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### BRIEF ITEMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS THE LUTHERAN CHURCH— MISSOURI SYNOD

#### 21 INDIANS PARTICIPATE IN ELIOT BIBLE OBSERVANCE

*New York.*—Twenty-one Indians, representing United States, Canadian, and Mexican tribes, participated in the 300th anniversary observance of the John Eliot Bible at Immanuel Lutheran Church here.

The John Eliot Bible, written in the language of the Massachusetts Indians, was the first Bible produced in the Western Hemisphere.

The Indians, many of whom were born on reservations, now work at a variety of occupations in the metropolitan New York area.

"Mr. Eliot was but one of a number of dedicated missionaries who, out of love for the Bible and for the people to whom they ministered, labored to bring the Word of God into the languages of man," commented the Rev. Robert E. Wiltenburg, pastor of the congregation, who conducted the service.

Two representatives of the American Bible Society also participated in the program.

#### MISSOURI SYNOD STEWARDSHIP LEADERS MEET IN ST. LOUIS

*St. Louis.*—Newly appointed stewardship leaders from several Districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod participated in an indoctrination session here under the leadership of the stewardship department executives of the 2,600,000-member church body.

Topics discussed included lay enlistment, training counselors, promoting the "Faith

Forward" program, conducting every-member visitations, and publicity.

In explaining the proper attitude of a Christian steward, the Rev. Dr. John E. Herrmann, stewardship counselor of the Synod, said, "When I claim in faith Jesus Christ who loved me and gave Himself for me, He claims me, all of my life, my time, my aptitudes, personality, possessions. Out of love to Him who bought me with His life, I lay all that I am and have at His feet for His use in the greater coming of His kingdom of grace and love among men."

#### CHURCH MARKS 100TH YEAR IN SAME BUILDING

*New York.*—In special services on Dec. 8, 1963, Trinity Lutheran Church, Manhattan, marked the 100th anniversary of worshipping in the same church building. Originally built by the Methodists in 1847, the church building has been occupied by the Trinity congregation since December 1863.

Located in a densely populated and cosmopolitan section of the Lower East Side, Trinity serves people of all backgrounds. In addition to its pastor, the Rev. Arthur Simon, the congregation's staff includes four parish workers from the Christian service corps of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind. The congregation itself is 120 years old.

The facade of the church is now being rebuilt with a gift from the Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

#### FULL-TIME LANGUAGE STUDY INAUGURATED IN NEW GUINEA

*Wabag, New Guinea.*—For the first time new staff members arriving on the New Guinea Lutheran mission field are being given the opportunity to devote full time to



language study before assuming their duties. Formerly, the language study was combined with the work to which a missionary was assigned.

New staff members who arrived from America in September are attending a three months' training course in the Enga language at Irelya near here. Those taking the course are: the Rev. and Mrs. David Houser, teacher and Mrs. Ron Rivers, teacher and Mrs. Lorenz Hartwig, teacher and Mrs. Elwyn Ewald, teacher Gary Wolff, teacher and Mrs. Terry Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Finney (carpenter), and teacher and Mrs. Richard Adler, who have been in New Guinea for a year.

The course is being taught by the Rev. Otto C. Hintze, one of the first missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to begin work in the Wabag Valley among the Enga people in 1948. "The importance of this work should not be underestimated. Their language is the way to the Enga heart, upon which we want to bring to bear Christ's life-giving Gospel," commented Missionary Hintze.

#### DR. HUGO KLEINER, BHE CHAIRMAN, DIES AT 66

*Buffalo, N. Y.*—The Rev. Dr. Hugo G. Kleiner, 66, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda near here for 45 years and chairman of the Board for Higher Education of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1956, died in De Graff Memorial Hospital here on Dec. 15 following an illness of several weeks. He had planned to retire in a month.

A 1918 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Dr. Kleiner had previously attended Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind. Before assuming the pastorate of Redeemer Lutheran Church, he served Trinity Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., for one year.

He was president of the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from 1951 to 1963.

#### FIRE DESTROYS FOUNDERS HALL AT CONCORDIA, MO.

*Concordia, Mo.*—Founders Hall at Saint Paul's College here was a complete loss following a fire of undetermined origin during the early evening of Dec. 18. Firemen from several surrounding communities fought the blaze in near-zero weather throughout the night.

No one was injured, but seven students housed in a dormitory section of the building lost all their clothing and personal effects.

The fire virtually wiped out the music department, destroying two pipe organs, 25 pianos, and the music library which had been gathered through the years. Band instruments were saved because they were still in the gymnasium, where they had been used earlier in a rehearsal for a Christmas concert.

The original three-story building was constructed in 1884. An addition was finished in 1890. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

The Rev. Lambert J. Mehl, president of the school which provides pre-teacher and pre-ministerial training for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, estimated the replacement cost of the building at \$200,000.

"We are thankful to a gracious God for the fact that no one was injured in the disaster," commented President Mehl.

#### CENTENNIAL OPENS JAN. 6 FOR CONCORDIA TEACHERS COLLEGE

*River Forest, Ill.*—Concordia Teachers College officially began a year of centennial observances with an Epiphany Festival service on Jan. 6, the Rev. Dr. Martin L. Koehneke, president of the school which trains teachers for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's elementary school system, has announced.

Speaker for the service was the Rev. Dr. Oliver R. Harms, St. Louis, President of the Missouri Synod.



The four-year college is one of 15 professional schools which the Missouri Synod maintains for the training of its pastors and teachers.

"Concordia Teachers College expects to use the centennial observance to express its thanks to the parent church body and to its friends and supporters," commented President Koehneke. "It also provides us with the opportunity to intensify our commitment to the task of Christian education."

Lectures, public convocations, special services, and programs involving famous personalities as well as CTC groups and individuals will highlight the year-long observance.

Included among speakers at special programs are John Ciardi of *Saturday Review* magazine; Dr. Arthur Jersild, famed child psychologist from Columbia University; Dr. Francis O. Schmitt, eminent scientist and professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Albert G. Huegli, vice-president for academic affairs at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.; Dr. James Hastings Nichols, historian and professor at Princeton University; Dr. Howard Hanson, director of the Eastman School of Music; and Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, president emeritus of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.

Exhibits of well-known artists and an Orchestra Hall rendition of the Bach *Saint Matthew Passion* by the Concordia Teachers College Chorus with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and famed soloists are also on the calendar.

The centennial commencement on May 29 will feature Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, president of Valparaiso University, as speaker. The opening service of the 101st academic year on Sept. 13 features President Koehneke.

The first unit of a new fine arts center and a gymnasium addition will be dedicated, and ground breaking for the Memorial Chapel of Our Lord will be held on Centennial Sun-

day, Oct. 11. The \$875,000 chapel is a gift of the Missouri Synod's Northern Illinois District. The preacher will be Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, Lutheran Hour speaker.

#### DR. SCHULLER TO DIRECT URBAN SEMINARS

*St. Louis.* — The Rev. Dr. David S. Schuller, associate professor of practical theology at Concordia Seminary here, has accepted the position of director of urban seminars, a two-year program of seminars for clergymen on urban problems, made possible through a \$54,000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

The Department of the Urban Church, a unit of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches, will be administrator of the funds.

Dr. Schuller will be the director of this program beginning Jan. 1. He will resume his duties, full-time, in the seminary's practical department at the beginning of the 1965—66 winter quarter.

During this two-year period, he will teach some courses at the seminary approximately every other quarter, and in the summer of 1964 a graduate course during the two-week term. The board of control of the seminary will extend a call for an assistant professor of practical theology to fill the temporary vacancy left by Dr. Schuller.

The Rev. Dr. William H. Hillmer, chairman of the Division of Missions of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, commented, "Dr. Schuller's leadership will be significant in view of the fact that this experience would enable him to see what churches of all denominations are doing in urban centers; what the major needs are to which churches ought to address themselves as far as total urban work is concerned; and it should certainly enable him to indicate very specifically what the role of the Missouri Synod ought to be in the churching of urban America."



The Board of Parish Education has compiled and released the following statistics:

TABLE I: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STATISTICS  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
1963—1964

<i>North America Only</i>			
Schools, Enrollment, Teachers		1962	1963
			Net Gain or Loss
Number of Schools	1,372	1,378	+ 6
Enrollment	154,955	158,049	+3,094
Number of Teachers	5,751	5,919	+ 168
<b>Types of Men Teachers:</b>			
Graduate, Synod's Colleges or Colloquized		2,180	
Other College Graduates		49	
Undergraduates, Synod's Colleges		124	
Other College Undergraduates		20	
Pastors Teaching		6	
Part-time Teachers		21	
Total Men Teachers	2,336	2,400	+ 64
<b>Types of Women Teachers:</b>			
Graduate, Synod's Teachers Colleges or Colloquized		920	
Other College Graduates		497	
Undergraduates, Synod's Colleges		850	
Other College Undergraduates		1,153	
Part-time Teachers		99	
Total Women Teachers	3,415	3,519	+ 104
Total Men and Women Teachers	5,751	5,919	+ 168

<i>South America Only</i>			
Schools, Enrollment, Teachers		1962	1963
			Net Gain or Loss
Number of Schools	115	115	
Enrollment	6,119	6,059	— 60
Number of Teachers	184	174	— 10
Brazil District, 112, Argentina District, 3; total, 115 schools. Losses in enrollment and teachers occurred in the Brazil District.			

*Totals for the Synod, 1963*

Schools, Enrollment, Teachers	North America	South America	Total	Net Gain or Loss
Number of Schools	1,378	115	1,493	+ 6
Enrollment	158,049	6,059	164,108	+3,034
Men Teachers	2,400	105	2,505	+ 53
Women Teachers	3,519	69	3,588	+ 105
Total Teachers	5,919	174	6,093	+ 158

NOTE: The statistics are 100% complete.

TABLE II: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STATISTICS BY DISTRICTS  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
1963—1964

*North America Only*

Districts	Schools	G/L	Enrollment	G/L	Teachers					
					Men	G/L	Women	G/L	Total	G/L
Atlantic	47	+ 2	6,934	+ 412	97	+ 9	177	+ 8	274	+ 17
Calif.-Nev.	41	— 1	3,770	+ 28	59	+ 4	93	— 4	152	—
Calif.—South	61	+ 1	8,103	+ 377	123	+ 9	175	+ 4	298	+ 13
Colorado	25	—	2,832	— 2	42	+ 2	70	— 2	112	—
Eastern	27	— 1	2,189	— 212	37	— 3	61	+ 1	98	— 2



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English	31	—	4,271	+ 195	61	—	104	+ 8	165	+ 8
Fla.-Ga.	37	+ 3	3,115	+ 275	15	+ 1	117	+ 12	132	+ 13
Ill. — Central	35	+ 1	4,113	+ 139	61	+ 4	96	+ 8	157	+ 12
Ill. — North	113	+ 2	18,292	+ 602	308	+ 18	350	+ 5	658	+ 23
Ill. — South	30	—	3,040	— 30	49	+ 4	59	—	108	+ 4
Indiana	71	— 1	10,861	168	191	+ 4	186	+ 1	377	+ 5
Iowa East	19	— 1	1,419	— 71	22	— 2	38	+ 2	60	—
Iowa West	21	—	1,586	+ 42	19	—	48	—	67	—
Kansas	30	— 1	2,625	— 89	50	— 3	56	+ 1	106	— 2
Michigan	115	+ 1	17,934	+ 660	290	+ 5	308	+ 10	598	+ 15
Minn. North	10	—	661	— 31	11	+ 2	19	— 1	30	+ 1
Minn. South	71	—	6,534	— 51	95	+ 3	160	— 1	255	+ 2
Montana	5	—	460	+ 26	5	— 1	14	+ 1	19	—
Nebr. — North	30	— 2	2,330	— 67	37	—	52	+ 3	89	— 3
Nebr. — South	46	—	3,163	+ 123	62	+ 2	65	+ 3	127	+ 5
North Dakota	7	—	522	— 81	7	— 1	15	—	22	+ 1
Northwest	29	— 2	2,410	+ 43	36	+ 3	57	— 4	93	— 1
Ohio	37	—	4,211	+ 63	73	+ 2	86	+ 3	159	+ 5
Oklahoma	12	—	785	— 2	7	— 1	21	—	28	— 1
South Dakota	6	—	299	— 16	2	— 4	12	+ 3	14	— 1
Southeastern	55	+ 5	4,798	+ 276	48	+ 4	145	+ 14	193	+ 18
Southern	62	+ 2	4,247	— 116	31	— 3	123	+ 10	154	+ 7
Texas	93	— 1	8,169	+ 126	131	—	203	+ 2	334	+ 2
Western	111	—	13,286	+ 73	208	+ 2	295	+ 3	503	+ 5
Wis. — North	27	— 2	3,804	— 61	52	—	79	— 1	131	— 1
Wis. — South	64	—	10,797	+ 217	165	+ 4	223	+ 20	388	+ 24
Total — U. S.	1,368	+ 5	157,560	+ 3,016	2,394	+ 64	3,507	+ 103	5,901	+ 167
Alberta-Br. Col.	5	—	265	+ 30	5	—	5	—	10	—
Man.-Sask.	4	+ 1	123	+ 46	—	—	4	+ 1	4	+ 1
Ontario	1	—	101	+ 2	1	—	3	—	4	—
Total — Canada	10	+ 1	489	+ 78	6	—	12	+ 1	18	+ 1
Grand Total	1,378	+ 6	158,049	+ 3,094	2,400	+ 64	3,519	+ 104	5,919	+ 168

NOTE: The Eastern District lost and the Southeastern District gained in part through the transfer of a congregation with a school from one District to the other. A school congregation also transferred from the English to the Michigan District, affecting the figures.

TABLE III: CHURCH-RELATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (K through grade 8)  
1963—1964

## Lutheran and Protestant Schools

Lutheran Synods	Year	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod	1963	1,378	5,919	158,049
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	1963	224	853	24,068
American Lutheran Church	1963	57*	241	6,314
Lutheran Church in America	1963	14	70	1,814
Evangelical Lutheran Synod (Norwegian)	1962	12	14	278
Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches	1963	2	7	188
National Evangelical Lutheran Church	1963	3	9	228
Church of the Lutheran Confession	1963	8	17	388
Totals, All Lutheran Bodies		1,698	7,130	191,327
Protestant Denominations	Year	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society	1963	28	160	4,194
Mennonite Christian Day Schools	1963	208	ca. 1,300	9,749
National Assn. of Christian Schools	1963	176	1,291	18,710
National Union of Christian Schools	1963	228	1,692	45,507
Protestant Episcopal Church	1963	204	ca. 2,000	19,357†
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	1963 est.	1,035	2,556	47,168
Texas Baptist Day School Association	1962	24	173	3,507
General Council of the Assemblies of God	1963	?	?	?
Totals, Protestant Denominations		1,903†	9,172†	148,192†



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*Other Church-Related Schools*

Religious Group	Year	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
Roman Catholic	1963 est.	10,000+	—	4,515,000
Hebrew	1963	210	—	ca. 44,000
Religious Society of Friends	1963 est.	—	—	ca. 20,000 all levels

\* 69 additional congregations of the American Lutheran Church maintain separate kindergartens.

† 227 additional separate kindergartens and nursery schools enroll 6,566.

‡ Some additional Protestant denominational or private inter-denominational schools are not included in the figures because they are not affiliated with any group that compiles the statistics for them. The Religious Society of Friends does not separate number of schools or enrollments on elementary and secondary levels.

*Public School Statistics, 1963—1964 Estimate: 901,819 teachers; 26,374,830 enrollment.*

TABLE IV: CHURCH-RELATED SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Grades 9—12)  
1963—1964

*Lutheran and Protestant Church-Related Secondary Schools*

Lutheran Community High Schools	Year	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	1963	21*	535	10,759
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	1963	8*	121	2,471
Church of the Lutheran Confession	1963	1	2	26
Totals, Lutheran High Schools		29*	658	13,256

\* One school is maintained jointly by the Missouri and Wisconsin Synods for a net total of 28 schools. The school is credited to each group except in the net total of 29 schools. Each group is credited with its share of the enrollment.

High Schools, Protestant Denominations	Year	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
National Union of Christian Schools	1963	28	410	9,685
National Assn. of Christian Schools	1963	17	152	2,240
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	1963 est.	253	613	7,432
Mennonite	1963	10	ca. 150	1,780
Protestant Episcopal Church	1963	24	ca. 600	6,160
Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society	1963	1	10	162
Totals, Protestant Denominations		333	1,935	27,459

Lutheran Boarding High Schools Connected with Colleges that Train for Church Vocations	Year	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	1963	11	—	1,539
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	1963	5	52	988
Church of the Lutheran Confession	1963	1	5	57
Totals, Lutheran Boarding High Schools		17	—	2,584

Protestant Boarding Academies	Year	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
American Lutheran Church	1963	3	31	501
Protestant Episcopal Church	1963	80	ca. 2,000	20,840
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	1963 est.	48	736	10,143
Southern Baptist Convention	1962	12	237	3,479
National Assn. of Christian Schools	1963	15	134	1,403
Mennonite	1963	2	ca. 30	320
Totals, Protestant Academies		160	3,168	36,686

*Other Church-Related Secondary Schools*

Group Maintaining Schools	Year	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment
Roman Catholic	1963	ca. 2,500	—	1,050,000
Hebrew	1963	75	—	ca. 10,000

*Public School Statistics, 1963—1964 Estimate: 607,462 teachers; 13,633,082 enrollment.*



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- Evangelical Lutheran Synod (Norwegian). Prof. Sigurd K. Lee, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn.
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- National Evangelical Lutheran Church (Finnish). Rev. R. W. Heikkinen, Secretary and Statistician, Ironwood, Mich.
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- National Fellowship of Brethren Schools. Rev. C. R. Taber, Executive Secretary, 909 S. Buffalo St., Warsaw, Ind.
- General Council of the Assemblies of God. Mr. Hardy W. Steinberg, Department of Education, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802
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