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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear friends,

Every April we set our clocks to spring forward an hour to take advantage of daylight savings time. This year LHC has sprung forward by four months to take advantage of doing a joint conference with the Anglicans. Our biennial conferences are always in the fall, not summer, so this year's change in schedule may take some getting used to. But what a wonderful opportunity the invitation from the Anglicans offers us, a chance not only to hear about issues in another tradition from historians and archivists whose names are not familiar to us, but a chance for the members of five different Anglican organizations to learn what Lutherans are thinking about. The conference schedule is full, but those of us on the planning committee have made sure that we have some time for the various groups to meet separately. You will note a Monday evening LHC dinner and business meeting, at which we will need to elect new board members and a new president, as my six-year term on the board (four years as your president) is up this year.

It has been my pleasure to work with many of you in planning programs and conferences and thinking out loud, whether at board meetings or conferences, about what the Lutheran Historical Conference could be and do in the future. As research becomes more web-dependent and our communication takes forms our predecessors never dreamed of, archivists and librarians face new challenges in record-keeping. As our various church bodies struggle with both persistent conflicts/issues and new ones, historians face challenges in how we will tell the stories. Your board recognized that the joint conference offered us opportunity to address these challenges of our times, and so we added a panel on each topic to the program. I know the session chairs (Marvin Huggins, Joel Thoreson and David Settje) would welcome your input and your participation in those discussions.

Recently someone asked me what I thought American Lutheranism would look like in five years. I took the easy way out by citing my usual quip that historians are at best prophets looking backwards, so I had no crystal ball to forecast the future. The truth is, Lutherans are caught up in many of the same issues as other mainline denominations even as we are still fighting over some of the same issues that have divided us in the

past. These are indeed critical times. Our organization has played a unique role in chronicling Lutheran developments in the past in papers presented at our conferences and in the scholarship of

our members. I realize that our participation in the joint conference this year violates the Seven Last Words of the Church *we never did it that way before* — but it probably won't be the last time we utter those words as changing times present us with both challenges and opportunities we haven't imagined yet.

Thank you for your continued support of LHC and its work. I hope to see many of you in June in Chicago.

—Mary Todd, LHC President

JUNE, NOT OCTOBER.....

As indicated by President Todd, the dates for the joint LHC-Anglican conference are June 20-23, 2004. Every member should have received a copy of the preliminary program schedule with registration form. If you have not received a copy, or would like to recommend the conference to a colleague, you can find all of the conference information and an on-line registration form at: <http://www.luthhist.org/alhc/alhc.html>

To request a paper copy of registration form, or for other conference inquiries or special needs, contact: Elisabeth Wittman or Joel Thoreson, ELCA Churchwide Archives: Phone, 847-690-9410; FAX, 847-690-9502 or archives@elca.org **For questions about accommodations, please contact the Chicago Marriott O'Hare directly at: 773-693-4444 and refer to the Anglican-Lutheran Historical Conference.** Remember, the early registration deadline is **May 20, 2004.**

BIBLIOGRAPHY: ON-GOING

The LHC annual index of writings in the field of North American Lutheranism, is an on-going project. Publication data may be sent at any time to any of the three persons listed below who will compile the index for printing in the November 2004 issue of the *Newsletter*. Writings should be those from the year 2003 or earlier years, if they were missed previously. Listings from prior years may be found on the LHC web page: <http://luthhist.org>

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ROBERT F. SCHOLZ 1938-2004

The Rev. Dr. Robert F. Scholz, Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Central Park West, New York City, died on February 7, 2004 at age 65, from a brain tumor diagnosed in June 2003. He died peacefully at Cabrini Hospice in Manhattan. The funeral service with Holy Eucharist was held Wednesday, February 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan. The Rev. Stephen P. Bouman, Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), presided. Pastor Scholz's long-time friend and colleague, the Rev. Paul Schmiede, delivered the sermon. Musical offerings under the leadership of cantor Richard Erickson included Bach motets, hymns, and spirituals.

Bob was an active member of the Lutheran Historical Conference, serving on the board from 1992-1998, including serving as Vice President from 1996-1998. He also served as host to the 1998 LHC Biennial Conference, one of the most successful meetings of the group in recent years. He was the author of *Press Toward the Mark: History of the United Lutheran Synod of New York and New England 1830-1930*, published by the American Theological Library Association and Scarecrow Press, 1995. He was a distinguished leader in the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA. He served on its Advisory Committee for Archives, and conducted oral history interviews with past synod leaders. He was instrumental in the creation of a synod Commission for Gay and Lesbian Concerns and was its first chairman. Dedicated to ecumenism, in 2003, he was the first Lutheran "Licensed to Officiate" in the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Bob was born in St. Paul, Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1961. He married Dorothy F. Mareck that same year. He received his PhD. in history also from the University of Minnesota in 1966 and his MDiv. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1976. He was ordained in the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) in 1976 and was called to serve St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, 1976-1979. In 1979, he became chaplain at Wagner College, Staten Island, where he directed the Core Program and taught in the history and religion departments. His next call in 1985 was as pastor of St. David's Lutheran Church, Massapequa Park, New York. He was called to serve as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in January 1997.

If you would like to know more about Bob's life and ministry, go to www.holytrinitynyc.org and click on the Pastors Page. Within the biography, there is a link to excerpts from Bob's forthcoming collection of sermons and reflections concerning the World Trade Center Attack on September 11, 2001, entitled "Wachet auf: A September 11 Remembrance." A link to the web page of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Hungtington Station, <http://gloriadei-comeandsee.org/09112001.htm>, contains a series of devotions around the subject of 9/11 written by area pastors and includes one written by Bob.

Bob's wife, Dee Scholz, has asked that those wishing to honor her husband's memory

may do so by making a memorial gift to: Centennial Fund, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3 W. 65th St., New York, NY 10023. Inquiries: 212-877-6815. Letters of condolence may be sent c/o Holy Trinity.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: NOMINEES FOR LHC BOARD

Maria Erling has taught the history of Christianity in North America and Global Mission at Gettysburg Seminary since 1999. After serving as a pastor in the New England Synod during the 1980s and 90s she received a Th.D. in American Religious History from Harvard Divinity School. Her primary focus was on congregational life among Swedish immigrants in New England. Dr. Erling serves on the Executive Board of the Augustana Heritage Association and served on the ELCA's Archives Advisory Committee. She is currently involved in writing a history of the Augustana Synod and also

on various topics related to ecumenical concerns and mainline Protestantism. She is particularly interested in the way that technological resources, such as digital archiving and display can be used to help students see and respond to primary sources.

Kathryn Galchutt is currently an Assistant Professor of History at Concordia College, in Bronxville, New York. For her graduate studies, Kathryn attended Marquette University and graduated with a Ph.D. in American history in 2002. Through Marquette, she was awarded an Arthur J. Schmitt Research Fellowship which enabled her to conduct dissertation research throughout the Midwest at such places as the Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis, the ELCA Archives in Chicago, and the Archives of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. She presented a portion of her dissertation at the Lutheran Historical Conference held in Milwaukee in 2000. Her dissertation, "The Career of Andrew Schulze, 1924-1968: Lutherans and Race in the Civil Rights Era," has been accepted for publication through Mercer University Press.

Mark Granquist teaches in the Religion Department at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota. He has a BA from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, an M.Div from Yale University, and a Ph.D from the University of Chicago, where he wrote a dissertation on Swedish immigrant religion in the United States (under the direction of Martin Marty). He has published numerous articles and chapters on American Lutheranism, and has been twice recognized by the Concordia Historical Institute for excellence in American Lutheran history

James B. Olson received his BA from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1963, an MDiv from Luther Seminary in 1968, and an MTh in American Church History in 1987, followed by doctoral work from 1988 through 1990, at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. His publications include an essay on Erik Ludvigsen Pontoppidan in Volume 14 of the 1992 *Lutheran Historical Conference, Essays and Reports*. Other publications and papers focus on the history of Lutherans in South Dakota. Jim has served as a pastor in several congregations since his ordination in 1968. He currently serves as Rostered Ministry Coordinator of South Dakota Synod,

ELCA, in Sioux Falls. His background in the study of Lutheran history is coupled with a "grassroots" understanding of congregations and their rich histories.

Joel Pless was born in Elgin, Illinois in 1960. He holds A.A. and B.A. degrees from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan and M.Div and S.T.M. degrees from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon. He served as pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of rural Wausau, Wisconsin from 1986-2000. He also taught part-time for two years at Northland Lutheran High School in Mosinee, Wisconsin. He is presently serving as an assistant professor of theology at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee. He is finishing a Ph. D. in historical theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and is the pulpit assistant at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mukwonago, Wisconsin. Professor Pless' area of interest is late 19th and early 20th century American Lutheranism.

David Settje is currently an assistant professor of history at Concordia University - River Forest. He received his BA from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, and his Ph.D. from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, in 2001, after defending his dissertation, "Has the Tiger Changed Its Stripes? Lutheran Responses to the Cold War, Fears of Internal Communist Threats, and the Vietnam War, 1964-1975." He has twice presented papers at Lutheran Historical Conference conventions and is currently serving on the Local Arrangements Committee in preparation for the joint Lutheran/Episcopal conference this summer.

NEWS BY/FOR/ABOUT MEMBERS

Richard W. Solberg, 425B Sierra College Dr., Grass Valley, CA 95945, has donated his personal papers to the ELCA Archives. Previously, Dick had donated materials from some inter-Lutheran projects to the Helen M. Knubel Archives of Cooperative Lutheranism, when located in New York, now with the ELCA Archives.

Elisabeth Wittman, ELCA Archives, 321 Bonnie Lane, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, has been elected to the Nominating Committee of the Society of American Archivists.

COMING EVENTS!

There is still time to visit the Gettysburg College Library to see the exhibit, *A Charge to Keep I Have: A History of the Woman's League of Gettysburg College, 1911-1995*. This exhibit, located in the Special Collections Room of the Library, continues through June 30, 2004. The collection of League archival materials is 62 linear feet of the first women-only

organization officially affiliated with and recognized by Gettysburg College. Organized in 1911, it remained active until the 1990s. The collection inventory created through a grant-funded processing project is available on-line at:
<http://www.gettysburg.edu/library/specoll/collections/womensleague.html> For further information on

the exhibit or on the college archives and history contact College Archivist, Karen Dupell Drickamer: drickham@gettysburg.edu

The 100th Anniversary of the General Slocum Disaster will be observed June 12-13, 2004. A large number of Manhattan's St. Mark's Lutheran Church members were on the excursion boat, the General Slocum, when it exploded in New York's East River, June 15, 1904. The congregation was forced to close shortly thereafter.

Events planned by the General Slocum Memorial Association include a memorial ceremony that will take place on June 12, 2004, at Lutheran (All Faiths) Cemetery at 10 am at the General Slocum Monument, followed by an ecumenical memorial service at 11:15 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Middle Village. That same day the Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler plans an excursion boat ride tracing the journey of the General Slocum. The excursion will meet a flotilla of harbor craft for a wreath-laying ceremony at the site of the disaster at North Brother Island before returning to Manhattan for a luncheon with speakers on the disaster. Additional details will be forthcoming. On Sunday, June 13, 2004, a plaque will be dedicated at the Community Synagogue on East 6th Street, the former home of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The brief ceremony will be followed by a procession through the neighborhood to Tompkins Square Park, culminating at the monument dedicated to the children who died on the General Slocum. All descendants of the victims, survivors, rescuers and others are invited to join the procession. Immediately following the procession will be the annual memorial service at the monument. For further details, contact John Daggan: jdaggan@cgsh.com

NEWS NOTES

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, North Carolina Synod, has voted to become a full partner in the Region 9 cooperative archives, the James R. Crumley Jr. Archives, by relocating its archives to Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina. The Synod will provide on-going financial support for the Crumley Archives. Just recently, through it's Michael Peeler Fund, the Synod provided \$30,000 for the purchase of new mobile shelving for the archives. The shelving will allow for enough space to receive the North Carolina collection plus more.

With this move, the bulk of collections related to Southeastern Lutheranism will be housed under a single roof. The North Carolina Synod collection will be available in Columbia by Summer, 2004. For further information, contact Jeanette Bergeron, Archivist, or Allison Swygert, Office Manager at: James R. Crumley Jr. Archives, 4201 N. Main St., Columbia, SC 29203; 803-461-3234 (phone); 803-461-3358 (fax); e-mail: archives@ltss.edu

Sheri Kleinwort has recently been appointed archivist for the Danish American Archives at Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa. Sheri indicates that she intends to revitalize the archives by instituting a preservation program and improving and expanding the

current collection. The hope is that the rejuvenation process will be completed by October 2005 when the Danish American Heritage Society International Conference is held in Des Moines. For further information, contact Sheri at: Grand View College Library, 1351 Grandview Ave. Des Moines, IA 50310; Phone: 505-263-6199; e-mail: skleinwort@gvc.edu

The Finnish American Heritage Center and Historical Archives, Finlandia University, Hancock, Michigan, has a new director. James N. Kurtti is the new director, as well as editor of the *Finnish American Reporter*. This monthly, English language journal, established in 1986, features articles and news reports of interest to Finns across North America, in Finland and around the world. Ms. Lorraine Richards, who served as archives director for many years has retired. For further information, contact James at: Finnish American Heritage Center and Historical Archives, 601 Quincy St., Hancock, MI 49930; Phone: 906-487-7302; FAX: 906-487-7557; e-mail: editor@finnishamericanreporter.com
Web: <http://www.finnishamericanreporter.com>

CONFERENCE PARTNERS

As you prepare for the June 20-23, 2004 joint conference with several Episcopal/Anglican groups and the Anglican-Lutheran Society, you may be wondering, why are there so many groups and what is the purpose of each one? We hope to answer some questions by borrowing, in part, from a story written by Barbara Schnorrenberg, our joint conference meeting coordinator, in *The Historiographer*, the official newsletter of two of the groups. The article appeared in the Pentecost 2003 issue, Volume XLI, #3. Among other things Barbara points out is that while membership of some of the organizations overlaps, each has its own board, officers and membership dues.

The Historical Society of the Episcopal Church (HSEC), is an official organization of the Episcopal Church, chartered under its canons. It publishes a journal, *Anglican and Episcopal History*, now at volume 72. Journal articles about Anglican history worldwide as well as book reviews and church reviews are included. HSEC also publishes *The Historiographer*, a quarterly newsletter. Originally begun by the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists (NEHA), through efforts to seek out ways to work together, this newsletter became a publication for both organizations. The society recently organized an archives devoted to African-American Episcopalians, located at Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria. HSEC makes annual grants to support research in Anglican and Episcopal history. Annual dues are \$45 for regular members, \$25 for students and retirees. Checks for membership, made out to the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, should be sent to: May Lofgreen, PO Box 2098, Manchaca, TX 78652-2098.

National Episcopal Historians and Archivists (NEHA), is an independent organization for archivists, historiographers, and any others interested in church history and concerned with the preservation and use of church archives at all levels. Its annual

meeting featuring papers and workshops, as well as the articles and book reviews in *The Historiographer* reflect this mission. The newsletter covers archives and archivists in dioceses and it also has carried reviews of parish histories and brief articles on parishes and personalities. Those who have questions about church history and resources are encouraged to submit them to this publication. Annual dues for NEHA are \$35. Checks, made out to NEHA, should be sent to: NEHA, 509 Yale Avenue, Swarthmore, PA 19081. Correspondence regarding *The Historiographer* should be sent to editor A. Margaret Landis at the same address. You may also wish to visit: www.neha-archivist.org,

Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHP) is also an independent organization founded in 1980 to recover, save, and publicize the story of women in the Episcopal Church. EWHP makes small annual travel/ research grants to support projects relevant to its mission and it publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Timelines*, which includes organizational news and stories of women and women's work in the Church. Contributions and queries for the publication should be sent to: Lucy Germany, PO Box 343, Hawkins, TX 75765. Every three years EWHP also gives the Frank Sugeno award for a major research project and the Adelaide Teague Case award to a woman who has actively participated in carrying out the mission of the organization. Annual dues are \$25. Checks, made out to EWHP, should be sent to: Terry Howell, 133 Anacapa Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Anglican-Lutheran Society was founded in 1984 to promote wider interest and knowledge of the respective traditions and contemporary developments within them; develop opportunities for worship, study, friendship and witness; and to encourage prayer for the unity of the church and especially between Anglicans and Lutherans. The society sponsors events held abroad as well as in the U.S. and publishes a newsletter, *The Window*, which carries a mix of news from all parts of the world. Membership in the Society is: \$25 for individuals; \$35 for couples; and \$50 for groups (congregations, dioceses, etc.) For further information, you may contact the North American Representative, the Rev. Dr. Scott S. Ickert, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 N. Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22205-2099; Phone: 703-53105991; e-mail: ssiric@hotmail.com

The Canadian Church Historical Society is the historical society for the Anglican Church Canada. It publishes the quarterly *Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society*. For further information, contact: Dr. Christopher Trott, St. John's College, 92 Dysart Rd., Winnipeg, MB, Canada, R3T 2M5; Phone: 204-474-8101; e-mail: trottcc@cc.umanitoba.ca

WHAT WILL THE NEXT LHC NEWSLETTER CONTAIN?

This newsletter will be able to fulfill its intended purpose of being a clearinghouse of information for archivists, historians and librarians only if **you** provide material for it.

Please use this page (or as many additional ones as needed) to send material for publication to the editor. Items of interest to readers will include notice of research in progress, new appointments, publications, meetings and celebrations planned or held, bibliographical materials and generally anything of interest to LHC members.

The editor cannot promise to print everything received, although all submissions are welcomed. The LHC Newsletter is issued four times a year: February, May, August and November. The November issue includes the annual "Index of Writings in the Field of American Lutheranism." The deadline for each issue is the 15th of the month prior to each issue. Please send items to: Elisabeth Wittman, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Archives, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631, or FAX: 773-380-2977; or E-mail: ewittman@elca.org

FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2004

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