religion. With a responsible laity who can insist that the money raised in the Strength for Mission campaign be responsibly spent, The Lutheran Church in America can re-establish a pattern of growth and respond to the Gospel which is mission in an active sense.

PARC TO HOLD CARNIVAL

The Philadelphia Association for Retarded Citizens will hold a Carnival on the grounds of Northeast High School (Cottman and Glendale Sts.) on 9/29-10/2. Carnival times are 9/29 - 6 to 10 pm., 9/30 - 6 to 11 pm., 10/1 - 2 to 11 pm. and 10/2 - 2 to 10 pm. There will be door prizes, rides, food, entertainment, celebrities, and lots of fun for the whole family. All proceeds will go to PARC, a city-wide, non-profit agency, whose mandate is to improve the quality of life for Philadelphia's 60,000 mentally retarded citizens and their families. For more info, contact Linda Falotico, PARC Office - 567-3750.

LLM TO DIALOGUE WITH LTSP

The Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship and our Seminary will co-host their third "seminarian-laymen dialogue" next week, October 2-5.

This will be the twenty-seventh of these three day "live-in" experiences for the laity that will have taken place in five LCA seminaries since the dialogues began at Hemma School of Theology in 1969.

During the interchanges, some six to ten lay persons spend their time in the seminary communities attending classes, taking meals at the refectory with the seminarians, and engaging in almost continuous discussion with students and faculty in an effort to bring into focus the mutual ministry of both pastor and the laity in our constantly changing church. These are growth experiences for all concerned and they originated from a desire to improve communication between clergy and lay persons in their day-to-day ministries.

When these lay persons are on campus next week, take time to introduce yourself. There's a great deal we can learn from each other!

- Dr. D. Myrom

AN HISTORICAL NOTE

On October 4th, 1777 the American troops under the leadership of George Washington attacked the British pickets, thus beginning the Battle of Germantown.

A plaque observing this battle is located in the front of our campus. (Its next to the main driveway.)

This is it! - Page 8

COMMUNITY NOTES

- Our condolences to the Bost's on the recent death of Mrs. Bost's father.
- Our congratulations to the McCurley's upon the birth of their daughter, Dana, on Labor Day (of all days!)
- Also congratulations to Paul and Betsy Herovich upon the birth of their son, Nathan Field, on Sept. 23rd.
- Prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dr. Gerhard Krodel, Dean at Gettysburg Seminary, following his recent back surgery.
- A hearty welcome back to Keith and Nancy Wilbur! Keith is boning up to the study grind by taking Church History this semester.
- We remember Bob Pope (Joan's husband) in our prayers during his hospitalization.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

- Thanks for your attendance, support and enthusiasm!
- Even though we be the "scattered people of God", couldn't we sit a little closer together?
- Even though we be sinners, couldn't we move a little closer to the front?

Tim Lull

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The love and concern of the Seminary community through the many expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated.

The assurance of the resurrection comforts us all.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Bost

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RECYCLING CENTER

The Social Ministry Committee is looking for a person who will be responsible for the recycling center near the Boiler House. What needs to be done is simple - drive to the various pick-up centers to take our recycled glass and aluminum where they can be more useful. Only a few minutes every two weeks or so is needed for the task.

Our recycling center includes glass of all colors, tied newspaper, and aluminum cans. The receptacles are next to the Boiler House between the Dorm and the Library. So all of you who use these items please remember us!

Anyone interested in taking care of this project, please see Joe Irvin or Pete Swain. Or drop a note in Mailbox 615 and we'll contact you.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Volleyball - Tuesdays 8-9pm.

Basketball - Thursdays 8-9pm.

Here's a chance to take off those few "extra" pounds we're always complaining about. Leagues will be formed in February.

A man visits a city church:

I entered. The usher (I guess I should say, usherette. . . or should I?) smiled at me and led me to a seat. Well, that's a nice innovation. Brightens up your morning. I noticed something about the families that arrived. When they were ushered in, the mother came last, and sat at the end of the pew. At 10:00 a woman entered the pulpit area and sat down in one of the heavy oak chairs. Strange, she came in by herself. Probably a guest speaker from some missionary field. Other women entered from the rear and sat with their families who had saved them seats--on the end!

The woman up front went to the lectern and gave the Call to Worship and Greeting. (I thought only ordained men. . .)

Our help is in the Name of the Creator, who made heaven and earth. When anyone is united with Christ, she is a new creature. Welcome to this service in the Name of God, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier; the God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel, of Deborah, Lydia, and Priscilla. So be it.

I seemed excluded from this service from the start. Even more so when the clergywoman said that since we had all been greeted by God, were all sisters in Christ, we could all greet our fellowwomen --now. There wasn't any sister close enough for me to greet. Should I reach over to that wife--on the end? I was about to move over toward her when a teenage boy put out his hand. Fellowwoman?

A Time to Welcome New People. "You are new with us today, aren't you? Would you please stand? Are you single?" "No." "Oh, and what does your wife do? Is she here on business? How many children do you have?" Other questions. What about me? I was having a hard time keeping up with my feelings and with the service. I was feeling a little isolated. I wasn't getting much out of this service but frustration. Anger? Why did I come? If I had known this! . . .

The sermon droned on. It addressed itself to sisters and the experience of their fellowwomen. She didn't even try to speak to me or the other men in the congregation. It was like eavesdropping on a conversation for women only. How can I identify with a female church? Prayers, creeds, hymns, even sermon--always feminine when referring to people. Is a female God next? Where do I come in? I am not and never will be a sister. Therefore I am not. Do I exist? Am I invisible? They greeted me, but then seemed to forget I was there. Do I really matter to them? to God? Does God like me as I am--male? She urged them to be new women. I don't exist here. I am invisible.

"We will now celebrate the Lord's Supper." Women, the woman who came in last and sat at the ends of the pews, walked up front. . . to serve. . . bread and wine?! I've seen women serve chicken suppers at Young People's Society, roast beef suppers at consistory parties, but the Lord's Supper?

Closing hymn: "Faith of our mothers, living still, . . ." Benediction. Free at last! Not quite. A Spiritual Guide guided me to the Adult Sunday School Class. Guided past the coffee urn, through the kids' classes. Did I see only male teachers? The leader of the class was the Rev. Ms. . . One more "she" and I'd burst. I gave an excuse. Out for some fresh air. God's air. His air.

I never thought I'd be so eager to get to my own church for an evening service. A male usher, a male minister, male office-bearers. "Grace to you and Peace from God the Father." "How good and pleasant is the sight when brethren make it their delight to dwell in blest accord." A sermon on the church's need for great men. This is my church where the clergyman speaks to me. My church where I belong; where everyone feels at home.

Do I Belong, con't.

Commentary: In a church where "he," "brothers," and "men" have always been used generically, it will naturally take time to escape from old habits and move toward non-sexist language in our services. However, let's start somewhere--right here at LTSP--by greater awareness of the language used in our chapel services and by making the appropriate changes so that all people may feel a part of our worship.

••• AND ALONG THOSE LINES •••

The first guest night this year is October 6, and will focus on women in ministry. That's a big topic covering more than can possibly be handled in an evening, but one must begin somewhere.

It is obvious by now that increasing numbers of women are attending seminary intending to be ordained. Over the past four years the number of women enrolled in the M.Div. program of LTSP has increased from less than five to over twenty. Quite a change in a very short period, and while it may not be THE issue for most of us here, it becomes more and more conspicuous by its absence.

Thankfully the emergence of women on this campus has been low-keyed and void of the excesses of radical feminism. Unfortunately the opposite extreme seems to be the rule: ignoring the issue altogether. In so doing we are overlooking potential wealth for all of us in our ministries in modern society.

While few of us spend long hours ruminating on the experience of growing up female in America, it can hardly be denied that women have brought a different dimension to ministry. Passing comments by seniors over lunch testify to this. The old days were different than today, and much of it has to do with the women.

Then there are our very selves. Most of the women here did not grow up with emphasis on teamwork, as in sports, or supporting one another for causes in common. Many of us are "loners" choosing careers before marriage, and not quite knowing how to relate to the other women who have done the same. It's a new situation which we are among the first to experience at this place.

And if our relationship to one another is different, so too our relationships with men and theirs with us. How to be colleagues as well as friends and lovers? Who is threatened professionally by whom? How can we support one another in this situation? What about the feminine attributes of God? Can we communicate them to the laity without losing them intellectually or spiritually?

The list goes on forever, and will continue to grow as we do. The issue of women's new roles in society will not disappear when we move to the the parish. Fully 50% of our parishioners are women--usually more--and are asking these same questions. Something that affects so much of our future flock surely merits our spending time together discussing it and sharing with one another in seminary.

---Teresa Bailey

ST. THOMAS ACQUAINT US

Sept. 28 (Wed.)

- 9:40 am. Middler Class meeting in Classroom C: Elections
- 9:40 am. Convocation: Geography of Palestine; Ampitheater

ALL WELCOME

--10:30 am. Senior Class meeting in the Refectory: Elections

-- 4:45 pm. Sherry Hour in the Refectory

Come and Chat!

-- 5:00 pm. Evening Prayer

Sept. 29 (Thurs.) ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

-- 9:40 am. Service of Holy Communion

Preacher: The Rev. Robert Hughes

-- 10 to 3: Fortress display of Ecclesiastical Arts

-- 6:00 pm. Middler Retreat (until Sat., noon)

Sept. 30 (Fri.) ST. JEROME

-- 7:00 pm. Men of Mt. Airy dinner on campus

Oct. 3 (Mon.)

-- all day: Seminarian/Lutheran Laymen Dialogue

Seek out and greet our guests!

--3:30 pm. Student Body meeting in the Ampitheater

-- 5:00 pm. Evening Prayer

Oct. 4 (Tues.)

-- 7:00 pm. Dorm meeting in the Pit

Upcoming Dates to mark in your datebook **Now**:

-- Oct. 6 Guest Night in the Refectory

Topic: Women in the Ordained Ministry

with the Rev. La Vonne Althouse, Pastor of Salem Lutheran

Church, Philadelphia.

-- Oct. 15 Football game (2 pm./ Home)

-- Oct. 25 Guest Night in the Refectory

Topic: "Roots, A Reassessment of the Black Experience"

with William Green, director of Black Studies,

Philadelphia Board of Education.

(also crucial to us all; plan to come to the Ampitheater
at 6:15 for presentation and discussion)

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