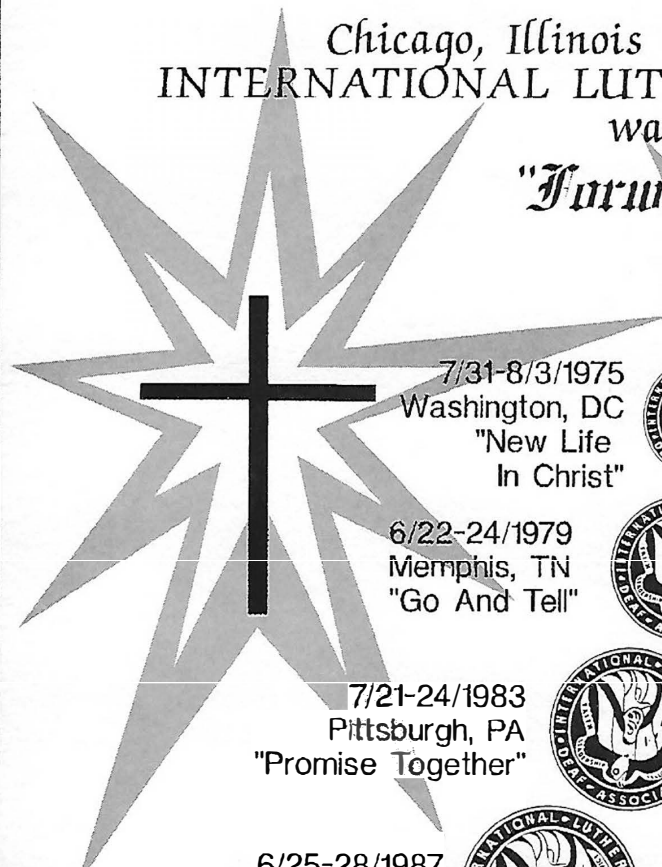


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The excitement was at the prospect of so challenging a task, arose from my awareness of the large area of almost totally unsearched ground laying within the subject. I am grateful to a number of people for the help they have given me while I was preparing the book.

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I offer my deepest appreciation to all who made things possible.

Don Mowl, ILDA Historian

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PREFACE

This booklet of 25th Anniversary of INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION is designed to help you conduct an exciting part of the Archives of Deaf Ministry -- life history Interview with a friend or an elderly person and preserve it on videotape for future generations.

It's fun, interesting and easy to do and it creates a unique emotional legacy for you and for the younger generation. Such a project meets a deep need for most older persons to tell their happenings for posterity or other members of congregations of ILDA.

It fills an equally strong need in young people to know about the past and to find their place in the continuity of their congregation's experience. The experience for you, the interview, in conducting these sessions, is priceless.

Feelings and events you may never have touched on or heard about will come up in these sessions, in a context that has great meaning for you and for the other members of your congregation.

If you undertake such a project with a friend or member of your congregation. You will never regret it.

The purpose of this booklet is to enable you to carry out such interviews yourself, much more easily and in a more comprehensive way than if you just tried without preparation to make up something new.

Celebrate 25th Anniversary

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25TH AND 100TH ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION

According to the Handbook of ILDA
Article 1 Section D 1

It says: The purposes, programs and policies of ILDA shall be in harmony with those of the LCMS in its mission and ministry in North America and the world.

Regarding the history of DEAF MINISTRY which was established 100 years ago today. The ILDA would not be able to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its founding without celebrating 100 years of Deaf Ministry.

We should focus or should not forget to celebrate both the 25th and 100th Anniversaries together through Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, giving our thanks to the Lord for their wonderful wise decision for the Deaf.

A very special thanks to the deaf man named, Edward J. Pahl, from the Lutheran Deaf School, who wrote a letter requesting the services for the deaf in Chicago. This letter was forwarded to Rev. Augustus Reinke of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, who preached the First Lutheran service for the deaf in sign language on March 4, 1894. His text, "GOD IS LOVE." Attendance was 16.

This is how the Deaf Ministry under the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod started 100 years ago and ILDA was organized 25 years ago today. Praise the Lord for the opportunity of celebrating such anniversaries together in the same city of Chicago.

See Rev. Martin Hewitt who is responsible for writing about 100 years of Deaf Ministry in his book. It should be very interesting.



A rare photo from 1894 shows the first organized group of deaf Lutherans in the Synod. Taken in Lincoln Park, Mich., the picture includes Edward Pahl (front row, second from right).

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's 100th Anniversary of Deaf Ministry by Rhoda J. Rynearson

For 100 years now, members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have helped to support mission work among thousands of deaf people around the world. As a result, we have come to be known as a caring church body throughout the deaf community.

We have done this, by God's grace, not only through our prayers and offerings, but also, thanks to the efforts of many people, through direct service to the deaf; teaching Sunday School, providing transportation, opening up our churches for the deaf to use, and in many others ways.

BEGINNINGS

LCMS Deaf ministry got started when Edward Pahl, confirmed at the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit, wrote a letter to the school's director, Daniel Uhlig, asking why there were no church services for the deaf in his area.

Uhlig forwarded the letter to Rev Augustus Reinke, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran church in Chicago, since Pahl was a member of that congregation, even though he lived in Michigan City, Ind. Reinke prayed about this request, and the Lord soon led him to decide that he would try to help these people. With Pahl's help, he began studying sign language and , within just two weeks, preached to 13 deaf people at a special service at his church. This was March 4, 1894.

Reinke and his son also a pastor, continued holding such services once a month in Chicago and Milwaukee and every two months in St. Louis. They also preached at least once in Louisville, Cincinnati, Fort Wayne and in smaller towns in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Everywhere they went, they found deaf people eager to hear the Gospel. Not surprisingly, though, they soon also found that their schedules and workloads were becoming unmanageable.

In 1896, Reinke, using sign language, preached at the synodical convention in Fort Wayne, whose audience included 100 deaf people.

As result of watching this service, the convention resolved to establish deaf ministry as a synodical mission and elected Reinke to be in charge of it.

BLESSED BY GOD

After its first century of deaf ministry, the Synod can point to the following figures:

There are now 59 LCMS congregations with primarily deaf memberships

Total communicant deaf membership in the Synod numbers some 4,000, representing 33 of 35 LCMS Districts and 42 states.

We have six pastors to the deaf who are deaf themselves.

We have about 200 hearing congregations who provide interpreted ministry to 4,000 of their deaf brothers and sisters.

We have two schools for the deaf in the United States;

the Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit (now called Lutheran Special Education Ministries) and Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf in New York.

In partnership with our sister churches, we have schools for deaf children in Brazil, Hong Kong, Macau and India. We also have trained personnel working with deaf in these countries as well as in Canada, Ghana, Japan, Australia, Norway and Finland.

THE FUTURE

God has blessed our church's ministry to the deaf for 100 years; surely He will continue to bless it in the future.

We may go about it in ways different from the ways of the past, but the Lord's saving Gospel will continue to be proclaimed to the 2 million unchurched Americans who cannot hear.

Your prayers and contributions are always appreciated. If so inclined, you might also contact your local deaf missionary to see what kind of help he needs. Perhaps you could volunteer to help find deaf children, teach Sunday School, become an interpreter, or do secretarial work for a deaf congregation.

With your help, and God's favor, the work will continue to flourish throughout its next century.



HISTORIAN MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Service of Our Lord.

Greetings, and may the love, peace, strength and joy of our Savior, Jesus Christ, be with each and every one of you throughout this 25th Anniversary of ILDA.

25th ANNIVERSARY

As your historian, it is my greatest privilege to be with you all in the blessed name of our wonderful Savior Jesus, as we begin our 13th Biennial ILDA convention. For this 25th Anniversary book, I have been spending many considerable hours choosing and typing the highlights of the history of the events at every convention since 1971.

THANK YOU, RON & MAE

We are very fortunate having Ron and Mae Madding who both have been working many hours helping me to lay up many materials for the 25th Anniversary book. I am certain that you will enjoy reading them.

Thank you, Ron, President of ILDA for doing a tremendous job with the Anniversary Book in spite of your busy schedule. He is a full time worker in the Post Office and also doing church work in his home area. However his darling wife, Mae is giving him a helping hand wherever is needed. What a great team!

HOW TIME FLIES

I couldn't believe how time really flies as we are returning to Chicago to help celebrate its 25th Anniversary of the dedication of International Lutheran Deaf Association.

ORGANIZATION OF ILDA

By the Grace of God, ILDA was organized and became a reality on July 19, 1971 of giving God glory. "First, I thank my God, through Jesus Christ, for all of you, because the whole world is hearing of your faith.

Thank you, Rev. Herbert Rohe for encouraging us to move forward in establishing ILDA by proposing to the Ad Hoc Committee, to the action of the Board for Missions and Ephphatha Conference. Early in 1969 the action of the Board for mission was announced in the DEAF LUTHERAN. Rev. Rohe also reported this to the Regional Conferences and Ephphatha Conference.

WHAT'S NEW FOR THE DEAF?

In his report. WHAT'S NEW FOR THE DEAF IN THE "70's?" This idea came from Rev. Theodore Frederking many years before endeavoring to the propose in a national gathering of the LC-MS Deaf. Rev. Rohe agreed that ILDA should be an organization OF, BY, and FOR The Deaf. Many meetings were held both locally and

nationally to plan and organize the convention the weekend and coordinate the ongoing work of the Association. The need for the Deaf to have a voice in the planning of their mission is not new, nor is the concept of a national Lutheran Organization.

CONCEPT OF ILDA

The concept of ILDA was proposed about in the year of 1934 by a very enthusiastic REV. THEODORE FREDERKING. He is the real "FATHER OF ILDA." His dream for ILDA became a reality after 37 years of struggling for the rights of the deaf.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Our thanks should go to several other pastors and deaf leaders for their wonderful support in establishing what we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary today.

RIGHT TIME

"THERE IS A RIGHT TIME FOR EVERYTHING. AND EVERYTHING ON EARTH WILL HAPPEN AT THE RIGHT TIME. That was the right time for The Northern Illinois Lutheran Churches of the Deaf to host the ILDA Convention once again in 1995 in Chicago.

CHAIRPERSON

I honestly believe that The Northern Illinois Lutheran Churches of the deaf is really very fortunate having Carol Pickell and Rev. Mark Anderson as their Chairpersons along with their committee. They have been spending many tireless hours keeping up hoping to be one of the best conventions ever in the history of ILDA.

We recall the joyful moments of our rich experiences which bind us together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

HISTORY OF 25 YEARS

Back in the history of its foundation we see a steady progress of every convention for the past 25 years. During this weekend, it is a great privilege for The Northern Illinois Lutheran Churches of the Deaf's congregation to welcome the delegates, members, pastors and deaf friends of ILDA to The Hyatt Regency Hotel, Woodfield, Schaumburg.

12 YEARS as HISTORIAN

On behalf of my wife, Mary and myself, we want to thank all of the Board of Directors for giving us the privilege to share with everyone on the Board which I really enjoyed for the past 12 years as their historian.

INTRODUCTION

I just want to introduce myself as how I became interested in collecting the history. Back in my early years, while I was working town. It has taught me to preserve many records like writing in my dairy of what I have done from day to day and how much I spent on anything.

The next step I learned from Rev. Frank Wagenknecht who kept all the records of Trinity Lutheran Church since 1922.

Thereafter I became interested in the history of our congregation as well as Great Lakes Region which led me to become what I am today as your historian. For nearly 23 years my wife, Mary and I have been attending every ILDA convention.

RETURN TO CHICAGO

Now we are looking forward in returning to Chicago to attend this important 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Convention.

The highlight of the convention was and will be meeting with our old friends to make new ones.

May your life be full of peace and joy here in this convention.

Love and Peace in Christ's work,
Donald Mowl, ILDA Historian



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No doubt, there will always be room for improvement in the ILDA Handbook and future revisions will be made; however, input from all readers and users will be deeply appreciated.

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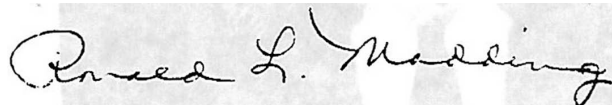
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Finally, it is the ILDA's hope that this special 25th Anniversary booklet will be cherished by all readers for many years to come.

May our loving God bless our association, its leaders, and the Deaf Convocation Committee, as they make preparations for the upcoming 21st Century, regarding the future of Deaf Ministry.

Yours in His service,
INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Madding". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Ronald L. Madding, President

1994 ILDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



ILDA Board of Directors meet at Drury Inn-Schaumburg

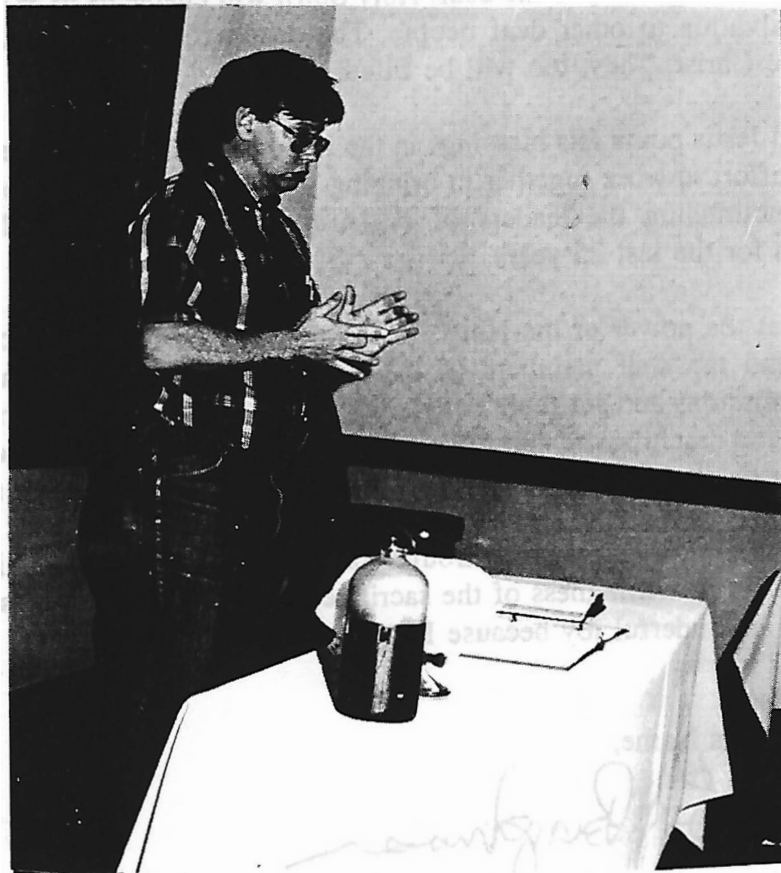


ILDA Board of Directors working at Drury Inn-Schaumburg

1995 ILDA CONVENTION COMMITTEE



Potluck with ILDA Board of Directors at Our Savior Church



Rev. Mark Anderson led Devotion at ILDA Board meeting



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June 1995

To all the brothers and sisters and friends in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

All praises give to the Almighty God, Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord! We can not stop worship the Wonderful Name. We honor and glorify the Name of Jesus who saved us from our sins, eternal death, and Satan. We give thanks to God for the message of salvation reaching out to the deaf people, not only in the North America, but in the whole world. We give thanks to our King of kings in His Kingdom for the 100 years of deaf ministry in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The Lord of heaven and earth is bringing God's Word more and more to the deaf people in their own language.

We now come to the Lord Jesus to give us another 100 years of dynamic ministry to the deaf people in the whole world. We need the Holy Spirit to renew our lives, strengthen the spiritual life in Christ and drive us to become willing servants to do the Lord's works among the deaf people more boldly. We need the Holy Spirit to set our hearts on fire and become His WITNESS to the deaf. Holy Spirit will enable us to WITNESS and share the joy of salvation to other deaf people. The deaf will receive the living water from the Rock, the Christ. They, too will be filled.

The Lord Jesus pours His blessings in the International Lutheran Deaf Association for its mission effort to work together in bringing the Gospel of Jesus through mission projects. God is nourishing the leaders of ILDA for the leadership, and stewardship of His Kingdom for the last 25 years.

I pray that the power of the Holy Spirit, under the reign of our Lord Jesus, making the leaders and the deaf members of ILDA bolder in proclaiming and serving the Lord through missions and set their hearts on fire for the Lord. The Lord will use the willing Christians in reaching the majority of deaf unchristians. Christ, alone, is the Lord and has the power to enable us through the Holy Spirit, making us a better, stronger workers for the Lord for the next 25 years. Because Jesus said he will make all things new. Yes, He is changing deaf people's lives through forgiveness and salvation. Give thanks and praise to Jesus for His willingness of the sacrifice of His life on the cross, His glorified cross. We have a wonderful joy because He makes our life new in Him.

Glorifying His Name,

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Ministry to the Deaf

1995 I.L.D.A. Convention

Greetings in name of Jesus,

These past two years were very busy and exciting. We are now almost done with the celebration of the centennial of Deaf Ministry. For more than 100 years, God has permitted us to hear His word in the language of signs.

My wife, Rhoda, and I deeply enjoyed the opportunity that we had to visit some of the regional meetings this past year. We rejoice in the love you are sharing during the regionals and your dedication to serving God in your many activities.

Many more of our congregations are becoming involved in lay-led home Bible studies. These studies give you an opportunity to share God's love, to grow in knowledge through His Word—the Bible, and to invite a friend to join with you. May God continue to bless these home Bible studies.

The past December, we rejoiced to hear that the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (West Africa) blessed four deaf lay leaders to serve as Evangelists for the Lutheran Deaf Church in Kumasi. That congregation is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this fall.

We rejoice to hear of the continued progress of Pastor Hoopman in Australia, Pastor Christudoss in India and Doctor Louis Jasper in Macau. We continue also to hear good news from Mr. Robert Oettel in Japan.

We rejoice that there is one deaf student in the St. Louis Seminary now. We continue to work on the new Deaf Institute of Theology which will permit deaf leaders to study theology at home.

May God continue to bless ILDA, the Regionals, all of the dedicated leaders, and all the loving members.

—Rodney R. Rynearson

What Is The ILDA?



The International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) commenced its ministry during its first biennial convention in Chicago in 1971. The purpose, according to the revised constitution is "to coordinate and strengthen the religious activities and services in our congregations to help promote their growth to the highest possible level in service to their Lord and Savior, to promote the Christian faith and life of Lutheran Deaf people, other deaf individuals and others with whom we associate, and to carry on our ministry throughout the world."

The ILDA shall communicate and convey to the deaf members, the programs, plans and goals of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It shall support lay-leadership among deaf Lutherans in all areas of faith and life.

In 1975, the members voted on the ratification of the revised constitution. The historic document will help develop the ILDA image and facilitate the operation and administration of the association. The members also supported the goal of recruiting as many lay people as possible and getting them actively involved in ILDA affairs.

In 1987, the aim of ILDA was to carry out the objectives of serving the Lord in His church and to obtain the financial support that would lead to self-sufficiency. It was hoped that many programs and projects for the ministry and mission of the ILDA will become a reality.

Membership in the ILDA is open to all deaf, and is divided into three categories: ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE and SUSTAINING.

The ILDA relies on its official publication, THE DEAF LUTHERAN, to convey information of its activities and services to Deaf Lutherans.

As we near the end of the first 100 years of the ministry to the Deaf, the ILDA boldly faces the challenges of a new century as a completely self-supporting organization in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and will continue its mission of outreach programs wherever such opportunities exist. Our plans call for a Centennial celebration of Deaf Ministry in conjunction with the 1995 convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the ILDA which will be held in Chicago, Illinois.

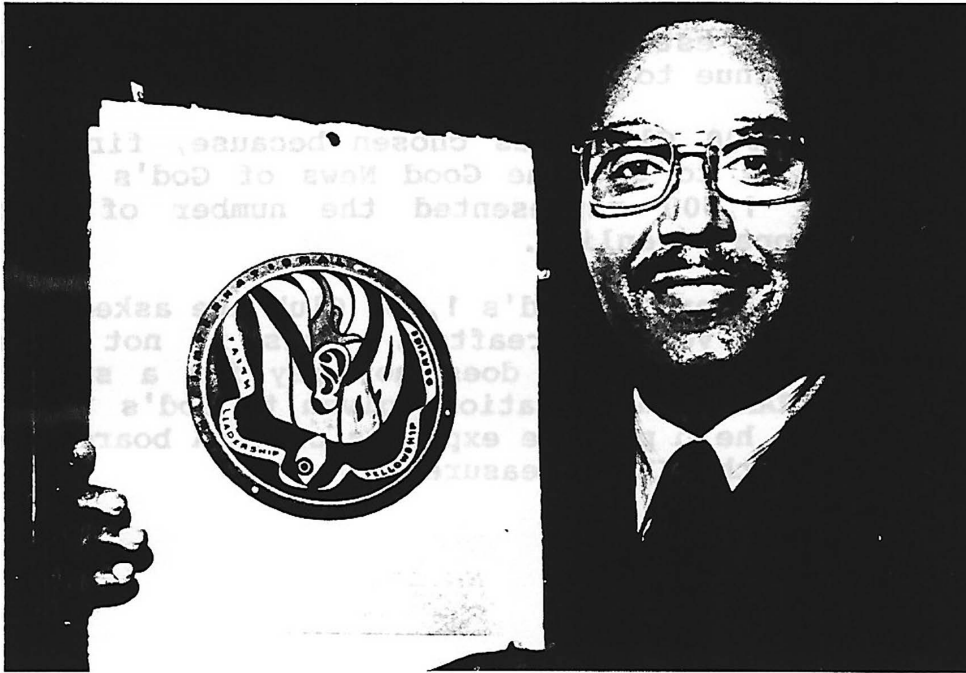
GOD'S 1,000 CLUB

God's 1,000 Club was established by the ILDA Board of Directors and it aims to continue to grow.

The name "God's 1,000 Club" was chosen because, first of all, the work of ILDA is to get the Good News of God's Son to the Deaf everywhere. 1,000 represented the number of donors or club members, we hope to enlist.

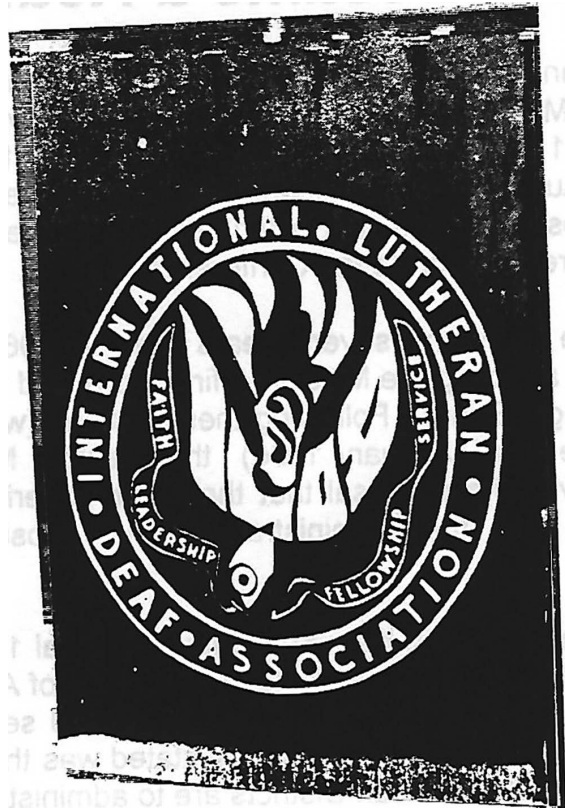
People who become members in God's 1,000 Club are asked to contribute \$10.00 each year thereafter. This is not a part of the regular ILDA dues and it does not pay for a subscription to THE DEAF LUTHERAN. Any donations given to God's 1,000 Club, can only be used to help pay the expenses of ILDA board meetings.
* (For details, see the ILDA Treasurer)

ILDA LOGO AND BANNER



Archie Marshall, Designer of ILDA Logo

The 1981 ILDA Convention Committee from Los Angeles, CA were busy planning and discussing ILDA's official logo to be put on stage to show who we represent as an organization. Since Archie Marshall did such an outstanding job of designing the ILDA Logo from a contest several years before the Los Angeles convention. The convention committee decided to make a banner using Archie Marshall's design and that the banner be passed on biennially to the next convention host. It was also suggested that the ILDA Banner and convention theme banner be on stage at every ILDA Convention.



ILDA Banner made by 1981 ILDA Convention Committee

Mrs. Ferol Hauptman (Rev. August Hauptman's wife) and Mrs. Marion Anderson both have graciously volunteered to make the ILDA Banner. The convention committee helped them to decide what color the banner should be made. At approximately two months prior to the convention, Mrs. Hauptman and Mrs. Anderson completed the banner and brought it to the convention committee for viewing. The committee just loved the banner. So today, the banner continues to be on display from convention to convention.

How ILDA Became a Reality

Early in the 30's (1934) and the 40's Pastor Theodore Frederking First proposed a national gathering of the LC-MS Deaf. However, his suggestion was not implemented until twenty years later in 1961 at Ephphatha Conference when he, together with Pastor Wayne Bottlinger and Rev. August Hauptman, was delegated to serve on a committee which was to study the proposal, provide cost estimates and suggest ways and means of meeting the cost. They were to report to the Conference in 1962.

Again nothing came of the study until several years later. In 1965 the convention of the Synod passed resolutions adopting the Mission Affirmations and merging the several boards for Missions into a single Board. Following these actions (which terminated the old Board for Missions to the Deaf, January 1966) the church's Ministry to the Deaf came under special review with the proposal that the North American Districts of the Synod become responsible for the administration and subsidy of local deaf congregations.

The 1967 Convention of the Synod in New York City (Memorial 1-09) designated the Regional advisors as an AD HOC Committee to study the matter of Administration. Part of the materials produced by the AD HOC Committee contained seventeen (17) basic concerns in Ministry to the Deaf. One of the concerns stated was that the deaf congregations remain united. If the North American Districts are to administer the work, the national unity of this ministry would be threatened. "Thus, at the November 1-2, 1968, meeting of the Board for Missions, the Secretary for the Ministry to the Deaf, Rev. Herbert Rohe, proposed several measures resulting from the AD HOC Committee study, namely: 1) that the Board for Missions continue to sponsor the Ephphatha Conference as an Official pastoral conference (thus assuring and perpetuating unity among the workers in this Ministry): 2) that as a means of developing lay-leadership in the work among the deaf, the Board for Missions establish an INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION (thus maintaining and assuring a national unity, visibility, and self-determination among deaf congregations, see Attachment #1, minutes of the Board for Missions meeting, November 1-2, 1968, Page 17 item 252 (c) "development of Lay-Leadership in the work among the deaf:" that the synod in 1969 observe the 75th Anniversary of the work among the deaf.

Early in 1969 the action of the Board for Missions was announced in the Deaf Lutheran. Pastor Rohe also reported this to the Regional Conferences and Ephphatha Conferences in 1969. In his report, "WHAT'S NEW FOR THE DEAF IN THE 70'S?" (April 15, 1969) These measures also came before the Denver Convention in 1969.

However, when Resolution 1-18 was defeated, the resolution regarding ILDA did not come for a vote. However, in the following months the Board for Missions steadfastly held to the establishment of an ILDA. The Constitution of ILDA was drawn up and proposed to the AD HOC Committee, to the Board for Missions (September 15, 1969) and Ephphatha Conference. The Board for Missions revived the Seventeen Concerns to the AD HOC Committee and again proposed the establishment of INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION. All regions were urged to study the Constitution of ILDA.

In the fall of 1969 the Regional advisors again met to study it. In December of 1969 the Board for Missions' staff again approved for the Board for Missions the policy statement regarding district administration, guidelines for Ministry to the Deaf, and regions and Regional Advisors. In 1970 the proposed Constitution (dated April 29, 1970) was sent to all congregations. On June 22 and 23, 1970 the Regional Advisors met with lay representatives from each region at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.. (prior to Ephphatha Conference) for a planning meeting. Plans were laid for a constituting Convention in Chicago, Illinois July 16-18, 1971.

PRESENT FOR THIS HISTORIC MEETING WERE THE FOLLOWING:

Rev. William Ludwig and Mr. Clarence Schulz,.....representing Great Lakes R.
Rev. Wayne Bottlinger and Ted Brighton,.....representing Northwest Region
Rev. Clark Bailey and Marion Van Manen,.....representing Pacific Region
Rev. William Lange and Robert Baker,.....representing Midwest region.
Rev. Martin Kosche and Warren Riege,.....representing Central Region.
Rev. Donald Leber and William Fitzgerald,.....representing Dixie Region.
Mr. Gary Schlub,.....representing the Eastern Region;
Rev. Herbert Rohe,.....representing the Board for Missions.

Visitors attending this meeting were: Rev. Martin Mueller, Robert Schneider, Mrs. Doris Myhre of Milwaukee, Wis. and Mrs. Judy Miller of Miami, Florida.

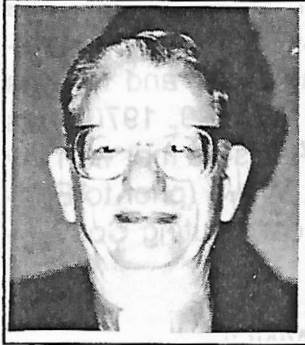
Two days were spent revising the proposed Constitution for ILDA. Each region was given specific assignments in preparation for the Constituting convention the next year, and pro-tem officers were elected for the ILDA as follows;

Mr. Clarence Schulz, Detroit, Michigan,	CHAIRMAN;
Mr. Ted Brighton, Seattle, Washington,	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Mr. Robert Baker, Kansas City, Missouri,	SECRETARY
Mr. Marion Van Manen, Milwaukee, Wis.,	PARLIAMENTARIAN
Mr. Gary Schlub, Washington, D.C.,	CHAIRMAN OF NOMINATIONS;
Mr. William Fitzgerald, Memphis, Tenn.	CHAIRMAN OF DISPLAYS

PRESENT FOR THIS HISTORIC MEETING JUNE 22-23, 1970

GREAT LAKES REGION

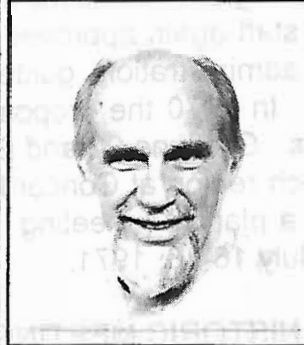
DIXIE REGION



Rev. William Ludwig



Clarence Schulz



Rev. Don Leber



Wm. Fitzgerald

NORTHWEST REGION

PACIFIC REGION



Rev. Wm. Bottlinger



Ted Brighton



Rev. Clark Bailey



M. Van Manen

MIDWEST REGION

CENTRAL REGION



Rev. Wm. Lange



Robert Baker



Rev. Martin Kosche



Warren Riege

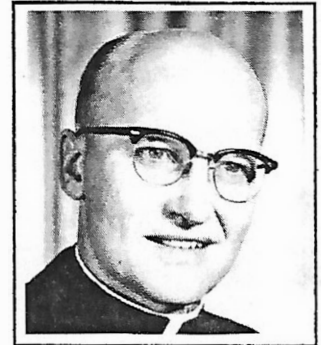
EASTERN REGION

Board for Missions

Gary Schlub



Rev. Herbert Rohe



ILDA Challenge and Opportunity for the Deaf and Overseas

The most important decision in the history of ILDA was made in October of 1969, when the seven regional pastoral advisors, and Rev. Herbert Rohe, secretary for ministry to the deaf agreed that ILDA should be an organization of, by, and for the deaf. The decision implemented the resolution of the board for missions (September 1969) regarding a national deaf organization. In June of 1970, with a proposed Constitution in hand, seven deaf delegates and the regional advisors began planning our present ILDA organizing convention. Many more meetings were held both nationally and locally to plan and organize our convention the weekend and coordinate the on-going work of the association. One aspect of ILDA's on going involves the administration of deaf missions in the Lutheran Church. Various proposals have been suggested but they all have one thing in common. ILDA will participate in and strengthen the structure of deaf missions in the future. The need for the deaf to have a voice in the planning of their mission is not new, nor is the concept of a National Lutheran Organization. The concept of ILDA was proposed more than thirty years ago by a very enthusiastic Rev. Theodore Frederking. His is the real "Father of ILDA." ILDA is a great challenge and wonderful opportunity for the Lutheran deaf. ILDA is their organization, and it will be run by deaf laymen rather than by pastors and synodical officials. Therefore, everyone deaf and hearing laymen and professional - must pray unceasingly and work enthusiastically, for the success of ILDA. We pray that ILDA will be used by the Lord to help bring people (both deaf and hearing) to know and love their savior Jesus Christ.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Elmhurst, N.Y.

In 1970, the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) was formed. This group of 1,500 predominantly deaf lay-persons is an outgrowth of the former Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, which was responsible for the establishment of several overseas ministries among the deaf in India, Nigeria, Taiwan, Japan, Brazil and Hong Kong. The ILDA assists with and recruits for LCMS deaf ministries at home and abroad. Today, the church in Hong Kong sponsors Mongkok School, the largest Lutheran school for the Deaf in the world. Concordia School for the Deaf, in Brazil, is a rapidly expand ministry for deaf students. The Lutheran Church in Ghana, assisted by Deaf Lay Leaders, is ministering to deaf people among the Ashanti people of Kumasai, Ghana.

Planning Meeting of 1970 for First Convention

EACH CONGREGATION WAS REQUESTED TO SUPPORT ILDA WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$125.00 IN 1971.

FIRST ILDA CONVENTION HELD IN CHICAGO, ILL. JULY 16-19, 1971.

On August 21, 1970, Pastor Herbert Rohe sent a letter to the Regional Advisors and The Regional Representatives calling for a planning meeting on September 6-7, 1970, at Hotel Sheraton, Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Rev. Charles Jones made arrangements with the Hotel Sheraton for the meeting and hosted the meeting. Each region had been given the convention program assignments which were to be complemented at the September Chicago meeting.

All pastors and congregations received copy of the ILDA Constitution in the fall of 1970 (September-October). On October 3, 1970, the regional advisors' meeting in St. Louis, Missouri received a bulletin and letter from Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Penna. with copy of the letter to all deaf congregations urging ILDA convention be postponed till 1972. This request was repeated again on December 7, 1970, when the pastor of Trinity Congregation in Pittsburgh sent a letter to Pastor William Ludwig, Regional Advisors in their meeting in February of 1971. However, in spite of these pleas to the contrary, the overwhelming consensus to continue the planning for convention in 1971 prevailed.

Thus, on July 16-19, 1971, the convention was held at O'Hare-Hyatt House in Chicago, Ill. "FORWARD WITH CHRIST" was the theme of the convention.

The ILDA convention emblem was adopted at this meeting via a contest conducted by the Midwest Region. The emblem submitted in the contest by Mr. Archie Marshall of St. Louis, Missouri won the contest and was therefore, adopted as the INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION emblem.

Dr. William Kohn, Executive Secretary of the Synod's Board for Missions, was the keynote speaker at the opening sessions of the convention on Saturday morning. Mr. Robert O. Lankenau, president of the National Association of the Deaf, was the quest speaker at the banquet on Saturday night. Dr. J.A. Preus, President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, was the quest preacher at the Sunday A.M. closing rally service.

Donald Mowl (Richard Crossen) moved that the INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION is officially organized in the year of 1971 and recorded in the Secretary's book. Passed.

1971 ILDA CONVENTION SITE



Hyatt Regency Hotel - Chicago, Illinois



Evelyn DeMeyere, Choir Director
1971 ILDA Convention

THE BEGINNING OF ILDA BY CLARENCE SCHULZ



Clarence Schulz
Chairman of ILDA

During the year of 1968 Rev. William Ludwig had been searching for available men to represent the Great Lakes Area Region of the Deaf and attend the meeting in preparation of forming ILDA. After narrowing to two men, he chose me to represent at the first meeting in Milwaukee on the weekend of June 22, 1970. I was certainly pleased to be honored to do so. Seven representatives and advisors including one from Canada were at meeting.

We studied the proposed constitution and offered suggestions for revision. The constitution was prepared with the help of C.O.S.D. in cooperation of Missouri Synod Mission Board. The pastoral advisors deserve appreciation for their part in encouraging and starting the foundation of International Lutheran Deaf Association. Without them, I doubt that the meeting could go smooth. In this meeting temporary officers to conduct the constituting convention were chosen. I was the chairman.

We decided after long and careful consideration to select for the convention of ILDA July 16-18, 1971

in Chicago, Ill. Chicago, as you know, is always an ideal location for conventions, especially the first one for ILDA. In coincidence, we were to observe the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of our ministry to the deaf.

Again in the fall of 1970 we were called to Chicago for another constitution. After the meeting on Sunday I was on the committee to tour to locate the suitable hotel for ILDA Convention. However, the site was undecided and left in the hands of Rev. Jones who, being the pastor for the deaf in Chicago, had time to search and located the right side.

The two meetings in Milwaukee and Chicago were no play and good times. We had some difficult questions and some proposed parts of the constitution were weighed carefully. Of course, we did not expect the perfect results of the meetings, but we tried as best as possible to the satisfaction to all of the deaf, even every one of you here. Excuse my off beam, some of you may have read the history of how the constitution of America was prepared the hard way, and the delegates, properly chosen, stayed and worked hard in Philadelphia for more than thirty days. As result the constitution was and is acclaimed the best possible. So you must understand that to study and

propose the constitution for International Lutheran Deaf Association was no easy matter.

Finally, the convention of ILDA on July 16-18, 1971 was reality and success... You have read the results in "DEAF LUTHERAN", and good pictures were appreciably shown. I need not go any further in details. Some of you were there to observe the first convention. It was a long-awaited fulfillment of a dream. That is why I must be here to keep you fully informed and help building a stronger link of Great Lakes Region and ILDA.

Now the first convention in Chicago went down in history as the milestone for the deaf achievement.

You are the voice. You have the rights and demands for recognition which is legally formed organization...INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION.

Although the first part of the constitution was approved and adopted, the latter parts have not been approved or changed because of the insufficient time and are now left in the hands of the Board of Directors. Please take my advice that if you want any suggestion to change or add to the constitution, give them to Evelyn DeMeyere, an official vice-president on the board of Directors. She would submit directly the results of any action from Great Lakes Region to ILDA.

In conclusion it is my feeling that to keep International Lutheran Deaf Association well functioning within the constitution for steady growth we need to rely on the pastoral advisors and participants and of course, the experienced deaf leaders who have their knowledge or abilities in their specified fields of the deaf such as National Association of the Deaf or state and local organizations. I hope hence forth the ILDA is and will be recognized a the growing strength of the Deaf Lutherans in America.

I like to repeat, as I said in Chicago as the acting chairman in my message of introduction, that International Lutheran Deaf Association is our organization of the Deaf Lutherans, by Deaf Lutherans, and for deaf Lutherans.

The future of International Lutheran Deaf Association depends on everyone of you. May God through our Lord Jesus Christ help us!

INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION (ILDA) CONVENTION THE MINUTES OF 1971

The first International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) Convention opening service was held on Friday, July 16, 1971, at 8:30 PM, United Room, Regency Hyatt House in Chicago, Illinois. Rev. Russel Johnson of Detroit, Michigan led the opening worship service which included the commissioning of Wilhelm R. Wegner of Delavan, Wisconsin, and Robert Oettel of Chicago, Illinois as the Lay Ministers to the Deaf. The opening and closing hymns were given by Mrs. Evelyn De Meyere and Mrs. Genevieve Klein. The Scripture lessons, Mark 7:31-37 and Acts 16:105, were read by the Lay Ministers to the Deaf. The commissioning officials were Rev. William Bartling of Franklin Park, Illinois, and Rev. Martin Kosche of Delavan, Wisconsin.

After the special service, we had an informal fellowship.

The first bi-annual meeting of ILDA Convention session was held on Saturday, July 17, 1971, at 8:30 AM at the Rosemont Ballroom, Regency Hyatt House in Chicago.

The opening devotion was given by Rev. Myron Prok. His topic was "Has it happened to You", based on the Gospel of Matthew. The Ohio group choir sang a song, "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues."

Pro-tem President Clarence Schulz opened the meeting session with the comments and thanked to all the pastors and others for the help of getting the ILDA organized, and explained how the ILDA started.

The president introduced the keynote speaker, Rev. William Kohn, the chairman of Division of Missions, The

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and he challenged us to proclaim the Gospel, to share in the work of the church, to communicate Christ's love and forgiveness.

The president thanked Rev. Kohn for the speech.

The business meeting opened with the revision of the 1971 ILDA Constitution. The President introduced the pro-tem officers- Vice President Ted Brighton; Secretary Robert Baker; Treasurer Warren Riege; Chairman of Nominations Gary Schlub; Chairman of Displays Billy Fitzgerald; and the Parliamentarian Marion Van Manen. The President explained about the Rules of Order, and time; the Constitution should comply with the Handbook of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as shown by Mr. Van Manen.

Mrs. Arneson moved that on page 2, Line 42, under article III, strike out the words, "Not conflict", and insert "be in harmony". Seconded by Mrs. Lillian Long. Passed.

Mr. Archie Marshall moved that on Page 2, Line 55, under Article IV, strike out the word "individuals" and insert "active in deaf affairs". A. Arneson seconded. Passed.

Mr. Long moved that on Page 2, Line 60, "active in deaf affairs" be inserted between the words "Lutheran...of", and not to hold office;" on Line 61, after "one vote." Seconded by Elise Berg. Passed.

The Resolution Committee was appointed by President Schulz. The names are Mrs. Rae DeRose, Mr. Uriel Jones and Rev. W.O. Neisch, Chairman.

Adjourned for lunch.

The meeting was resumed after the lunch by the three songs given by Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere, Mrs. Julie Soncrant, and Mrs. Emma Mappes.

Rev. Charles Jone introduced Mrs. Warneck of DesPlaines, Illionois. She brought greeting from Mrs. Naomi Warth of Brazil. She worked with the deaf children there.

President introduced Mr. Robert Lankenau, the president of N.A.D. and gave a short comment.

We started with the revising of ILDA Constitution on Page 3, Line 85. Mrs. DeRose moved that "deaf and shall be" Seconded by Arthur Anderson. Passed. Mr. Warren Riege moved that "the regional officers shall designate his alternate from among themselves" be inserted after Line 117, on Page 3, "at a meeting..."; and strike out the words, "he shall...of his region: on lines 117 and 118. Bob Mercer seconded. Passed.

Rev. William Ludwig moved that in the last six (6) remaining pages and because of lack of time during the ILDA session, that we tentatively adopt the rest of the Constitution and request the Board of Directors to study and revise it, and present it to the next ILDA Convention. Passed.

Mr. Warren Riege moved that at the next convention we are to have four (4) days of convention, instead of three (3) days, because lack of time and unable to finish our work. Harvey Boldt seconded. Passed.

Mr. Donald Mowl moved that the Nominating Committee be formed with Clarence Schulz as chairman with four (4) names now. Seconded by Richard Crossen. The four names are Dale Paden, Warren Riege, R. Crossen, and Archie Marshall.

Kansas City, Missouri has volunteered to be the next host for the ILDA Convention in 1973.

Warren Riege moved that the host city be responsible for the preparation of the program for the next convention. Harvey Boldt seconded. Passed.

Mr. D. Mowl suggested us to have three (3) colors for the ILDA Banner. Ben Beaver moved that we have the ILDA banner of white and blue color with the red for border. Dale Paden seconded. Passed. This was with an understanding that the Board of Directors will make the final decision on the colors of the ILDA Banner.

President Schulz thanked the committee (Dixie Region) for the arrangement of the displays in the exhibition hall.

Warren Riege moved that each ILDA member pay one (1) dollar a year to help the ILDA treasury. Harvey Boldt seconded. Passed.

Archie Marshall amended that we raise the registration fee from one (1) to two (2) dollars. Passed.

D. Mowl moved that the ILDA is officially organized in the year of 1971 and recorded in the secretary book. D. Grossen seconded. Passed.

Mr. Gary Schulb was introduced as Chairman of Nominations for 1971 before voting for the new officers, Gary Schulb gave us the names of each office to vote on. The convention voted by secret ballot. The new officers will be announced at the banquet tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Rev. William Lange gave a closing prayer.

The banquet program was started at 7:30 PM with the dinner in the Rosemont Ballroom in Regency Hyatt House. The Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Herbert

Rohe, Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

With the recognition of pro-tem officers of ILDA, Rev. H. Rohe announced Mr. Marion Van Manen as new President, Mr. Uriel Jones as President-Elect, Robert Baker as Secretary, and Gary Schulb as Treasurer.

The banquet speaker, Robert O. Lankenau, President of the National Association of the Deaf, urged ILDA to take an active part in the future of the deaf world and to be active in behalf of the welfare of the deaf.

The musical painting was demonstrated by Mr. John Morsman, of Elgin, Illinois. Each guest received a serigraph print copy of this painting at the end of the banquet.

Rev. William Ludwig gave the opening prayer. President Clarence Schulz opened a short meeting on Sunday Morning, July 18, 1971 at United Room (?), Regency Hyatt House, Chicago. He announced the next convention will be at Kansas City, Missouri in 1973.

Rev. Herbert Rohe gave a comment about the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf (C.O.S.D.) and he thanked to Rev. Charles Jones and the Chicago host committees, laymen and officers for successful convention.

President Schulz wanted the Resolution Committee to give the resolution before church service:

Whereas, the smooth progress of an organizing convention requires the cooperation of many persons functioning in a variety of capacities, and

Whereas, the blessings of God have attended plans and sessions of ILDA's first convention, for which we give Him praise and thanks with joy:

THEREFORE be it resolved to thank also all persons who helped make this first convention of ILDA a success, namely Dr. J.A. Preus and Dr. William Kohn for taking time in their busy schedule of church work to be with us here, to the Convention Committee for detailed planning, to the temporary officers who served us well, to the members of the Constitution Committee who spent hours writing and rewriting the ILDA constitution, to the Regional Committees, and other contributors as listed on page 15 of your convention booklet, and to the staff of regency Hyatt House who made our stay a pleasant one.

WHEREAS, the first convention of ILDA has been a wonderful experience for the many persons registered:

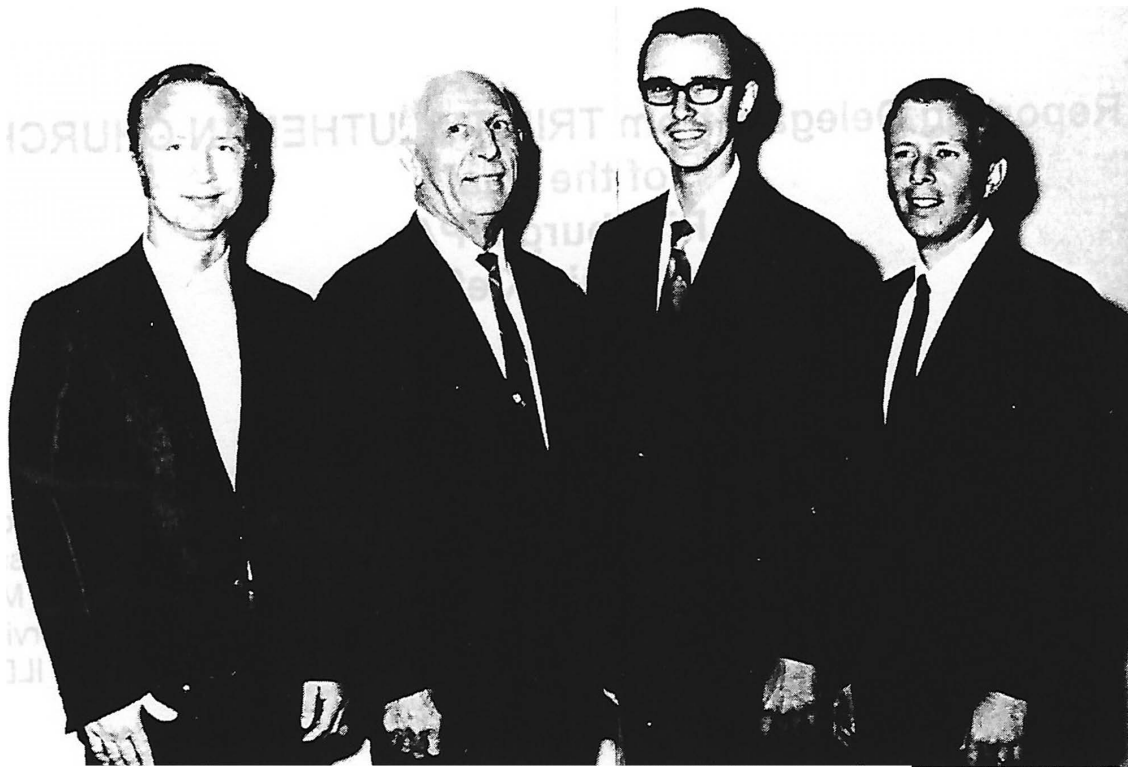
THEREFORE, be it resolved that we accept the generous invitation to Kansas City, extended by Pastor Al Ferber and the deaf of that area, for the 2nd ILDA convention in that city in 1973.

Mrs. Rae DeRose, Uriel C. Jones, and Rev. W. O. Neisch, Chairman

The Convention Festival Rally service with the installation of new officers was held at Rosemont Ballroom at 10:30 AM. It began with the banner processional from each congregation.

Our guest pastor was Dr. J.A. O. Preus, President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. His sermon was based on Philippians 3:14.

Rev. William Ludwig was the liturgist, Rev. Rodney Rynearson was the interpreter, Mr. John Riddlebaugh was the Lay Leader, Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere was the choir director, choir was given by Great Lakes region members, and the installing official was Rev. Herbert Rohe.



OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE 1971 CONVENTION

PRESIDENT
 PRES. ELECT
 SECRETARY
 TREASURER
 REPRESENTATIVES

Marion Van Manen of Sunnyvale, California.
 Mr. Uriel Jones of Knoxville, Tennessee.
 Robert Baker of Kansas City, Missouri.
 Mr. Gary Schulb of Lanham, Maryland.
 from Ephphatha Conference - Rev. Rodney Rynearson
 The Board for Missions - Rev. Herbert Rohe

**THE FOLLOWING REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS ELECTED TO THE ILDA
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN 1971**

Mr. Ralph Foster of Joplin, Montana,
 Pearl Goff of Delavan, Wisconsin,
 Mr. Herman Spencer of Conover, N.C.
 Mr. Harold Thuve of Gardena, Calif.
 Mr. Dale Paden of Omaha, Nebraska
 Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere, of Detroit, MI
 Mr. Warren King, Jr of Elmhurst, N. Y.

of the Northwest Region.
 of the Central Region.
 of the Dixie Region.
 of the Pacific Region.
 of the Midwest Region.
 of the Great Lakes Region.
 of the Eastern Region.

REGIONAL ADVISORS ELECTED AT THE 1971 CONVENTION

Charles Jones-----Central Region
 William Lange-----Midwest Region
 Clark Bailey-----Pacific Region

George Natonick-----Northwest Region
 Daniel Hodgson-----Eastern Region
 Myron Prok-----Great Lakes Region

Donald Leber-----Dixie Region

**Reporting Delegate from TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
of the Deaf
Pittsburgh, PA
by Louis Kieffer**

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1971

The International Lutheran Deaf Association held its first convention at the Regency Hyatt House in Chicago, IL., July 16- 18. the opening service was held in the United Room at 8:30 P.M. on Friday, July 16th. The chaplain was Rev. Russell Johnson of Detroit, MI. Hymns were sung by Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere and Mrs. Geneive Klein. Two layworkers were installed during the service. After the service, there were committee meetings about the constitution and bylaws of the of the ILDA. It was reported that \$3,005.81 was in the ILDA treasury.

SATURDAY - JULY 17, 1971

The meeting opened at 8:30 a.m. in the Rosemont Ballroom. The devotion was given by Rev. Myron Prok of Cleveland, OH., and their choir sang. Chairman (pro-tem) Clarence Schulz talked about ILDA. Then Dr. William Kohn, chairman of the division of missions (LCMS) was the keynote speaker. He expressed joy about ILDA being organized and asked the Deaf to work together and bring Jesus and His love to all the Deaf in the world. He assured the group of the continued support of the Board for Missions. He spoke about 30 minutes and after his speech, Rev. Herbert Rohe spoke briefly about "FORWARD WITH CHRIST".

The Constitution was then discussed. A vote of 37-22 kept the name ILDA. It was decided that Associate members were not entitled to vote or to hold office. Chairman Schulz chose a Resolutions Committee Betty Brocket & Rev. W. Neisch.

After accepting part of the Constitution with minor changes, it was decided to accept the Constitution and By Laws tentatively in order to proceed with the election of officers. The election followed and the following were elected: Marion J. Van Manen of Sunnyvale, CA., - President; Uriel Jones of Knoxville, TN., President Elect; Robert Baker of Kansas City, MO., - Secretary; and Gary Schlub of Lanham, MD., - Treasurer.

Saturday evening the Convention Banquet began at 7:30 P.M. with 378 in attendance. Rev. Herbert Rohe was the Master of Ceremonies. He gave recognition to the Temporary ILDA officers. The banquet speaker was Robert Lankenau, NAD President. For entertainment, Mr. John Mosiman of Elgin, IL., painted two musical paintings. - The Grand Canyon and the Healing Bethesda.

SUNDAY - JULY 18, 1971

Business meeting began at 9 A.M. The convention accepted the invitation of the members of Pilgrim Congregation of Kansas City, MO., to meet there in the summer of 1973. It was decided to meet for four days at that time. Warren Riege made the motion that the host congregation be in charge of all programs for our conventions.

Don Mowl made a motion to have the President choose 4 for the Nominating Committee. Chairman Schulz then chose the following to serve on the Nominating Committee: Dale Paden (chairman), Dick Crossen, Archie Marshall and Warren Riege.

Chairman Schulz thanked all the deaf from Chicago for their wonderful cooperation to make the first convention successful. Rev. Rohe announced about having the new officers to fill the vacancy on the COSD. Rev. Neisch reported for the Resolutions Committee.

Warren Riege of Wisconsin reported that he had received \$125.00 from 26 churches, which is a total of \$325.00. He spent out \$244.19 and has a balance of \$3,005.81. Warren made a motion to have members of ILDA to pay \$1.00 each year through their church and to drop the \$125.00 fee for the congregations. This motion passed 55 to 2.

Don Mowl of Washington, PA., and Richard Crossen of Columbus, OH., made the motion that the ILDA be officially organized. This motion passed with 36 delegates voting in favor of the motion and none opposed.

At 10:30 A.M. the Convention Festival Rally Service was held. The Rev. William Ludwig of Columbus, OH., was the Liturgist. Serving as interpreter was Rev. Rodney Rynearson of Rochester, NY. The lay leader was John Riddlebaugh of Columbus, OH. The choir which consisted of members of the Great Lakes Region was directed by Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere of Detroit, MI., Rev. Herbert Rohe of St. Louis installed the new officers. The sermon was given by Dr. J.A.O. Preus, President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Holy Communion was celebrated. Approximately 400 were in attendance.

First Meeting of ILDA Board of Directors

On November 11-13, 1971, the first meeting of the ILDA Board of Directors was held in St. Louis, Mo. All officers and Regional representatives were present except Pearl Goff and Warren King. Mr. Warren Riege, former treasurer pro-tem, was also present. Plans were made for 1973 convention in Kansas City, Mo.

The theme: "Sharing Love In Christ," was selected and program assignments were given to each of the several regions in preparation for the convention.

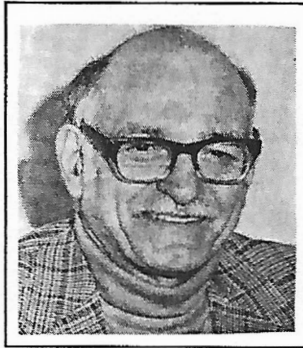
In 1972, due to lack of funds, it was not possible for the Board of Directors to meet. However, on November 3-4, 1972, the Executive Committee of ILDA met at the Muehlenbach Hotel in Kansas City, Mo. In addition to the officers of the Board of Directors and six visitors from the host Midwest Region attended the meeting.

In addition to continuing plans for the 1973 Convention, revision of the constitution was given considerate time at the Executive Committee meeting, and several matters proposed by the Board for Missions were considered on February 10-12, 1972, the Board for Missions passed a resolution requesting ILDA to assume responsibility for LC-MS Membership on the Board of COSD, effective upon ratification of the ILDA Convention in 1973.

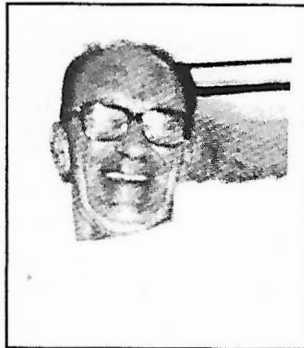
President Van Manen and Gary Schlub as alternate were designated as the first representatives of ILDA to be proposed to the 1973 convention for ratification.

In September 21-23, 1972, the Board for Missions passed a resolution asking ILDA to consider becoming responsible for the publishing, editing, and business management of the Deaf Lutheran with subsidy from the Board for Missions on a declining scale until ILDA could pick up on its own.

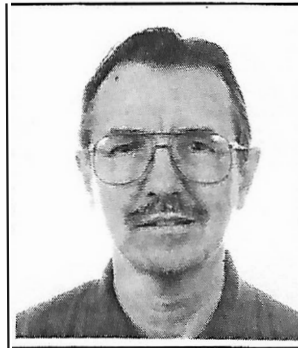
PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT OF ILDA (1970-1995)



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1970-1971



Ted Brighton
1970-1971



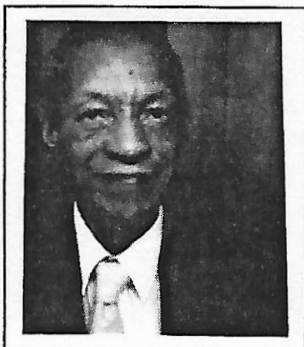
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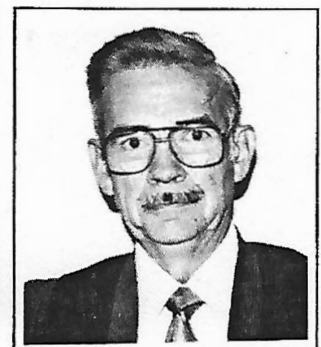
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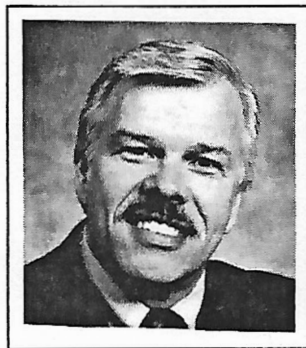
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Charles Kotal
1977-1985



Lester Ahls
1981-1989



Ron Byington
1985-1991



Ronald Madding
1989-1995



Larry Gorton
1991-1995

TREASURER OF ILDA (1970-1995)



Warren Riege
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Gary Schlub
1971-1973



Robert Case
1973-1975



Russel Healey
1975-1977



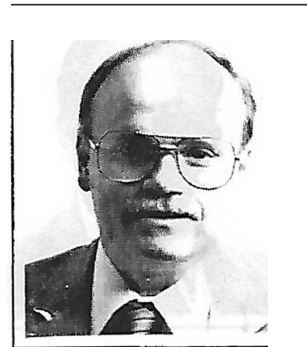
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Dennis Konkel
1991-1995

SECRETARY OF ILDA (1970-1995)



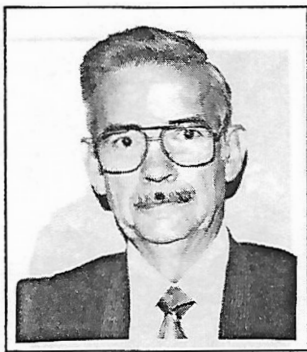
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James Swalley
1993-

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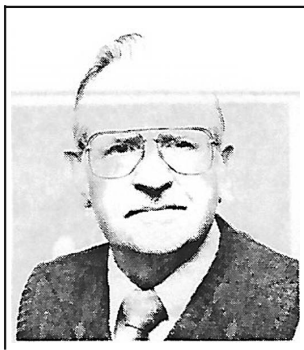
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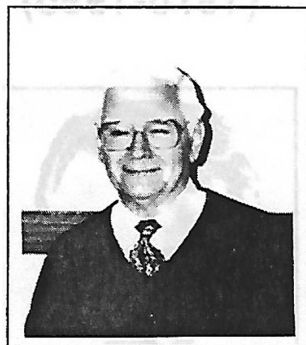
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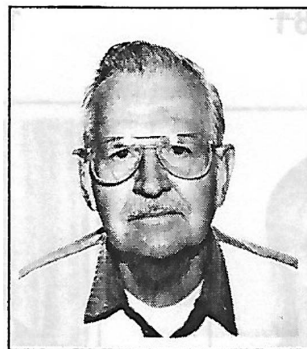
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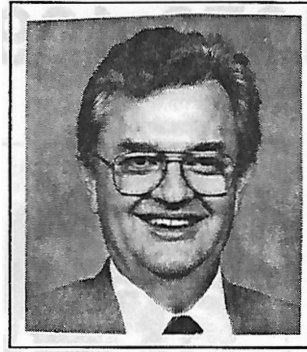


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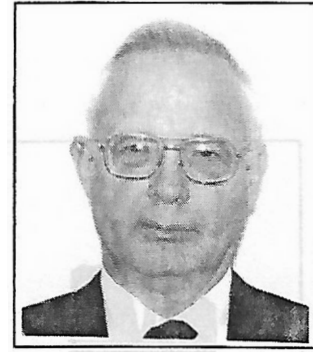
**SECRETARY & COUNSELOR FOR DEAF
& BLIND MINISTRY
(1970-1995)**



**Rev. Herbert Rohe
1970-1979**

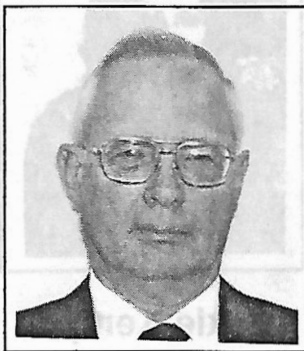


**Rev. Donald Zuhn
1977-1986**



**Rev. R. Rynearson
1987-**

**PASTORAL ADVISOR OF I.L.D.A.
(1970-1995)**



**Rev. R. Rynearson
1970-1977**



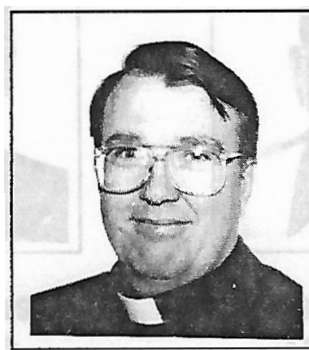
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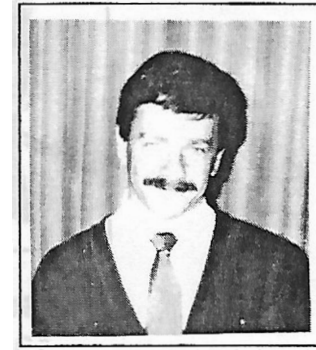
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1987-1991**

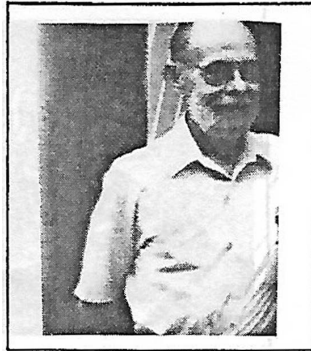


**Rev. Ed Bergstresser
1991-1995**

ILDA CONVENTION CHAIRPERSONS (1970-1995)



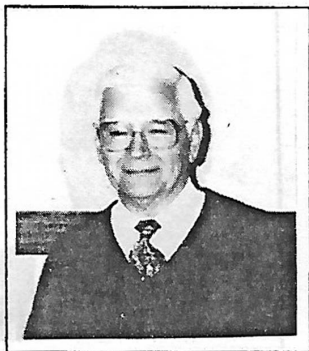
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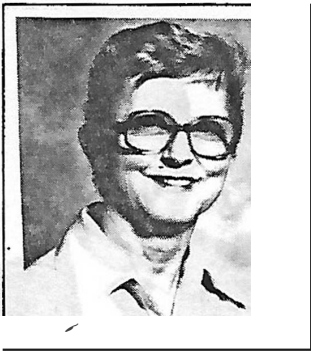
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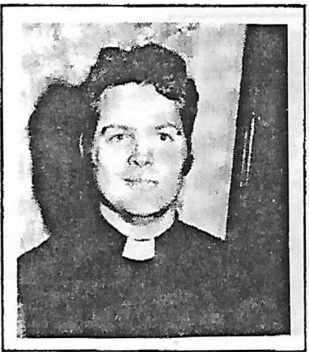
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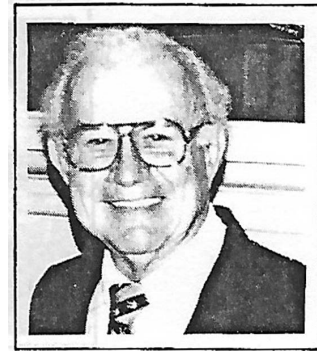
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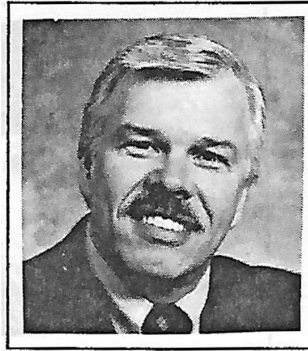


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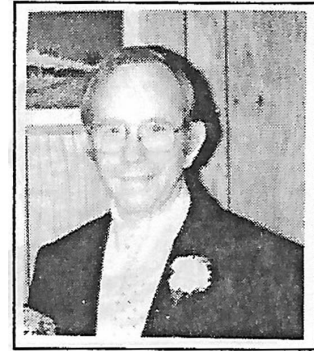
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Donald Mowl
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Ron Byington
1985



Wm. Zimmerman
1987



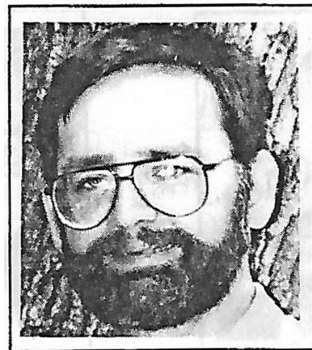
Ronald Madding
1989



Warren Burford
1991



Howard Snyder
1991



Richard Norton
1993



Carol Pickell
1995

ILDA VICE-PRESIDENTS & REGIONAL ADVISORS

1970-1971	REGIONAL PRESIDENT	REGIONAL ADVISOR
CENTRAL REGION -----	Warren Riege.....	Rev. Martin Kosche
PACIFIC REGION -----	Marion Van Manen.....	Rev. Clark Bailey
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Ted Brighton.....	Rev. Wayne Bottlinger
MIDWEST REGION -----	Robert Baker.....	Rev. William Lange
DIXIE REGION -----	William Fitzgerald.....	Rev. Donald Leber
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	Clarence Schulz.....	Rev. William Ludwig
EASTERN REGION -----	Gary Schlub.....	Rev. Daniel Hodgson

1971-1973

CENTRAL REGION -----	Pearl Goff.....	Rev. Martin Hewitt
CENTRAL REGION -----	Russell Healey.....	Rev. Martin Hewitt
PACIFIC REGION -----	Harold Thuve.....	Rev. Clark Bailey
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Ralph Foster.....	Rev. George Natonick
MIDWEST REGION -----	Dale Paden.....	Rev. William Lange
DIXIE REGION -----	Herman Spencer.....	Rev. Donald Leber
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	Evelyn DeMeyere.....	Rev. Myron Prok
EASTERN REGION -----	Warren King.....	Rev. Daniel Hodgson

1973-1975

CENTRAL REGION -----	Joseph Kindred.....	Rev. Martin Hewitt
PACIFIC REGION -----	Harold Thuve.....	Rev. Marlin Sampson
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Robert Kosanovich.....	Rev. William Ludwig
MIDWEST REGION -----	Dale Paden.....	Rev. Walter Uhlig
DIXIE REGION -----	Herman Spencer.....	Rev. Donald Leber
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	Clarence Schulz.....	Rev. Myron Prok
EASTERN REGION -----	Edward Trainer.....	Rev. Daniel Hodgson

1975-1977

CENTRAL REGION -----	Fred Stewart.....	Rev. Martin Hewitt
PACIFIC REGION -----	Harold Thuve.....	Rev. Marlin Sampson
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Harold Rife.....	Rev. William Ludwig
MIDWEST REGION -----	Ronald Nester.....	Rev. Walter Uhlig
DIXIE REGION -----	William Fitzgerald.....	Rev. Donald Leber
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	Clarence Schulz.....	Rev. Myron Prok
EASTERN REGION -----	August Beyer.....	Rev. Roland Gerhold

1977-1979

CENTRAL REGION -----	Fred Stewart.....	Rev. Fred Ailen
CENTRAL REGION -----	Betty Jo Healey.....	Rev. Fred Allen
PACIFIC REGION -----	Harold Thuve.....	Rev. Marlin Sampson
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NORTHWEST REGION -----	Harold Rife.....	Rev. William Ludwig
DIXIE REGION -----	William Fitzgerald.....	Rev. David Carstens
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EASTERN REGION -----	August Byer.....	Rev. Roland Gerhold
EASTERN REGION -----	Elroy Treibel.....	Rev. Roland Gerhold
MIDWEST REGION -----	Lester Ahls.....	Rev. George Ring
MIDWEST REGION -----	William Zimmerman.....	Rev. George Ring

ILDA VICE-PRESIDENTS & REGIONAL ADVISORS

1979-1981

	<u>REGIONAL PRESIDENT</u>	<u>REGIONAL ADVISOR</u>
CENTRAL REGION -----	Betty Jo Healey.....	Rev. Martin Kosche
CENTRAL REGION -----	Ronald Byington.....	Rev. Martin Kosche
PACIFIC REGION -----	Harold Thuve.....	Rev. Roy Dahmann
PACIFIC REGION -----	Diane Foster.....	Rev. Roy Dahmann
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Harold Rife.....	Rev. Fred Gehrs
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Victor Lyon.....	Rev. Fred Gehrs
MIDWEST REGION -----	Lester Ahls.....	Rev. George Ring
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DIXIE REGION -----	William Fitzgerald.....	Rev. Robert Case
DIXIE REGION -----	Lawrence Fields.....	Rev. Robert Case
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	Richard Crossen.....	Rev. Clark Bailey
EASTERN REGION -----	Elroy Triebel.....	Rev. George Natonick

1981-1983

CENTRAL REGION -----	Ronald Byington.....	Rev. George Perry
PACIFIC REGION -----	Diane Foster.....	Rev. Roy Dahmann
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Victor Lyon.....	Rev. Fred Gehrs
MIDWEST REGION -----	Ronald Nester.....	Rev. Lavern Mass
DIXIE REGION -----	David Naumann.....	Rev. F. Wagenknecht
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	Frank Cassese.....	Rev. Donald Leber
EASTERN REGION -----	August Beyer.....	Rev. George Natonick

1983-1985

CENTRAL REGION -----	Ronald Byington.....	Rev. Richard Moody
PACIFIC REGION -----	Yachtman Sue.....	Rev. August Hauptman
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Harold Rife.....	Rev. William Ludwig
MIDWEST REGION -----	Harry Searles.....	Rev. Lavern Mass
DIXIE REGION -----	David Naumann.....	Rev. Robert Case
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	Frank Cassese, Jr.....	Rev. Donald Leber
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	Donald Mowl.....	Rev. Mark Seeger
EASTERN REGION -----	Gerald Ahrens.....	Rev. Michael Hayes

1985-1987

CENTRAL REGION -----	Ronald Byington.....	Rev. Richard Moody
CENTRAL REGION -----	William Schwarz.....	Rev. William Palmer
PACIFIC REGION -----	Yachtman Sue.....	Rev. August Hauptman
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Harold Rife.....	Rev. William Ludwig
NORTHWEST REGION -----	Ronald Madding.....	Rev. David Carstens
MIDWEST REGION -----	Donald Kissell.....	Rev. David Mueller
DIXIE REGION -----	William Fitzgerald.....	Rev. Robert Case
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	Donald Mowl.....	Rev. Mark Seeger
GREAT LAKES REGION -----	James Waters.....	Rev. Gary Lawson
EASTERN REGION -----	Dan Glenny.....	Rev. Joseph Varsanyi

ILDA VICE-PRESIDENTS & REGIONAL ADVISORS

1987-1989

REGIONAL PRESIDENT

REGIONAL ADVISOR

CENTRAL REGION -----	William Schwarz.....	Rev. William Palmer
CENTRAL REGION-----	Archie Marshall.....	Rev. Steven Schlund
PACIFIC REGION-----	Yachtman Sue.....	Rev. August Hauptman
PACIFIC REGION	Charles Kotal.....	Rev. Roy Dahmann
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MIDWEST REGION	Donald Kissell.....	Rev. David Mueller
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DIXIE REGION	Wm Fitzgerald.....	Rev. Robert Case
DIXIE REGION	Stephen Luke.....	Rev. David Bush
GREAT LAKES REGION-----	James Waters.....	Rev. Gary Lawson
GREAT LAKES REGION-----	Richard Crossen.....	Rev. Ed. Bergstresser
EASTERN REGION-----	Dan Glenny.....	Rev. Joseph Varsanyi
EASTERN REGION-----	Dan Glenny.....	Rev. Mark Anderson

1989-1991

CENTRAL REGION -----	Archie Marshall.....	Rev. Steven Schlund
PACIFIC REGION-----	Clarence Schulz.....	Rev. Roy Dahmann
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EASTERN REGION-----	Donald Wetzel.....	Rev. Mark Anderson

1991-1993

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NORTHWEST REGION-----	Richard Sharp.....	Rev. William Ludwig
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DIXIE REGION-----	Stephen Luke.....	Rev. Mark Seeger
GREAT LAKES REGION-----	Warren Burford.....	Rev. Gary Lawson
EASTERN REGION-----	James Cheese.....	Rev. Eric Ziegler

1993-1995

CENTRAL REGION -----	Irwin L. Bowlby.....	Rev. Richard Moody
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ILDA CONVENTION SITES

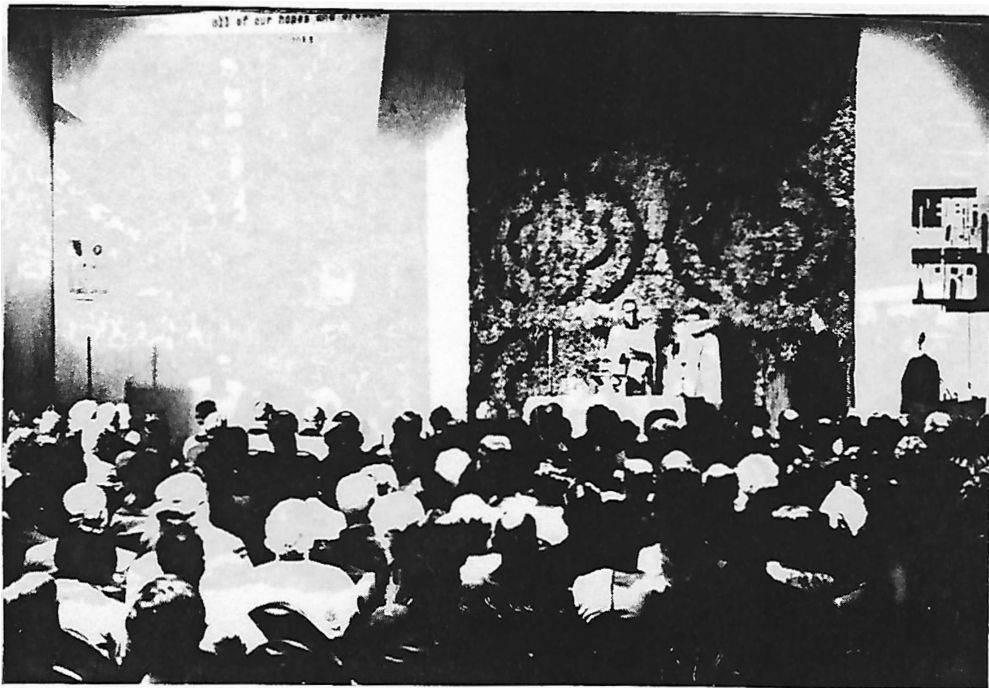
(1971-1995)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOSTFIELD</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>INAL-ATTEND</u>
7/16-18/71	Regency Hyatt House Chicago, IL	"FORWARD WITH CHRIST"	300-REG.
7/12-15/73	Hotel Muehlebach Kansas City, MO	"SHARING LOVE WITH CHRIST"	350-REG. 383-BANQ
7/31-8/3/75	Stouffer's National Center Inn, Washington, D.C.	"NEW LIFE IN CHRIST"	400-REG.
6/30-7/3/77	Ridpath Hotel Motor Inn, Spokane, WA	"RISE, SHINE, GIVE GOD GLORY"	300-REG.
6/22-24/79	Holiday Inn Memphis, TN	"GO AND TELL"	350-REG.
7/9-12/81	Hilton Hotel Los Angeles, CA	"BE OPENED"	387-REG. 425-BANQ
7/21-24/83	Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh, PA	"CELEBRATING, POWER, PRESENCE & PROMISE TOGETHER"	373-REG. 400-BANQ
7/4-7/85	The Marc Plaza Hotel Milwaukee, WI	"COME, FOLLOW ME!"	303-REG. 375-BANQ
6/25-28/87	Stouffer Hotel Cedar Rapids, IA	"A TIME FOR EVERYTHING"	400-REG.
7/6-9/89	The Red Lion Lloyd Center, Portland, OR	"BE ALIVE!"	341-REG. 318-BANQ
8/1-4/91	Holiday Inn Toledo, OH	"GOD, YOU ARE MY: SHEPHERD, TEACHER, FRIEND, LIGHT AND ROCK"	300-REG.
7/1-4-4/93	Red Lion Hotel Austin, TX	"THE LONE STAR"	306-REG. 292-BANQ
6/29-7-2/95	Woodfield Hyatt Hotel Schaumburg, IL	"BEHOLD, I SHALL MAKE ALL THINGS NEW!"	

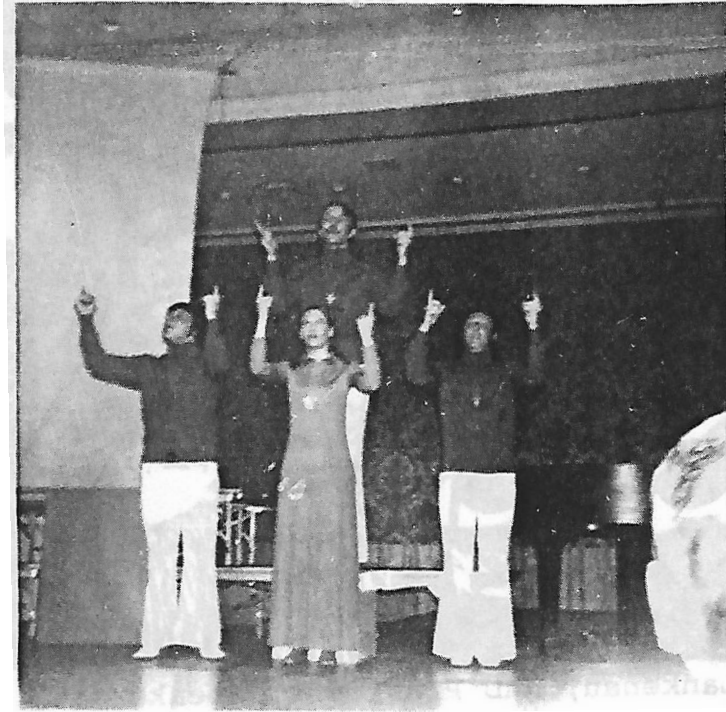
1971 ILDA CONVENTION



Robert O. Lankenau, NAD President, Speaker at 1971 Banquet



1971 ILDA Convention Worship Service



1973 ILDA Convention - Rock Gospel



1975 ILDA - Bus Tour



1977 ILDA Picnic

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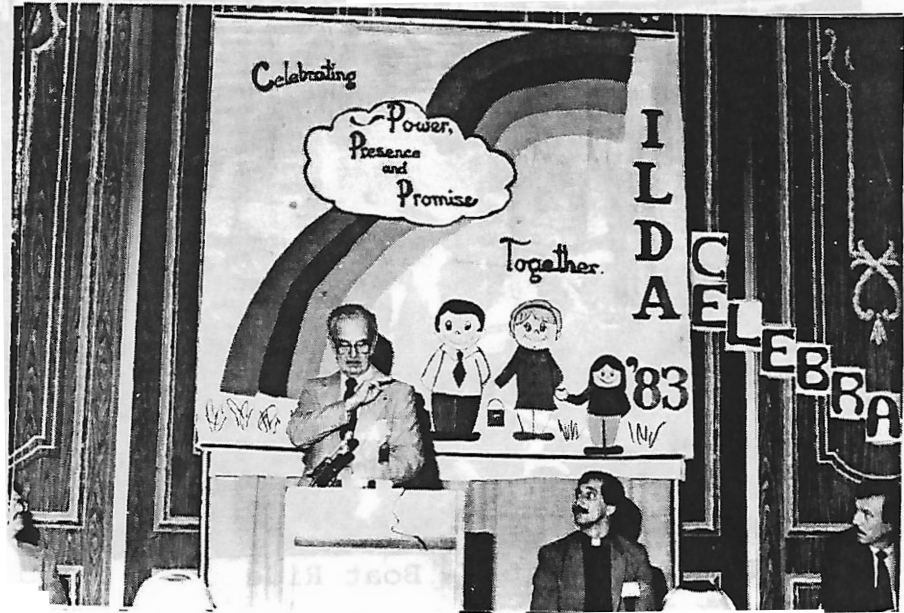


1979 ILDA Convention - Boat Ride



1981 ILDA Convention - Tour

PICTURES OF 1973 - 1995 CONVENTIONS
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1985 ILDA Convention - Skit

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1987 ILDA Convention - Cedar Rapids, IA

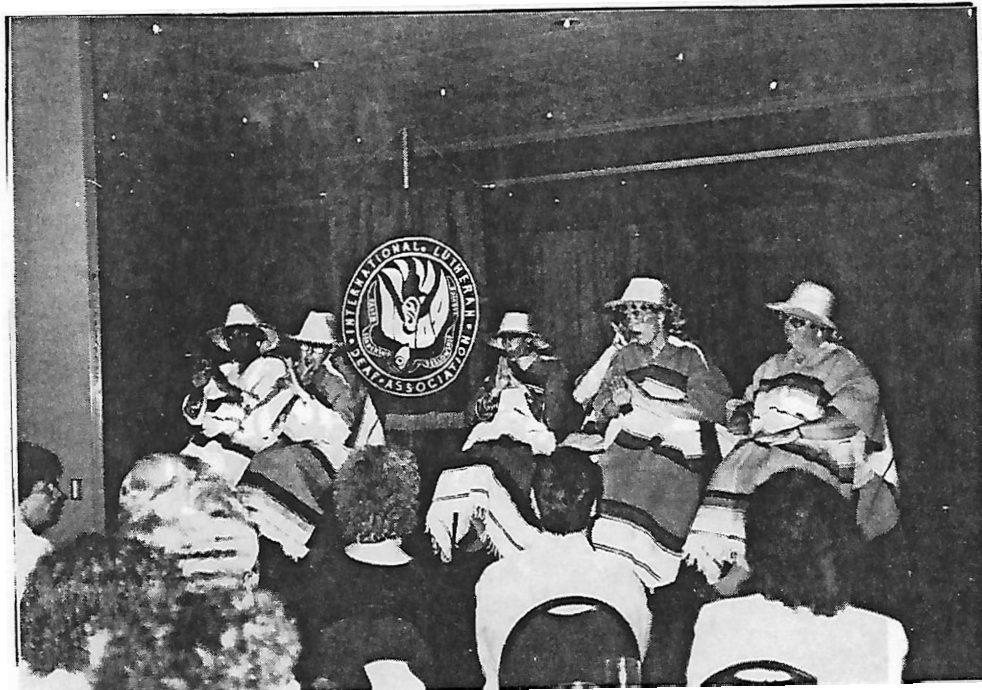


1989 ILDA Convention - Bus Tour

PICTURES OF 1973 - 1995 CONVENTIONS
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1991 ILDA Convention - Perrysburg, OH



1993 ILDA Convention - Skit

Did you know that?

God told Moses 1,500 B.C. that the deaf and other handicapped persons are also His. Therefore, we are not to neglect nor despise these people of God. God's message of Salvation in Christ is to be brought to these people too. In 1893 a deaf man pleaded that Synod recognize the deaf as part of Christ's great Commission "to preach the Gospel to all nations."

The Mission to the deaf was Synod's second mission begun in 1896 the Synod has over 200 pastors who served as missionaries to the deaf.

The Mission has grown from 16 communicants in 1896 to over 6,000 in 1994 and in 1896 and there are over 12,000 deaf Lutherans in the world.

Today there are over 760 LC-MS professionally trained pastors, teachers and lay ministers serving the deaf full time and 400 part time volunteers over 200 cities, 43 state schools for the Deaf and over other institutions where there are deaf people.

Our pastors and workers also minister to persons who are doubly handicapped, both deaf and blind 200 members of LC-MS.

Your missionaries conduct over 5000 services each year to total attendance of more than 150,000.

Total communicant deaf membership in the Synod numbers some 4,000, representing 33 of 35 LCMS districts and 42 states.

There are 5 Lutheran Schools for the Deaf overseas.

There are 2 Lutheran Schools for the Deaf in the United States; One in Detroit (now called Lutheran Special Education Ministries) over 143 old and Mill-Neck Manor School for the Deaf in New York which is over 43 years old.

There are 13,000,000 hearing-impaired people in North America; and over 2,000,000 profoundly deaf people of all ages in the United States. Of these 32,700 deaf children and 56,100 hard of hearing children are in the United States schools.

There are 6 deaf persons serving full time in our ministry.

The Deaf Lutheran is the major religious bi-monthly paper in the world, published exclusively for the deaf. Its editor and business manager are both deaf Lutherans. It has a bi-monthly readership of over 10,000 with nearly 5000 paid subscribers. It has been published since 1909.

Our deaf Lutheran is the LC-MS contribute over 320,000 annually for the work of the Lord.

The International Lutheran Deaf Association was founded by the LC-MS deaf churches in 1971. This association meets bi-annually in convention.

The Ephphatha Conference is the name of the official LC-MS Annual Conference of workers among the deaf. It has been sponsored by the Synod's Board for Mission services since 1903.

There are 80 LC-MS members in the conference.

The LC-MS Ministry to the Deaf is cooperating with the ALC and LCA in a joint LCUSA sponsored project to develop a registry of all Lutheran deaf persons in the U.S. and Canada.

LC-MS Districts assist Deaf Ministries in their work with support totaling more than \$1,300,000.

Classes for seminary students in training for Ministry to the deaf has been conducted at both seminaries since 1896.

HERE'S WHAT YOU ARE DOING AS THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

WORSHIP, TEACH, LEARN, SERVE, AND GROW IN CHRIST AS MEMBERS OF 6,147 CONGREGATIONS - 2,725,540 BAPTIZED MEMBERS (2,054,386 COMMUNICANT MEMBERS).

BAPTIZED ALMOST 60,000 CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ALMOST 400,000 ADULTS IN BIBLE CLASSES.

OPERATE THE LARGEST SYSTEM OF PROTESTANT PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES - 1,566 EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND 62 HIGH SCHOOLS ENROLLING 201,000.

EDUCATE MORE THAN 7,000 STUDENTS IN 13 U.S. AND CANADIAN COLLEGES AND 1,200 STUDENTS IN 4 SEMINARS (TWO IN THE UNITED STATES, TWO IN CANADA).

CONDUCT MISSIONS AND SUPPORT PARTNER CHURCHES IN 32 COUNTRIES REPRESENTING EVERY CONTINENT. THAT INCLUDES 166 PERSONS INVOLVED IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES INCLUDING EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH, SPECIAL PROJECTS, CONSULTATION TO PARTNER CHURCHES AND BIBLE TRANSLATION.

DEVELOP SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS, ADULT BIBLE STUDIES, CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL CURRICULA, TEACHERS MANUALS, EVANGELISM MATERIALS, STEWARDSHIP AIDS, WORSHIP MATERIALS, FILMS, FILMSTRIPS, VIDEOTAPES AND PUBLICATIONS.

PROVIDE STAFF AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO 76 SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES WHICH SERVE MORE THAN 40,000 PERSONS A YEAR. (FUNDED THROUGH CONGREGATIONAL, DISTRICT AND INDIVIDUAL GIFTS PLUS GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC GRANTS AND FEES, THESE AGENCIES EMPLOY 12,000 STAFF AND HAVE A COMBINED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IN EXCESS OF \$150,000,000.

GIVE \$2.8 MILLION TO AGENCIES FOR PROJECTS TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING AND HUNGER IN NORTH AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD.

BEGIN 100 NEW MISSION AND MINISTRIES - NEW CONGREGATIONS, SPECIAL MINISTRIES, CHAPLAINCIES - EACH YEAR.

OPERATE CONCORDIA PLANS WHICH PROVIDES HEALTH CARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR 20,000 FAMILIES OF PASTORS, TEACHERS AND FULL-TIME CHURCH WORKERS.

PREPARE A MONTHLY MAGAZINE, THE LUTHERAN WITNESS, WHICH REACHES 400 000 HOMES AS WELL AS PUBLISH OTHER WEEKLY, MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS AND PERIODICALS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND LAY LEADERS.

"History of Deaf Lutheran"

The initial request of the deaf to publish their own periodical came as early as 1902. The Board, in concurrence with the Synodical Convention, however, felt that the time was not yet ripe for a separate publication. Instead The Lutheran Pioneer was used for dissemination of information. A separate publication was urged because the deaf were unable to read German Der Lutheraner.

From 1902 until 1908 the PIONEER, as of course, DER LUTHERANER and THE LUTHERAN WITNESS kept the special interests of the deaf in mind.

A farewell editorial in the LUTHERAN PIONEER indicates:

The number will likely be the last issue of this extra edition of the Lutheran Pioneer with "among the Deaf" appended, since it is proposed from January the first next to publish a new paper under the name of DEAF LUTHERAN for the direct benefit of our deaf throughout our various missions. Such a paper has become a necessity for various reasons, and we hope that all who have hitherto subscribed to this extra edition of PIONEER would now become subscribers to the DEAF LUTHERAN. The new publication was, however, in no way to crowd out the PIONEER in its original form, but we hope that, since both follow different lines, readers of the one will be and remain readers also of the other.

In January 1909 THE DEAF LUTHERAN made its appearance, edited from 1711 Meinecke Ave. As you might surprise, T. Wangerin served as the first editor, the publication was launched as a four-page monthly, 10 1/2 X 7 1/2 inches, and remained in that form until the revisions in January 1954.

Already in the first editorial, Editor Wagnerin announced the purposes of the publication. We regret that Volume 1 was not available for this study, since it is not filed at Concordia Historical Institute. We quote from the Dahms series: In the name of God we launch on the sea of enterprise a new periodical which was to be published monthly in the interests of the deaf of our various missions and is known as the DEAF LUTHERAN. It contains articles for the spiritual and moral betterment of its readers as well as news items from the various Lutheran deaf circles, thus keeping its readers in touch and sympathy with each other. It proposes to clear away misunderstandings and wrong notions as to LUTHERANISM. It will show what true LUTHERANISM stands for, what it believes, teaches and confesses in word and deed. It is to be a Christian Herald, A Lutheran instructor with the object of enlarging and improving the religious and spiritual knowledge of its readers.

Initially the magazine cost only 25 cents per year; January 1921- It was raised to 35 cents and in 1923 to 50 cents per year. During the depression price reduced to 25 cents per year (July 1933) and in December 1950 restored to 50 cents. Another increase occurred in January 1959 to \$1.00 per year. in 1967 to \$2.00. In 1969, under blanket plan, \$1.00 per year. In 1970 to \$2.00. In 1971 it was raised to \$3.00 per year. In September 1980, it was raised to \$3.50 per year. In October 1982 it was raised to \$5.00 per year for individual, under blanket plan, \$3.50 per year.

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In November 1983 the price reduced to \$4.00 for individual and for the blanket plan was the same \$3.50 per year. In September 1987 it raised to \$4.50 for the blanket plan and \$5.00 for individual per year.

The publication now launches as eight-page Bi-monthly, 8 1/2 X 11 inches and remains in that form as its present format.

In September 1991 it raised to \$5.50 for the blanket plan and \$6.00 for individual fee per year.

EDITORS & CO-EDITORS AND MANAGERS HAVE BEEN:

1. Traugott Wangerin	09/1909	to	12/1914	(Editor & Manager)
2. N.P. Uhlig	01/1915	to	02/1918	(Editor & Manager)
3. E.G. Nachtsheim	03/1918	to	09/1918	(Editor & Manager)
4. J. Schumacher	00/1918	to	00/1923	(Business Manager)
5. J.L. Slvner	10/1918	to	01/1926	(Editor)
6. Waldemar Feber	00/1924	to	00/19231	(Co-Editor)
7. O.C. Schroeder	02/1926	to	01/1951	(Editor)
8. E. Mappes	12/1939	to	11/1949	(Associate Editor)
9. Francis Gyle	12/1949	to	08/1953	(Editor)
10. Martin Kosche	02/1951	to	08/1953	(Co-Editor)
11. N.P. Uhlig	09/1953	to	12/1958	(Editor)
12. William Reinking	10/1954	to	06/1957	(Business Manager)
13. Harry Hoemann	01/1954	to	09/1964	(Editor)
14. Martin Hewitt	10/1964	to	04/1972	(Editor)
15. Earl Thaler	03/1962	to	03/1972	(Business Manager)
16. Uriel Jones	04/1972	to	07/1974	(Editor & Manager)
17. Archie Marshall	07/1974	to	08/1983	(Editor)
18. Russel Healey	07/1974	to	06/1980	(Business Manager)
19. Clarence Schulz	07/1974	to	08/1980	(Assist Editor)
20. Elmer Francisco	07/1980	to	1995	(Business Manager)
21. Lester Ahls	09/1983	to	1995	(Present Editor)



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REPORT OF THE EDITOR INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION Schaumburg, Illinois June 29-July 2, 1995

It is my privilege to present to you, the members of the Executive Council and the Board of Directors, my report for the 11th year of my tenure as the Editor of our publication, THE DEAF LUTHERAN, in its 85th year.

I am pleased to inform you that the paper continues to be on a sound financial footing and at the present time, we are not experiencing any financial problems of the kind we had a few years ago.

What improvement could be made, if it were possible, would be an increase in our readership base. Most churches and congregations no longer subsidize subscriptions as they once did, due to financial constraints. This has cut heavily into the number of subscriptions we have had in the past. It would appear that most readers would enjoy a free paper rather than paying for it.

This truth has been borne out by the difficulty the Business Manager sometimes has with getting churches to send in renewals. As big-hearted as he is, he has in some cases permitted readers to continue to enjoy the paper long after expirations were sent. It is difficult to cancel as long as hope remains that a renewal will come in.

For many years, the Council and the Board has considered plans whereby readers and ILDA members would get the paper free in conjunction with membership dues. For one reason or another, no plan to do this has ever won approval, usually for pecuniary disagreements.

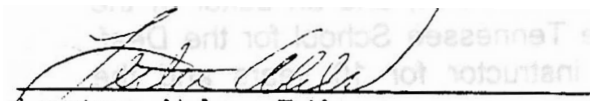
It seems to be human nature that it is much easier to spend five dollars for lunch downtown than to pay the same amount for a year's subscription to a paper that continues to come long after the lunch is gone. Likewise, spending upwards \$500 or more to bowl at a tournament is easier than renewing church membership or supporting it. Perhaps we should not attempt to argue with an instinct.

I would like to encourage everyone here, especially our Regional Presidents, to encourage their churches and membership to subscribe to THE DEAF LUTHERAN, if they are not already doing so. The paper has been in continuous publication since 1909 and we hope to see its 100th year come to pass in just 15 more years.

If you have any events that are newsworthy, send the information in. I would also want to remind you that advertising is free to all ILDA connected events. So send it in.

Thank you very much for your continued support and encouragement as the editor of THE DEAF LUTHERAN.

Yours in His Service,



Lester Ahls, Editor

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The life of Uriel C. Jones

Mr. Uriel C. Jones of Knoxville, Tenn. was hired as editor and subscription manger of the Deaf Lutheran by Synod's Board for Missions, January 1, 1972.

Uriel came to St. Louis with an excellent background in printing and editing and is well qualified to serve as an editor. A graduate of Gallaudet College in 1924, Uriel earned his master's degree in 1943 from the University of Tennessee. His professional career centered in teaching deaf young people. He was a classroom teacher and printing instructor at the Idaho School for the Deaf (1924-1928); a classroom teaches and printing instructor at the Mississippi for the Deaf (1928-1936) where he edited the DEAF MISSISSIPPIAN; and an editor of the TENNESSEE OBSERVER (1936-1971) at the Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, Tenn., where he was a printing instructor for 10 years and the vocational principal for 25 years.

His editing experience also included the vocational bulletin of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (1939-1947), a Rotarian Club publication (1960-1966), and numerous school yearbooks. During World War II he worked for the Knoxville, Tenn., Journal as an editorial assistant.

Uriel was well known on the national scene for his outspoken support of the potential of the deaf to succeed in all walks of life if given the education and the opportunity, and he has contributed articles on various subjects to many national publications, including the American Annuals of the Deaf and the Silent Worker. Well read and widely traveled, Uriel has often been called upon to speak at conventions and banquets across the country.

Although retired from active teaching, Uriel held membership in the following national organizations: Gallaudet College Alumni Association, the National Association of the Deaf, the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, the National Fraternal Society for the Deaf, and the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf.

Uriel was married, June 29, 1930, to Evelyn McMullen, whom the Lord has taken home on February 27, 1971. They were blessed with a son, Uriel Jr. of Greensboro, N.C. and a daughter, Barbara, who is now married to a Lutheran Pastor in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

On Thursday morning, February 10, 1977, Mr. Uriel C. Jones went home with the Lord. His daughter, Barbara Ulrich discovered that he died in his sleep. He was 74 years old.

Uriel C. Jones Memorial **"Right Hand Award"**

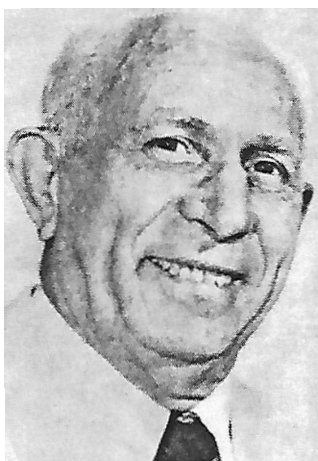
"Don't let your left hand know what your right is doing."

Matthew 6:3

"See, I will not forget you....I have carved you on the palm of my hands."

Isaiah 49:15

Our actions are done voluntarily, not for praise or honor, but service to others....



Uriel C. Jones was a wonderful example of a Christian volunteer. He willingly gave time, skills and gifts to promote the work of God's Kingdom among the deaf. He did not want praise. He wanted to show his love.

In his memory the Board of Directors has established the Uriel C. Jones "Right Hand Award." With thanks to God this award will be given to those who have willingly served their Lord through voluntary service for other individuals through their congregation and region.

Congregations and Board of Directors have nominated the following individuals who received the Right Hand Awards.

1977	James M. Lowell, Tacoma, Washington
1979	Mrs. Judy Miller, Portland, Oregon
1981	Mrs. Florence Petersen, Omaha, Nebraska
1983	Donald S. Mowl, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
1985	Robert Schneider, Greenfield, Wisconsin
1987	Elmer Francisco, Spokane, Washington
1989	Authur Anderson, Spokane, Washington
1991	Lester Ahls, Cedar Falls, Iowa
1993	Joseph J. Kindred, Indianapolis, Indiana

RIGHT HAND AWARD RECIPIENTS 1977-1993

FIRST WINNER OF THE URIEL C. JONES "RIGHT HAND AWARD" BY JAMES M. LOWELL ON JULY 2, 1977 IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

The fourth Biennial convention of the ILDA which was held in the Ridpath Hotel Motor Inn, Spokane, Washington June 30-July 3, 1977, The Uriel C. Jones RIGHT HAND AWARD was presented to Mr. James M. Lowell of Tacoma, Washington for his wonderful efforts for his church and for the Lord. The Right Hand Award was established by the ILDA Board of Directors in memory of Uriel C. Jones, the first deaf man to become editor of THE DEAF LUTHERAN and a wonderful example of a Christian Volunteer, Mr. Jones was called home to be with Jesus in February 1977. This award is given to individuals who have served their Lord willingly through voluntary service. Our Bible says in Matthew 6:3 "DON'T LET YOUR LEFT HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR RIGHT HAND IS DOING." Our actions are done voluntarily, not for praise or honor, but as service to others and the Lord. Thus the name, "RIGHT HAND" Award.



JAMES M. LOWELL

MRS. STANLEY MILLER RECEIVES "RIGHT HAND AWARD" IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE ON JUNE 23, 1979

At the 1979 Biennial Convention of the ILDA held in Memphis, Tennessee, Mrs. Stanley (Judy) Miller was voted to be the second recipient of the Uriel C. Jones "Right Hand Award." Judy who presently lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband, Stanley, and children, was well qualified for the award. She has been actively serving the Lord in her church and deaf congregations since becoming a member of Deaf Zion Lutheran Church in Miami, Florida in 1961, where she served in various offices. In 1964-1969 while at Gallaudet, she taught Bible Classes and also served in many of its offices. In 1972 Judy became a member of Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Portland, Oregon. Since that time she has continued to serve the Lord in many ways such as President, Vice-President, Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary of Hope's Lutheran Ladies Association.



JUDY MILLER

MRS. FLORENCE PETERSON RECEIVES "RIGHT AND AWARD" IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ON JULY 8, 1981

At the 6th Biennial Convention of the ILDA held in Los Angeles, California Mrs. Florence Peterson of Omaha, Nebraska received the "Right Hand Award" which was presented to her by Elmer Francisco on July 8, 1981. She proudly accepted the award in recognition of her many years of unselfish and devoted service to her church, fellowmen and to Jesus Christ, their Lord.



FLORENCE PETERSON

RIGHT HAND AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

DONALD MOWL RECEIVES "RIGHT HAND AWARD" AT ILDA CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA ON JULY 20, 1983

At the 7th Biennial ILDA Convention in Pittsburgh on July 20, 1983, Donald Mowl, the Co-Chairman, was called to come to the floor to receive the "Right Hand Award" from Elmer Francisco, Business Manager of THE DEAF LUTHERAN, For many years, Don has served various offices at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Great Lakes Regional Conference and several other organizations. He has devoted a great deal of his time to Church work serving as a member of the Board of Directors, Lay Leader, Bible Reader, Newsletter Editor and Reporter, Researching History of the Deaf Ministry in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod from all over the United States. He has taken responsibility for the history and archives of both the Great Lakes Regional Conference and the ILDA, a position he has held for the past 12 years. He is currently the Reporter of Great Lakes Region and the Trinity Newsletters.



Donald Mowl

ROBERT SCHNEIDER RECEIVES "RIGHT HAND AWARD" AT THE 8TH BIENNIAL ILDA CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN ON JULY 6, 1985

At the 8th Biennial ILDA Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Robert Schneider received the "Right Hand Award" which was presented by Donald Mowl, President of Great Lakes Region. Robert, a member of Emmanuel, Milwaukee devoted many years of service to both his congregation and Region. Bob as he was fondly known by his friends held virtually every office in his church and taught Bible Class for many years. Robert was called home to be with the Lord after years of suffering from cancer.



Robert Schneider

ELMER FRANCISCO WAS PRESENTED "RIGHT HAND AWARD" AT 9TH BIENNIAL ILDA CONVENTION IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA ON JUNE 27, 1987

On June 27, 1987 Elmer Francisco, Business Manager of The Deaf Lutheran, received the "Right Hand Award" which was presented by Donald Mowl, ILDA Historian. Elmer of Spokane, Washington was voted to receive this award for his many years of service to both the association and his church, as well as his involvement in helping young people. He and his wife served as counselors at Lutheran School for the Deaf in Detroit for about nine years. He also held several offices in church and was Past President and President-Elect of ILDA. He also faithfully served as the Treasurer of ILDA. He is currently the Business Manager of the Deaf Lutheran.



Elmer Francisco

RIGHT HAND AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

ARTHUR E. ANDERSON RECEIVED THE "RIGHT HAND AWARD" AT 10TH BIENNIAL ILDA CONVENTION IN PORTLAND, OREGON ON JULY 8, 1989

International Lutheran Deaf Association's coveted "Right Hand Award" on July 8, 1989 was presented to Mr. Arthur Anderson, Spokane, Washington by Elmer Francisco, Chairperson of the selection committee. Arthur, a retired farmer and accomplished carpenter, was honored for his years of service to his church and congregation and joins six previous winners of the award, three of them from the Northwest Region.



Arthur E. Anderson

LESTER AHLIS RECEIVES THE "RIGHT HAND AWARD" AT 11TH BIENNIAL ILDA CONVENTION IN TOLEDO, OHIO ON AUGUST 3, 1991

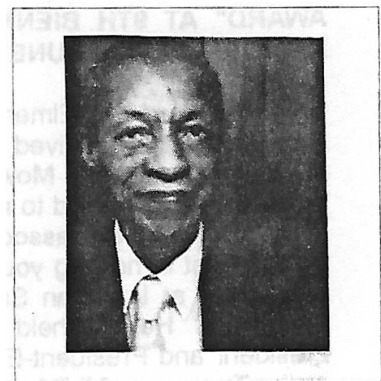
On August 3, 1991 The association's coveted "Right Hand Award" was presented to Lester Ahls of Cedar Falls, Iowa by President-Elect, Larry Gorton in Toledo, Ohio during the ILDA Convention. the award symbolizes a spirit of voluntary Christian Service to others, through their respective churches, regions and association. He was Past President and President-Elect as well as Secretary of ILDA for many years and he is currently The Deaf Lutheran Editor which he has held since September 1983.



Lester Ahls

JOSEPH KINDRED NAMED AS "RIGHT HAND AWARD" WINNER AT 12TH BIENNIAL ILDA CONVENTION IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON JULY 3, 1993

On July 3, 1993 at the 12th Biennial ILDA Convention in Austin, Texas, Joseph Kindred of Indianapolis, Indiana got the most votes to be honored to receive the "Right Hand Award" from the Board of Directors of ILDA. For the first time in memory he could not attend an ILDA convention due to family considerations. The award was presented to him at his home church by his pastor, Rev. Jerold Munz for his outstanding service.

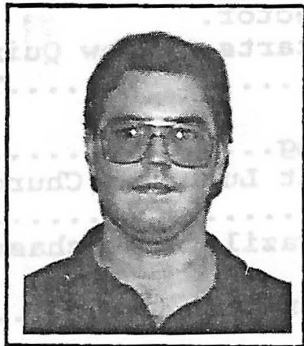


Joseph Kindred

JUNIOR ILDA CHAIRPERSONS (1989 - 1995)



David Miller
(1989)



Terry Snyder
(1991)



Stephen Luke
(1993)



Erika Sipchen
(1995)

The purpose of Junior ILDA is to get young people involved both in the goals and fellowship of ILDA. These young people are the future of ILDA. While we can provide guidance, we hope that the youth will contribute their own ideas and dreams and grow on that.

Since the inception of Junior ILDA at its first convention in Portland, Oregon, many adults still question the issue of the age range for Junior ILDA. The age range of 13-21 seems to be unappropriate, because the voting age for these people during state primaries or the general elections is 18. Should Junior ILDA consider changing the age range? We hope Junior ILDA will report to the ILDA Board of Directors giving their age range recommendations to include in the ILDA Handbook. As of this writing, there are no guidelines on Junior ILDA, which the new Law Committee Chairman will need to develop. When he or she selects their ILDA Law Committee, should consider picking a Junior ILDA representative to plan writing their guidelines for the ILDA Handbook.

The ILDA recognizes the above Junior ILDA Chairpersons for their leadership roles for developing various programs and activities for our young people. We thank you Junior ILDA!



LUTHERAN DEAF MISSION PROJECTS

- 1974 - 1. Concordia Lutheran School (Porto Alegre, Brazil
2. Lutheran School for the Deaf, Ambur, India
3. Tokyo Center for the Deaf, Japan (Rev.Kojiam & Rev. Philip Luttio)
4. Mission School for the Deaf, Brazil. John Ames, teachers
5. Mon Kok Lutheran School for the Deaf, British Hong Kong. Rev. Louis Jasper, Director.
6. Send Monies, for New Starts, New Quinea, Korea, Phillipines.....Total..\$5,000.00
- 1975 - 1. Charles Tang - Hong Kong.....\$1,000.00
2. For advanced Training at Lutheran Church for the Deaf.....\$1,000.00
3. Mr & Mrs. John Ames, Brazil;to purchase jeep..2,000.00
- 1976 - Multimedia Leadership Training.....1,000.00
- 1977 1. School for the Deaf, Porto Alegre, Brazil. Serve 56 children - need better bldg. have land for school.....1,000.00
2. Scholarship Funds.....2,000.00 For assistance to deaf individuals wishing to become lay-ministers and pastors to serve the Deaf.
3. Pax Natura Ranch, Edmonton, Alberta..... 500.00 For new faculty to help mentally deficient deaf to learn ranching and self help skills in an outdoor envirmnt, new idea.
4. School for the Deaf, Beirut, Lebanon..... 500.00
5. Leadership Training(Carry over from 1975-'77) 1,000.00
6. Collected for Mission Project..... 300.00
- 1980 - 1. Pax Natura Ranch..... 500.00
2. The Deaf School in Porto Alegre, Brazil.....1,000.00
3. (4) \$500.00 Scholarships.....total....2,000.00
4. Tiawan Lutheran School for the Deaf. (Rev.Lutz)1,200.00
- 1981-83-1. Pax Natura Ranch, Alberta..... 500.00
2. India School for the Deaf, (Rev. Lutz).....1,200.00
3. Scholarships.....2,000.00
4. Lutheran Church for the Deaf,Hong Kong(2 yrs)7,200.00
- 1983-85-1. Lay Leader Training.....6,000.00
2. Pax Natura Ranch (Rev. Bauer)..... 500.00
3. Brazil..... 500.00
4. India School for the Deaf.....1,000.00
5. Scholarships.....2,000.00
6. Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit..... 500.00

1985-87-1.	Concordia Special School, Porto Alegre.....	1,500.00
2.	Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit.....	2,000.00
3.	Scholarships.....	2,000.00
4.	Tracts for Deaf Ministry.....	1,000.00
5.	Child of Nazareth School, St.Louis, Mo.....	1,000.00
6.	IELC School, Tuticorin, India.....	1,000.00
	(India Evangelical Lutheran Church)	
1987-89-1.	Scholarships.....	1,000.00
2.	Francis Anwan.....	2,000.00
3.	Luth. Deaf Church, Ghana.....	500.00
4.	Brazil Teaching Materials.....	500.00
5.	Deaf School, Hong Kong.....	1,000.00
6.	Deaf School, India (Telc).....	1,000.00
7.	Omega Project.....	500.00
8.	Omega Project Tapes.....	500.00
9.	Child, Nazareth School.....	1,000.00
1989-91-	1. Scholarships.....	\$2,000.00
	2. Ghana Deaf Ministry.....	2,000.00
	3. Francis Anwana.....	2,000.00
	4. ILDA Video.....	2,000.00
	5. Interpreter Training Packet.....	500.00
	6. Luther's Small Catechism in sign language.	1,000.00
	7. Bible Studies in Simple English.....	1,000.00
	8. Hong Kong Deaf School.....	1,000.00
	9. Child of Nazareth School.....	1,000.00
	10. Divine Drama in Simple English.....	1,000.00
	11. Brazil Teaching Materials.....	1,000.00
1991-93-	1. Zacharias Fund.....	3,000.00
	2. Hong Kong Deaf School.....	1,500.00
	3. Macau School.....	1,000.00
	4. Bible Studies in English.....	2,000.00
	5. Ghana.....	2,000.00
	6. Brazil Teaching Materials.....	1,000.00
	7. Recife (in Brazil).....	2,500.00
	8. Child of Nazareth School.....	1,000.00
	9. TIM (Together in Mission) Jasper & Kunkl....	4,000.00
	10. Pax Natura.....	500.00
	11. Deaf School in India #1.....	500.00
	12. Deaf School in India #2.....	500.00
	13. Deaf school in Lebanon.....	500.00
1993-95-	1. Zacharias Fund (Scholarship).....	5,000.00
	2. Recife, Brazil.....	3,000.00
	3. Deaf Church in Ghana.....	3,000.00
	4. Deaf School in Macau.....	1,000.00
	5. Silent Word Video Project.....	1,000.00
	6. Child of Nazareth Deaf School.....	1,000.00
	7. Together in Mission.....	6,000.00
	8. Pax Natura Ranch, Alberta.....	1,000.00
	9. Deaf School in Lebanon.....	1,000.00
	10. Lutheran School for Deaf, India.....	1,000.00

THE SEVEN REGIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

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NORTHWEST REGION

Edmonton, Canada
 Calgary, Canada
 Vancouver, Canada
 Regina, Canada
 Western Washington
 Spokane, WA
 Great Falls, MT
 Portland, OR

CENTRAL REGION

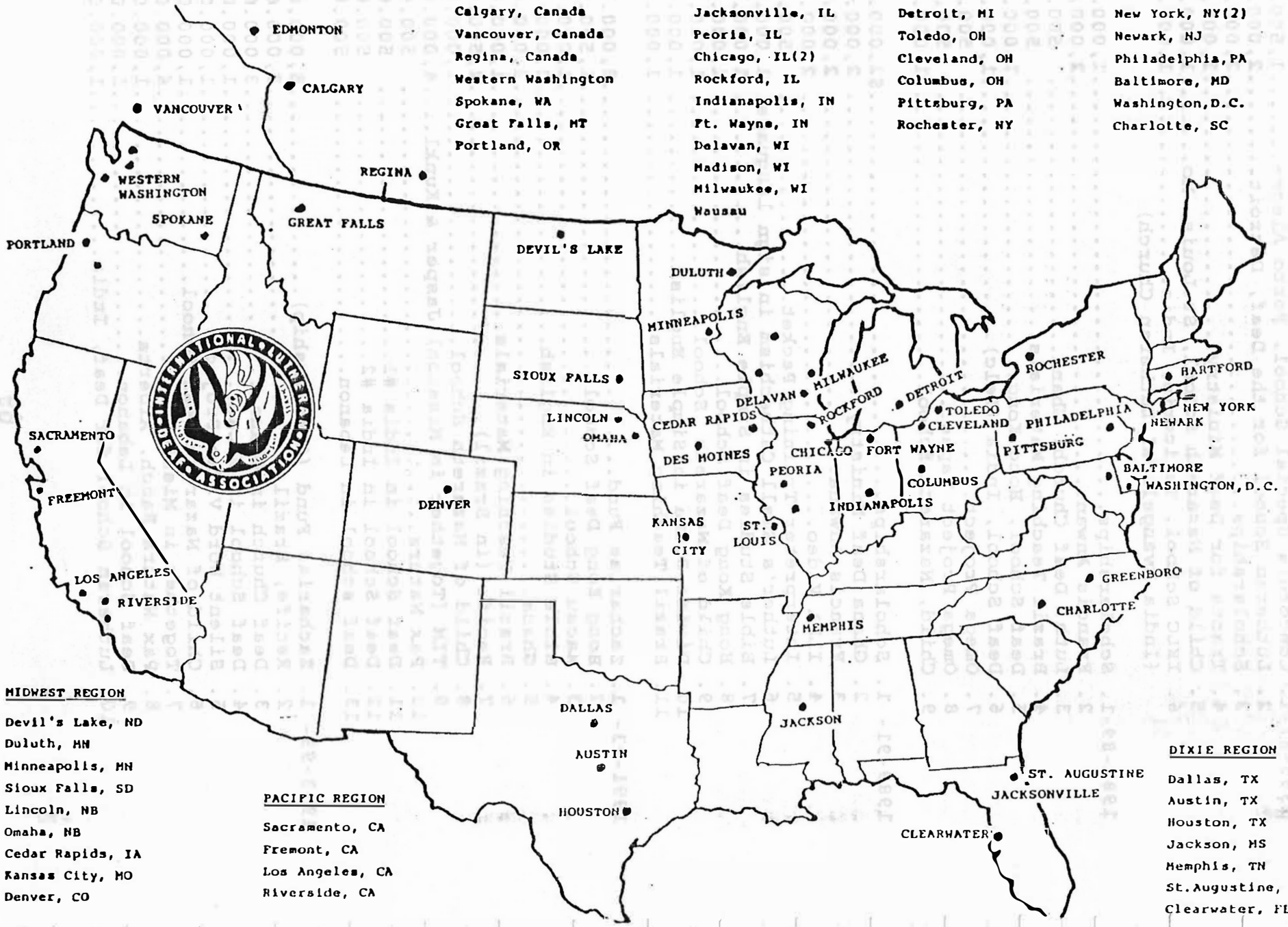
St. Louis, MO
 Jacksonville, IL
 Peoria, IL
 Chicago, IL(2)
 Rockford, IL
 Indianapolis, IN
 Ft. Wayne, IN
 Delavan, WI
 Madison, WI
 Milwaukee, WI
 Wausau

GREAT LAKES REGION

Detroit, MI
 Detroit, MI
 Toledo, OH
 Cleveland, OH
 Columbus, OH
 Pittsburg, PA
 Rochester, NY

EASTERN REGION

Hartford, CN
 New York, NY(2)
 Newark, NJ
 Philadelphia, PA
 Baltimore, MD
 Washington, D.C.
 Charlotte, SC



MIDWEST REGION

Devil's Lake, ND
 Duluth, MN
 Minneapolis, MN
 Sioux Falls, SD
 Lincoln, NB
 Omaha, NB
 Cedar Rapids, IA
 Kansas City, MO
 Denver, CO

PACIFIC REGION

Sacramento, CA
 Fremont, CA
 Los Angeles, CA
 Riverside, CA

DIXIE REGION

Dallas, TX
 Austin, TX
 Houston, TX
 Jackson, MS
 Memphis, TN
 St. Augustine, FL
 Clearwater, FL

THERE ARE SEVEN REGIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

NORTHWEST REGION

Edmonton, Canada
Calgary, Canada
Vancouver, Canada
Regina, Canada
Western Washington
Spokane, Wa.
Great Falls, Mont.
Portland, Oregon
Idaho

PACIFIC REGION

Sacramento, Ca.
Fremont, Ca.
Los Angeles, Ca.
Riverside, Ca.

MIDWEST REGION

Devil's Lake, ND.
Duluth, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Sioux Falls, SD
Lincoln, NB
Omaha, NB
Cedar Rapids, IA
Kansas City, MO
Denver, CO

CENTRAL REGION

St. Louis, MO
Jacksonville, IL
Peoria, IL
Chicago, IL (2)
Rockford, IL
Indianapolis, IN
Fort Wayne, IN
Delavan, WI
Madison, WI
Milwaukee, WI
Wausau, WI

GREAT LAKES REGION

Detroit, MI
Lansing, MI
Saginaw, MI
Grand Rapids, MI
Toledo, OH
Cleveland, OH
Columbus, OH
Pittsburgh, PA
Rochester, NY

EASTERN REGION

Hartford, CN
New York, NY (2)
Newark, NJ
Philadelphia, PA
Baltimore, MD
Washington, D.C.
Charolotte, SC

DIXIE REGION

Dallas, TX
Austin, TX
Houston, TX
Jackson, MS
Memphis, TN
St. Augustine, FL
Clearwater, FL

REGIONS IN MINISTRY TO DEAF

I - EASTERN.....400
II- GREAT LAKES...963
III-CENTRAL.....1025
IV- MIDWEST.....1113
V- NORTHWEST. .. 562
VI- PACIFIC..... 375
VII-DIXIE..... 389

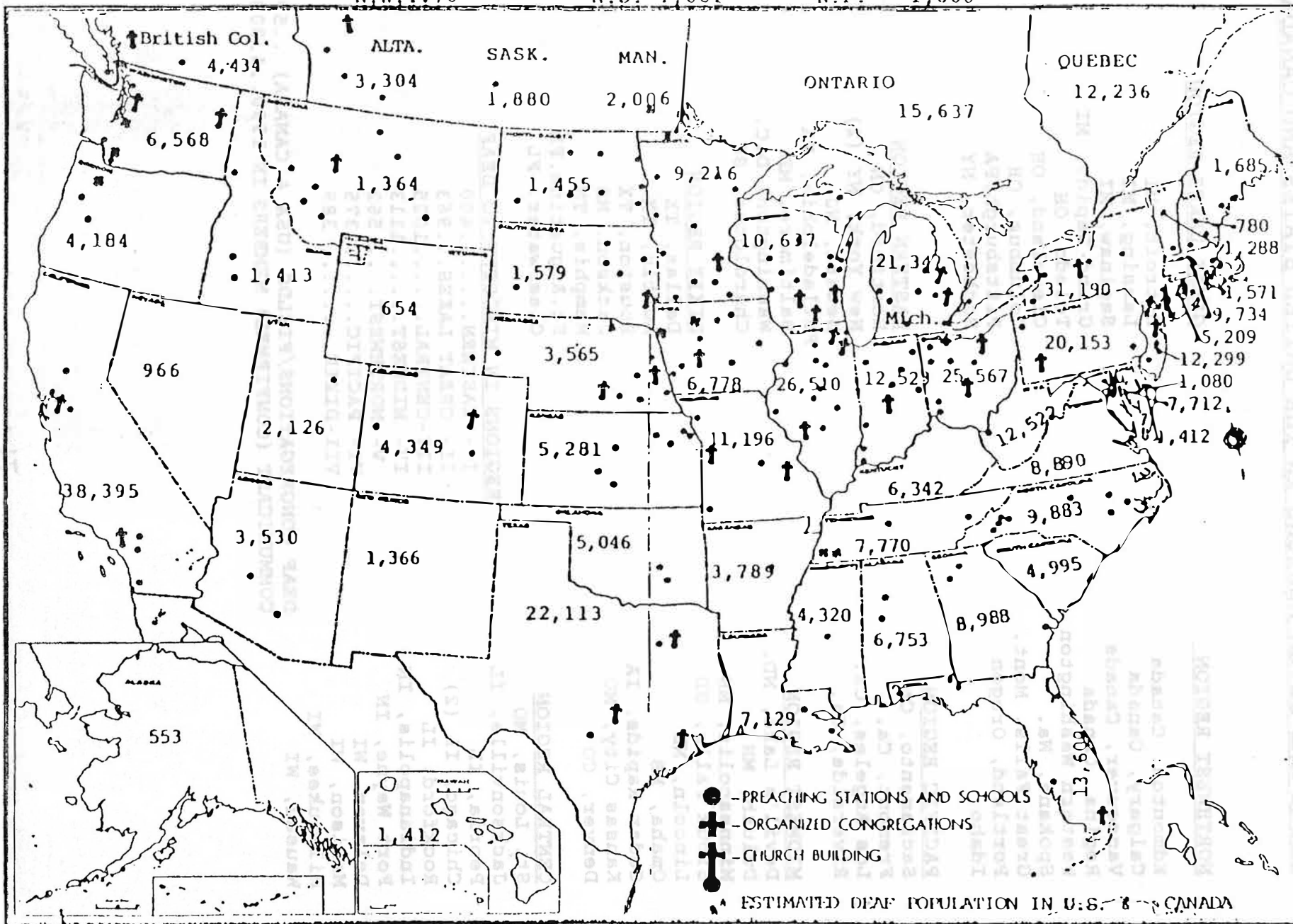
DEAF CONGREGATIONS/FIELDS (USA & CANADA) ..59
COMMUNICANT (CONFIRMED) MEMBERS IN 1990..4,000

YUK - 37
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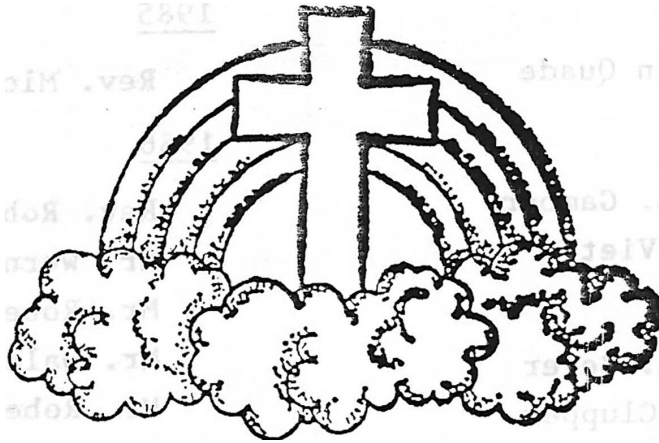
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N.S. 1,601

P.E.I. - 227
N.F. - 1,060

MAP OF ESTIMATED DEAF POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES & CANADA



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NECROLOGY

It is always appropriate at every International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention to remind ourselves of those servants of Christ who have come to the "CROWN OF LIFE" with Christ in Heaven. Since the last International Lutheran Deaf Convention, we note more than 63 names of all deceased, former ILDA Officers, ILDA Members, Pastors and Workers among the deaf, and special friends.

NECROLOGY:

1971

Rev. Quintin Quade

1974

Rev. Hugo A. Gamber

Mr. Walter Viets

1975

Rev. John A. Beyer

Mr. Eugene Clupper

Mrs. Rae DeRose

Rev. Erich Eichmann

Mr. Bobby E. Kosanovich

Rev. Elmer Luessenhop

1976

Rev. Norbert Borchardt

Mr. Alex Brodie

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cordes

Dr. Martin Franzmann

1977

Rev. Edward B. Fox

Mr. Uriel C. Jones

Dr. Herman Kopplemann

Rev. E. Scheibert

1978

Rev. Hugh Ferber

Rev. Walter A. Westermann

1980

Rev. William Reinking

1981

Rev. Carl Baringer

Rev. Theodore Frederking

Rev. Martin G. Kosche

1985

Rev. Michael J. Hayes

1986

Rev. Robert Blakely

Mr. Werner D. Hoewisch

Mr. Robert Munz

Mr. Dale D. Paden

Mr. Robert Schneider

1987

Rev. Theo. Delaney

Mrs. Mabel Gaertner

Rev. Floyd Possehl

Mrs. N. Fern Rife

1988

Mrs. Cleo Gunderson

1989

Mr. George H. Dietz

Dr. George Kraus

Mr. Harry C. Searles

Mrs. Irene Searles

1990

Mr. James Drake

Mr. Leo Goll

Mrs. Nadeen Nord

Rev. Daniel Pokorny

Mr. Harold Thuve

1991

Rev. Clarence C. Bremer

Rev. Waldemar O. Ferber

Mr. Roy Klein

Mr. James Lowell

Rev. Arnold Lutz

NECROLOGY
(CONTINUED)

1992

Mr. Ben Beaver
Rev. Alvin Ferber
Mrs. Millie Francisco
Mrs. Marilyn Gehrs
Mrs. Ruth D. Ludovico
Mrs. Doris Myhre
Mr. Arthur Nyquist

1993

Mrs. Lillian H. Long
Rev. Delbert Thies
Rev. Franklin Wagenknecht

1994

Mr. Ted Brighton
Mrs. Francis Burgess
Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere
Rev. Lavern Mass
Mrs. Anna J. Walls

OTHERS (YEAR - UNKNOWN)

Mr. Arthur Braun
Rev. G. W. Gaertner
Rev. H. Graef
Mr. Warren Riege
Rev. Walter Uhlig
Arleen Van Hemert

MINISTRIES FOR DEAF AND HEARING SINCE 1894

NAMES OF PASTORS DATE OF ORDINATION OR FIRST PLACE OF SERVICE DATE-
OR COMMISSIONING/INSTALLATION DECEASED

LAY-MINISTERS

Aiello, William.....1965.....Trenton, N.J.
 Allen, Fred.....1968.....Chicago, Ill.
 Altenberger, Roger..1995.....Cedar Rappids, Ia.
 Anderson, Mark.....1986.....Newark, N.J.
 Anderson, Orlin.....1960.....New York
 Anson, Fred.....1976.....New York

Bailey, Clark.....1953.....Denver, Colo.
 Baker, Emil.....1923.....Kansas City
 Eauer, Robert.....1956.....Edmonton, Canada
 Bassett, Carl.....1987.....Wood Dale, Ill.
 Bell, Gary.....1988.....Maple, Wis.
 Bengelsdorf, James..1965.....Des Moines, Ia.
 Behrends, S.G.....1966.....Santa Ana, Calif.
 Bentrup, Herman.....1896.....Central States.....10/29/1948
 Bergstresser, Edwin.1984.....Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Berninghaus, Gilbert.1968.....Omaha, Neb.
 Beyer, John.....1919.....Portland, Ore.....12/26/1975
 Blakely, Robert.....1964.....Boston, Mass.....7/21/1986
 Boerner, Otto.....1901.....Ludington, Mi.
 Boerner, Donald.....1953.....Boston, Mass.
 Bohn, Edward.....1920.....Cleveland, O.
 Boll, Arthur.....1899.....Louisville, Ky.....12/2/1941
 Bollow, Hans.....1948.....New Orleans, La.
 Bomberger, Gary....1975.....Clearwater, Fla.
 Borchardt, Norbert..1930.....Cleveland, O.....6/20/1976
 Borchers, Richard...1955.....Chicago, Ill.
 Borhart, Glenn.....1979.....Clearwater, Fla.
 Bottlinger, Wayne...1957.....Memphis, Tenn.
 Bremer, Clarence....1939.....Chicago, Ill.....8/26/91
 Bremer, Robert.....1965.....Flint, Mich.
 Brodie, Alexander...1965.....Vancouver, B.C.....9/12/76
 Bruns, Arlen.....1938.....Great Bend, K.S.
 Busby, Walter.....1962.....Rochester, N.Y.
 Bush, David.....1978.....Memphis, Tenn.
 Bush, Ellwood.....1978.....Memphis, Tenn

Carlson, Kenneth....1975.....Rochester, N.Y.
 Carstens, David.....1970.....Hickory, N.C.
 Case, Robert.....1972.....Memphis, Tenn.
 Claus, Th.....1901.....Toledo, O.
 Consoer, Paul.....1969.....Fla...Sioux Falls,
 Cordes, Robert.....1961.....Montana..Saskatoon.....7/11/1976
 Corl, Robert.....1961.....Madison, Wis.

Dahmann, Roy.....1975.....Oakland, Calif.
 Dahms, Arthur.....1918.....Chicago, Ill.
 Delaney, Theo.....1945.....Calif...Austin,..1/20/1987
 Deterding, Paul....1978.....Melbourne, Fla.

Derwig, George..... 1947.....Shreveport, La.
Dorr, Paul..... 1965.....Tenn; Jackson, Ms.
Drachenberg, Herbert.1956.....Columbus, O.
Drummond, Henry.....1995.....Great Falls, MT.
Duemling, Enno.....1896.....Detroit, Mich--Milwaukee, Wis.
Duey, William.....1961.....Dallas, Texas

Eckert, Tim.....1996.....Rochester, NY
Eckstrom, Cory.....1996.....Omaha, NE
Eichmann, Erich.....1924.....Portland, Ore.....1/8/1975
Eickstaedt, Paul....1901.....Hamilton, O.
Engel, Brant.....1985.....Royal Oak, MI
Engel, Martin.....1928.....Berkley, Calif.
Ernst, P.N.1965.....Fulton, Mo.
Eschelbach, Michael.1985.....Billings, Mt.

Fairman, Donald.....1969..... Los Angeles, Calif.
Fedder, Oscar.....1912..... Tomaca- Portland, Ore.
Ferber, Alvin..... 1924..... Kansas City11/3/92
Ferber, Gerhardt... 1927.... .Los Angles, Calif.....7/1978
Ferber, Waldemar... 1917.... Duluth, Minn.....11/23/91
Finnestad, Kenneth. 1971..... Ontario, Can.
Forrest, Jessie.... 1995..... Madison, Wis.
Fox, Edward..... 1940..... Saskatoon, Can.....3/19/1977
Fremmer, Joseph.... 1982..... Lowell, Mich.
Frederking, Theo... 1937..... Cleveland, O.....6/12/1981
French, Richard.... 1974..... Seattle, Wash.
Frice, Carl..... 1923..... Spokane, Wash.
Friedrich, Ronald.. 1976..... Aurora, Ill.
Fritz, John..... 1984..... Missoula, Mt.

Gade, Fred..... 1927..... Milwaukee, Wis.....1/22/1939
Gaertner, George... 1917..... Seattle, Wash.
Gehlbach, Daryl.... 1983..... W. Hartford, Conn.
Gehrs, Fred..... 1964..... Winnipeg...
Gehrs, Gerhard..... 1960..... Los Angeles, Calif.
Gerhold, Roland C.. 1942..... Pittsburgh, Boston
Gielow, William.... 1898..... Drake, Mo. Chicago, Ill.
Graef, Herman..... 1958..... Omaha, Neb.
Guenzel, Larry.... 1973..... Rochester, N.Y.
Gyle, Francis..... 1946..... St. Louis, Mo.

Hallerberg, Herman. 1900..... St. Louis, Mo.....10/4/1927
Harms, William..... 1919..... Akron, O.
Harris, Larry..... 1964..... Portland, Ore.
Hasse, Donald..... 1965..... Miami, Fla.
Haug, Don..... 1964..... Portland, Ore.
Hauptman, August... 1948..... Spokane, Wash.
Hausmann, William.. 1955..... New York
Hayes, Michael.... 1963..... Grand Island, N.....3/14/1985.
Hein, Gordon..... 1980..... Duluth, M.
Heinecke, Louis.... 1926..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
Henrikson, Robert.. 1969..... Columbus, O.

Hewitt, Martin..... 1963..... Cleveland, O.
 Hintz, Walter..... 1940..... Seattle, Wash.
 Hiscke, Frank..... 1931..... Spokane, Wash.
 Hodgson, Dan..... 1967..... New York
 Hoemann, Harry.... 1956..... Pittsburgh, Pa.

 Jagels, Louis..... .1914..... Kansas City
 Jasper, Louis..... 1959..... New York
 Jensen, Nathaniel.. 1913..... Omaha, Neb.
 Johnson, David..... 1986..... Enid, Okla.
 Johnson, Russel.... 1966..... Great Falls,
 Jonas, Arnold..... 1935..... Sioux Falls
 Jones, Charles..... 1967..... Chicago, Ill.

 Knaack, William.....1994..... Warsaw, Wis.
 Kolb, Carl..... 1971..... Farmington, Conn.
 Kois, Darrell..... 1986..... Des Moines, Ia.
 Kosche, Martin..... 1946..... Indianapolis, Ind12/27/81
 Kraus, George..... 1949..... New York..... 4/24/89
 Kriesel, Karl..... 1932..... Saskatoon
 Krug, Eugene..... 1947..... Kokomo, In.
 Kieffner, John.... 1963..... Ontario, Can.
 Kuntz, A. H..... 1914..... St. Paul (for Blind)

 Lange, William..... 1954..... Los Angeles, Calif.
 Larsen, Larry..... 1976..... Peoria
 Lawson, Gary..... 1984..... Cleveland, O.
 Leber, Donald..... 1963..... Memphis, Tenn.
 Leinkuehler, Ray... 1982..... Denver, Colo.
 Leonhardt, Roger... 1965..... Devil Lake, N.D.
 Ludwig, William.... 1959..... Columbus, O.
 Luke, Stephen..... 1975..... St. Paul
 Lutz, Arnold..... 1941..... Sioux Falls,- Minn.....10/21/91

 MacDonald, Michael. 1986..... Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 Mackensen, Robert.. 1944..... Montana - Madison, Wis.
 Mappes, Ernest..... 1921..... Omaha, Neb.
 Marsh, Prentice.... 1981..... Atlanta, Ga.
 Mason, LeRoy W.... 1960..... Chicago, Ill.
 Mass, Lavern..... 1979..... Kansas City
 Matthews, Darrell.. 1985..... Duluth, Minn.
 Merrill, Gene..... 1957..... Indiana
 Mesenbring, Victor. 1950..... Des Moines, Ia.
 Miller, Glen..... 1977..... Delvan, Wis.
 Moody, Richard..... 1979..... St. Louis, Mo.
 Mork, Omahr..... 1977..... Omaha, Neb.
 Mueller, David..... 1981..... Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 Muller, Robert..... 1971..... Washington
 Munz, Jerold..... 1972..... Philadelphia

 Natonick, George... 1968..... Portland, Ore.
 Neisch, Waldemar... 1956..... Jacksonville, Fla.
 Nickerson, John.... 1958..... Michigan
 Nix, Matthew..... 1993..... Sioux Falls, S.D.

Oettel, Robert..... 1965..... Chicago, Ill.
Olson, Marlow..... 1972..... Indianapolis, Ind
Cermann, Ervin..... 1953..... Austin, Tx.

Quade, Quintin..... 1969..... Cedar Rapids, IA.....11/10/71

Page, Allen..... 1973..... Cedar Rapids
Palmer, William.... 1984..... Milwaukee
Perry, George..... 1974..... Fort Wayne
Peterson, Wendell.. 1966..... Decatin, Ill.
Petzoldt, Shirrel.. 1976..... Portland
Pledger, Philip.... 1984..... Wausau, Wisc.
Pokorny, Daniel.... 1961..... Indianapolis, Ind.....5/30/90
Fossehl, Floyd.....1939..... Oklahoma City.....9/1987
Prok, Myron.....1967..... Indianapolis, Ind.

Radtake, Frederick. 1981..... St. Louis
Reinap, Richard.... 1970..... St. Paul
Reinke, Arthur..... 1897..... Chicago
Reinke, Augustus... 1894..... Chicago.....11/18/1899
Reinke, John 1989..... Omaha, Neb.
Reinking, William.. 1952..... St. Louis.....10/15/1980
Resner, Julius..... 1932..... Great Bend, K.S.
Ring, George..... 1946..... California
Rische, Eugene..... 1951..... Chicago
Rohe, Herbert..... 1945..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rowland, Roberrrt... 1974..... Bloomington, Ill.
Russert, Luther.... 1952..... Montana
Rynearson, Rodney.. 1959..... Spokane, Wash

Salvner, John..... 1901..... Minneapolis.....10/19/1960
Sampson, Marlin.... 1951..... Jackson, Ms. Okla.
Schauland, Helmuth. 1945..... Indianapolis, Ind.
Scheibert, Ernest...1922..... St. Johnsonburg- Detroit.8/19/1977
Scheicher, Curtis...1944..... Sioux Falls
Schlund, Steven....1983..... Delavan
Schnepp, Kenneth....1973..... New York
Schoenrade, Karl....1990..... Kansas City
Schroeder, O.C.....1911..... Detroit, Mich.....5/10/1967
Schubkegel, Carl... 1883..... Nebraska- St. Louis.....3/6/1944
Schuett, Scott.....1980 W. Hartford, Conn.
Schulze, Paul..... 1953..... St. Louis, Mo.
Schumacher, John... 1918..... St. Paul
Schumacher, Steven. 1987..... Philadelphia, Pa.
Seeger, Mark..... 1979..... Rochester, N.Y.
Sherrill, North.... 1979..... Lansing, Mich.
Silver, Frank..... 1975..... Milwaukee, Wi.
Simon, Donald..... 1950..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
Smith, Brian..... 1996..... Los Angeles, Calif.
Stacy, Lawrence.... 1952..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
Stam, Bruce..... 1973..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
Streit, John..... 1939..... Winnipeg,

Tessaro, Paul..... 1992..... Memphis, Tenn.
 Thaler, Earl..... 1959..... Worcester, Mass.
 Thies, Delbert..... 1951..... Memphis, Tenn.....5/4/93
 Truog, Brian..... .1982..... Aurora, ILL

 Uhlig, N.P..... 1909..... Iowa - Chicago.....6/27/1963
 Uhlig, Walter..... 1938..... Spokane, Wash.

 Van Manen, Marion.. 1970..... Sunnyvale, Calif.
 Varsanyi, Joseph... 1980..... Philadelphia, Pa.
 Vossler, Richard... 1985..... New York

 Wagenknecht, Frank. 1960.....Pittsburgh, Pa.....9/14/1993
 Waite, Wallace..... 1980.....Madison, Wi.
 Walz, Theo..... 1930.....Cincinnati, Ohio
 Wangerin, T. 1896.....Milwaukee, Wi
 Wegner, Wilhelm.... 1971.....Great Falls
 Westermann, Walter. 1931.....Great Bend, K.S.....7/1978
 Winkler, Donald.... 1972.....Columbus, Ohio
 Winkler, George.... 1954.....Spokane, Wash.
 Wurst, Robert..... 1995.....Evansville, Ind.

 Zellmer, Nelmar.... 1942.....Portland, Ore
 Ziprick, Harold.... 1969.....Calgary, Ca
 Zieler, Eric..... 1991..... Newark, N.J.
 Zuhn, Donald..... 1966.....Denver, Colo.