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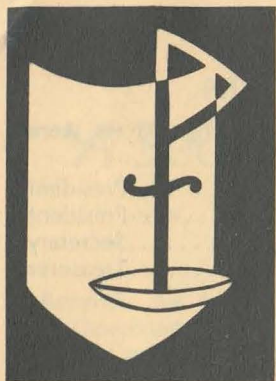
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DEACONESS JEAN HOOVER

THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS ASSOCIATION

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1968 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

At the January meeting of the Deaconess Board the following officers were elected for the year 1968:

The Rev. Edgar H. Albers, Oak Park, IllinoisPresident
The Rev. Hartwig Schwehn, Fort Wayne, IndianaVice-President
The Rev. Peter Zadeik, Fort Wayne, IndianaSecretary
Mr. Paul G. Liebmann, Fort Wayne, IndianaTreasurer

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Paul C. Nieter, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Mr. Harold Hollman, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Deaconess Jan Orluske, Fort Wayne, Indiana

The following sub-committee appointments were made by the president of the Board:

Committee on Deaconess Education

The Rev. Peter Zadeik, Chairman
Dr. Edward Schroeder
Dr. Edward Mahnke
Deaconess Evelyn Middelstadt
The Rev. Herbert Steinbauer
The Rev. Arne P. Kristo, Advisory

Committee on Finances

The Rev. Hartwig Schwehn, Chairman
Mr. Paul G. Liebmann
Mr. Harold Hollman
Mr. Paul C. Nieter

Committee on Nominations

Mr. Edwin Haack, Chairman
Dr. Robert Schnabel
The Rev. Arthur Ziegler

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President of Lutheran Deaconess Board
President of Valparaiso University
Chairman of the Board for Higher Education
Executive Director of Lutheran Deaconess Assn.
Vice President of Academic Affairs—Valparaiso University
Executive Secretary of Board for Higher Education

DEACONESS INTERNSHIP YEAR

Application may be made at any time for a deaconess intern. However, the time is rapidly approaching when intern assignments for the year beginning in the summer of 1968 will be made.

..Now Is The Time To Send For Information And An Application Form

**Write to: Director of Education
Deaconess Hall
East Union Street
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383**

Deaconess interns are serving in a variety of ways in congregations and institutions.

Consider your staffing needs now . . . and contact us!

"A Second Degree Deaconess"

By Rev. Arne P. Kristo

Recently we had a conversation with Deaconess Jean Hoover, who is spending two years getting her Master's Degree in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

The tone of that interview was such that we would like to share it with you.

After a rich ministry of one decade at St. John's Congregation in Toronto, Miss Hoover decided that she would like to get back into the classroom as a student for a year or two to re-view and re-align her understandings and insights.

In a conversation with her, it soon becomes apparent that she is filled with new ideas and is eager to try them out in the church's ministry.

She spoke with feeling about a "broadening" of viewpoint that has taken place in her. As a result of contact with non-Lutherans, she speaks of a greater understanding of her own views in addition to a greater appreciation of the views of others.

She has a new appreciation for the role of women in the ministry of the church, and there is a new confidence and optimism for the future apparent in her talk.

Above all, Deaconess Jean speaks enthusiastically about experimentation with programs of parish education. She's anxious to get into a situ-

ation of ministry in which she can experiment with new methods of teacher training and of parish education. She would like very much to work with congregations on a District or regional level. She thinks she may be talking about a position that doesn't exist at the present time in our church. She doesn't want to have the executive responsibilities involved in a position like a District Secretary for Parish Education. She sees a need, however, for groups of congregations in an area to have a staff person who could work with all of the congregations in the development and execution of programs of parish education outside the parochial school program.

It was refreshing to experience this conversation. It reminded one of Paul's statement that people are His gifts to the church. Here, then, we have a deaconess who has equipped herself for additional and more specialized ministry. Is the church ready to use this ministry to its fullest extent?

When we asked her if she had a word to say to girls who might be considering application into the deaconess program, she gave a "low key" response. She said that it may come as a surprise to many, but she doesn't really feel that she can personally put a great deal of pressure on any student to become a deaconess. This is because she feels it is a

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DEACONESS ASSOCIATION RECEIVES GRANT

Our Association was included in the recent grants totalling \$40,500 made to 81 North American Lutheran institutions of higher learning by Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal insurance society. In making these grants the president of the society, A. Herbert Nelson said, "Lutheran Brotherhood is vitally interested in all Lutheran institutions of higher learning, which can be seen symbolically in these grants."

The grants were all equal and are to assist the individual institutions to strengthen their teaching by using the grants "for improvement of instruction."

The Lutheran Brotherhood grants were made to 18 seminaries, 35 senior colleges, 20 junior colleges, five Bible schools and three Deaconess schools. We of the Lutheran Deaconess Association deeply appreciate this fine interest on the part of Lutheran Brotherhood so tangibly expressed.

In commenting on the grants, Dr. A. O. Davidson of Staten Island,

N.Y., a member of the Lutheran Brotherhood Board of Directors, and president of Wagner College, observed that educational institutions are "called on to teach more things, to more people, more effectively with no additional time in which to do it." As true as this is, it is also true that our Deaconesses are called upon for more skills, more abilities, in parishes, institutions, home and foreign missions, and educational institutions, "to teach more things, to more people, more effectively." Consequently, we are committed to the task of giving our students the best possible education and experience to equip them for the ministries they are called upon to perform.

Our students receive a top level college education and graduate with a major in theology. With skyrocketing costs of education and scholarship needs we appreciate doubly not only this gift but all the gifts made to the Association to carry forward this important ministry.



Earl Thomas, General Agent for Lutheran Brotherhood presents a check for \$500.00 to Pastor Hartwig Schwehn as John McCombs, District Representative looks on.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

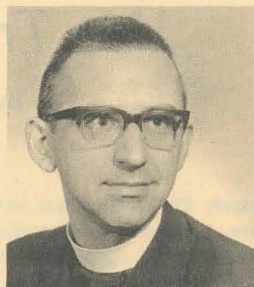
Dr. Edward Schroeder, currently Associate Professor of Theology and Chairman of the Department of Theology of Valparaiso University, is one of the new members of the Plenary Board of the Lutheran Deaconess Association.

Dr. Schroeder is a 1954 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, continuing his studies at Hamburg and Erlangen Universities in Germany. In 1963 our new board member received a Doctor of Theology Degree from Erlangen.

Dr. Schroeder is a past General Secretary of the Lutheran Society for Worship Music and the Arts as well as being presently a member of its Board of Directors and Chairman of its Commission on Theological Foundations. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Seminary Press and on the staff of the Journal of Ecumenical Studies and Religious and Theological Abstracts.

The other member to be elected to the Plenary Board of the Lutheran Deaconess Association is Chaplain Edward J. Mahnke, a 1943 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. Chaplain Mahnke serves as Chaplain Supervisor of Clinical Education at the University of Minnesota Hospitals.

In addition to this he also serves as Counsellor in Social Ministry Minnesota South District LC-MS, is a member of the Institutional Chaplaincy and Clinical Pastoral Education Committee (LCUSA) and is Chairman of the State Chaplaincy Advisory Committee of the State of Minnesota.



DR. EDWARD SCHROEDER



CHAPLAIN EDWARD J. MAHNKE

We welcome these two men to our board and know with their broad background in the field of education and social welfare they will have much to offer in the building of the deaconess program throughout the United States and in the foreign mission field.

WE CORRECT

In the last issue of The Lutheran Deaconess we featured a story about the work our deaconesses are doing at the Atonement House and failed to tell our readers that the Atonement House is located in Washington, D.C. Thank you for calling this to our attention.

We Trace Our Steps

by Rev. E. H. Albers

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles tracing the history of the Lutheran Deaconess Association.

Few vacations have had such historic significance for Lutheranism in America as the vacation provided for the Reverend W. A. Passavant, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1846. His family and friends, concerned about his well being and feeling that he needed relaxation, decided to send him to Europe on a vacation.

Pastor Passavant first went to London. While there he visited a Jewish orphanage and was so impressed with the work being done that he decided then and there that he wanted to devote his ministry to helping the poor and needy. The answer to just how he would do this was given him on his visit to Kaiserswerth, Germany. Here Pastor Theodore Fliedner had some ten years before established a female diaconate to recruit and train Christian women to serve in ministries of mercy. The training school was called a "Motherhouse." It served as a combination school, home, and church.

The concept of the diaconate was so readily accepted that in a very short time hundreds of Christian women entered the program and soon deaconesses were serving in many parts of the country, living in "motherhouses" associated with the one in Kaiserswerth.

Here in Kaiserswerth Pastor Passavant found the answer to his questions. From that time on his one thought was to establish the diaconate in America. Even before he returned to America he had already resolved to build a hospital and establish a motherhouse for deaconess training and service. He had also persuaded Pastor Fliedner to bring some deaconesses to America to establish a motherhouse in Pittsburgh as soon as he could get his hospital built.

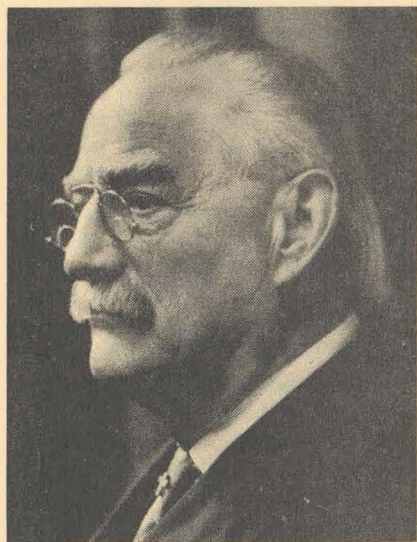
In 1848 he took the first steps towards erecting that hospital in Pittsburgh and in 1849 Pastor Fliedner



REV. F. W. HERZBERGER

came with four deaconesses to aid in the work. The first applicant, Louise Marthens, had already presented herself for training and the following year she was consecrated and became the first American deaconess.

This first training school for deaconesses became the forerunner of many others, not only among the Lutherans, but also among other protestant bodies. All of the Lutheran motherhouses were established in connection with hospitals or other institutions of mercy.



REV. PHILLIP WAMBSGANSS

It was not until 1919 that deaconess education and ministry started officially in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It was in July of that year that the Lutheran Deaconess Association was established in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Two men primarily pioneered the establishment of the Lutheran Deaconess Association. One was the Rev. F. W. Herzberger, St. Louis, Missouri, our synod's first full time institutional missionary. For over ten years he talked about the importance of training women for full time ministries of mercy in the church. He talked about this wherever he could, especially at the meetings of the Associated Lutheran Charities. His vision and convictions found a very sympathetic response from the Rev. Philip Wambsganss, Fort Wayne, Indiana. His mother was one of the four deaconesses Pastor Fliedner had brought to the first motherhouse in Pittsburgh.

These two men persuaded the convention of the Associated Lutheran Charities Convention, meeting in Fort Wayne, July 1919, to sponsor the formation of the Lutheran Deaconess Association. Fort Wayne was chosen as the logical place for the establishment of the headquarters and for the motherhouse, because Fort Wayne had a Lutheran Hospital and because Pastor Wambsganss was chosen to be the leader of this new movement. He became the first president of the Association and served until 1933.

The following tables are from the annual report of Rev. Arne Kristo, and show the deaconess enrollment and deaconess placement over the past several years.

Pre-Deaconess Students, By College, 1967-68

	Freshman	Sophomore	Total
Concordia, Ann Arbor	12	11	23
Concordia, Austin	3	1	4
Concordia, Bronxville	2	4	6
St. Paul's, Concordia	1	4	5
Concordia, Edmonton			0
Concordia, Milwaukee	6	8	14
Concordia, Oakland	2	2	4
Concordia, Portland	4	2	6
Concordia, Saint Paul	7	11	18
Alabama Lutheran, Selma			0
St. John's, Winfield	4	7	11
Valparaiso University	11	9	20
Other		1	1
TOTALS	52	60	112

Deaconess and Pre-Deaconess College-Level Enrollment By Class and Year—(All Schools)

Academic Year	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Intern	Senior	Unclassified	Nursing School	Total
1960-61	29	15	20	5	17	3		89
1961-62	47	20	15	14	11	4		111
1962-63	28	35	14	12	15	2		106
1963-64	65	17	31	14	12	1		140
1964-65	77	43	13	26	10		5	174
1965-66	71	48	20	11	19	1	9	179
1966-67	88	56	29	15	6	1	7	202
1967-68	52	60	31	23	13			179

Placement of Deaconess Interns and Deaconesses

Year	Interns Placed	Deaconesses Placed	Total
1960-61	14	17	31
1961-62	14	10	24
1962-63	12	9	21
1963-64	26	11	37
1964-65	11	8	19
1965-66	15	13	28
1966-67	23	9	32

Our New Look



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personal decision and because the life of a servant of the church may not always be as glamorous or as easy as it sometimes appears. Yet she went on to add that she is personally enthusiastic about being a deaconess, and if her own enthusiasm is a source of encouragement to girls, this is the way she would like to have them "catch the idea."

As we concluded the interview, we remembered that the Lutheran Deaconess Association has recently included among its guidelines for employers of deaconesses the suggestion that there be a planned program of encouraging and supporting continuing education for the deaconess and other workers. We are confident that as time goes on, more and more congregations and institutions will make it possible for their workers to get additional degrees or to receive additional training in other ways.

The New Look At Deaconess Hall

Furniture doesn't last forever, especially when it is in daily use by hundreds of young people. So it became necessary after ten years that the furniture in the lounge at Deaconess Hall just had to be replaced. It was worn out. The picture shows the new look of the lounge at Deaconess Hall at Valparaiso. It is hard to describe what a tremendous morale builder this has been for our students and with what joy and pride they show it off. The new furnishings were made possible from the Ebenezer Thankoffering funds designated for rehabilitation of Deaconess Hall.

No, we didn't throw the old furniture out. It was moved into the basement where a nice area was cleared and a lounge was created for the students, where they can gather for group study or just for lounging, dressed in proper lounging attire. This, too, is something very much appreciated by the girls, something they have wanted for a long time.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ebenezer Thankoffering Allocation Pays Debt

Ebenezer Thankoffering gifts made it possible for us to pay off the final lump sum indebtedness on our Deaconess Hall at Valparaiso, Indiana. The allocation of the necessary funds by the Treasurer's office of synod has eliminated a tremendous burden for the Association. We are truly grateful to all, who, by their Thankofferings, have made this possible.

Early in the 1950's the Deaconess Association had purchased some acres of land next to Valparaiso University property. With a generous grant from the LWML, funds from the Building for Christ Collection, and other gifts, we were able to erect Deaconess Hall and dedicate it in 1958. However, it was necessary at the time to borrow \$175,000, of which the final lump sum of \$70,000 was due in 1967. It is this amount which the Ebenezer Thankoffering gifts enabled us to pay.

Deaconess Conference

"Encounter 68" is the theme selected by the Conference Planning Committee for the annual Deaconess Conference which will be held this year from August 5-9 at the Lutheran Youth Encounter Retreat Center, 20 miles west of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Pastor Edward Mahnke will lead the bible study for the conference and Pastor Roger Underwager will be seminar speaker.

Deaconess Honored

A first for the deaconess program took place on May 27, 1968 when Deaconess Clara Strehlow received the Christus Primus Award from Concordia College, Ann Arbor. Miss Strehlow is the first lady of our church to be so honored and was presented the award in recognition of her faithful and dedicated service to the work of the church as a Deaconess. How blessed we are to have such women serving the Lord!

19 Designs Submitted in Competition for New Deaconess Symbol

Pastor Arne Kristo, Director of Education, reported that 19 people had submitted a design for the Lutheran Deaconess Association symbol by the March 1 deadline.

Those who submitted designs include pastors, laypeople, deaconesses, deaconess students and Senior College students.

The designs will be displayed in Deaconess Hall for the spring semester. They will also be reviewed by the Board of Directors which meets in Valparaiso April 19. They will also be displayed at the Deaconess Conference this summer.

In this way we can get some reactions on how they will stand up under prolonged viewing. Final recommendations on the design to be accepted will be made by the artist, Dr. Richard Caemmerer, Valparaiso University.

The winner will be announced immediately after the September meeting of the Board of Directors.

We deeply appreciate the interest shown in this competition.



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LUTHERAN DEACONESS ASSOCIATION

TO MEET A NEED

The Association was brought into existence because the Church had a need for the ministry of women in welfare and charitable services, in parishes, in institutional, city, home and foreign missions. And for almost 50 years the Association has provided the church with qualified, dedicated servants in all of these areas of work.

SYNOD APPROVED

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has approved the work of the Association and depends upon it to have enough women prepared for placement every year to meet the Synod's needs.

NOT IN SYNOD'S BUDGET

The Synod in 1965 included the Association in the Ebenezer Thankoffering so that it could meet certain capital obligations. However, the Association receives no support from Synod's budget.

STUDENTS

During this academic year 180 students are enrolled in the education program. About 30 juniors will be ready for internship placement, and about 12 will be certified to Synod's Assignment Board for placement.

FUNDS NEEDED

We need \$100,000 in annual contributions to operate the program. In addition, because of rising education costs, Synod has encouraged us to build a strong scholarship endowment fund to meet present and future needs.

YOUR GIFTS

Gifts may be designated for our general fund or for the scholarship fund. An individual contribution of \$10.00 or more entitles the individual to Association voting membership.

The Association also offers "name scholarships" for scholarship gifts of \$50.00 or more. We will be glad to furnish details.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU!

This page is available as a bulletin insert. If you would like a supply for your Sunday bulletin, please let us know how many to send.

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