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Missouri Synod blacks seek increased staff

Missouri Synod congregations should seek to sponsor Haitian refugees and expand their ministry with handicapped parishoners.

Those were just two of literally dozens of recommendations and resolutions passed at the third biennial convocation of black Missouri Synod congregations. Delegates and visitors from more than half of the synod's 200 black congregations participated in the four-day meeting in mid-July in Chicago.

The convocation's actions will be dealt with by the synod's Black Ministries Commission. As the only independent synodical commission, it can take the convocation's resolutions directly to the boards and divisions involved.

From the beginning the Commission has given priority to recruitment of black professional church workers, self-support status for black congregations, and the start-up of new congregations in black neighborhoods.

Thus the convocation called on the Missouri Synod to hire a black project director to work with synod's youth ministry board and a second black person to work with synod's agencies and districts to develop congregations and parish programs.

Addressing "Crisis Issues Facing Black Congregations," the Rev. John Skinner of New Orleans, the Rev. William Fehl of St. Louis, and the Rev. Simon Bodley were among the convocation's speakers. Pastor Bodley also serves as chairman of the Black Ministries Commission.

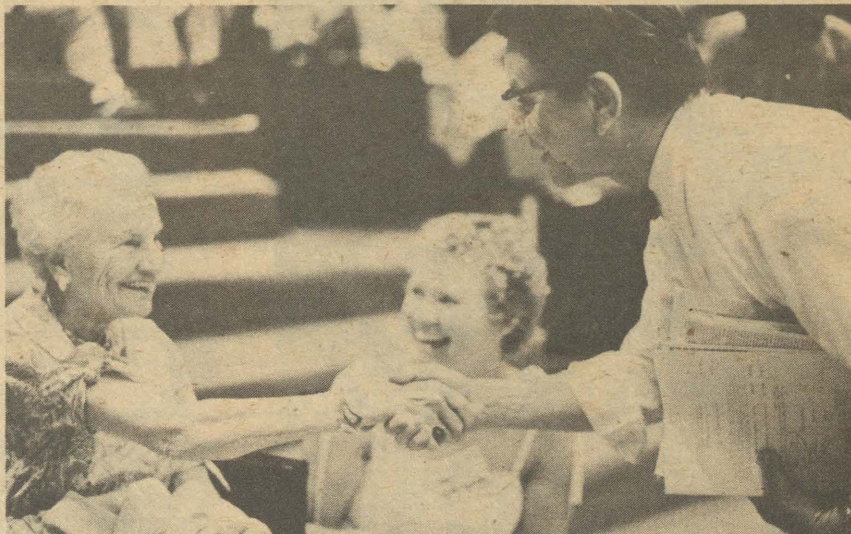
New Christian day school and Sunday school materials should be ready in three years, Dr. Al Senske of synod's parish education department told the convocation. Black pastors and lay persons are involved in writing these new multicultural resources.

Delegates also heard that the synod's earlier commitment to start 10 new black mission congregations each year has yet to be implemented. The convocation reaffirmed this need and welcomed the Commission's intention to begin working directly with districts on this issue.

The goal of 150 black Missouri Synod pastors in the next ten years is also behind its time schedule. Black Ministries Commission Director, Dr. Richard Dickinson did report, though, that about 50 young persons are involved in the training process leading toward the ordained ministry.

"This convocation was the beginning of our efforts," Dr. Dickinson said, "to saturate black congregations with information about the opportunities for black young people in church work."

At the 1980 Human Relations Institute, Congressman Paul Simon greets Ann Engelbrecht of Chicago, one of the founding members of Lutheran Human Relations (photo: E. Charon). See page 2 for more Institute photos.



LHRAA board sets course for 1980-81

With nearly twice as many members voting as in any previous election (more than a fourth of the membership), the Rev. Gloria Weber was re-elected to the board of directors of the Lutheran Human Relations Association of America (LHRAA). Dr. Carlos Benito of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Gerhard Fischer of Brook-

Theological Seminary (Philadelphia) and at Glassboro State College in New Jersey. He serves on the executive committee of the Lutheran Church in America's Hispanic Caucus.

Gerhard Fischer, a pharmacist in Milwaukee, was an LHRAA Coordinator. He continues the Coordinator project's low-income housing efforts through his involvement on the board of directors of the Lutheran Social Action Committee. He also serves on the multi-cultural education task force of the Missouri Synod's South Wisconsin District.

LHRAA's board of directors met Thursday and Friday before the 1980 Human Relations Institute in late July. Building on their work during the past year, board members hammered out a position paper on the association's future direction. The statement reaffirms LHRAA's role as a voice on conscience on social issues and concerns.

LHRAA, according to the board's action, will seek to enable action on social justice matters at the local

level through its *Regional Resources Network*. LHRAA State Councils, the annual Human Relations Institute, and VANGUARD will continue to be the chief vehicles for carrying out LHRAA's mission.

The board also elected its officers for the coming year (LHRAA's fiscal year is July-June). Dorothea Lyons of Cleveland was reelected president; David Perez of San Angelo, Texas, vice-president, and William Billings of Detroit, secretary. LHRAA's new treasurer will be Gerhard Fischer.

The board also adopted a budget of \$113,500.00 and pledged among themselves to provide more than \$5000.00 of the \$60,000.00 needed from individuals in contributions in the next 12 months.

Applications for the position of LHRAA director will be received until September 30, 1980. At the board's October 24-26 meeting, the search committee will recommend a person for the position.

On behalf of the Association, the board joined the Infant Formula Action Coalition's boycott against Nestle for its continued over-promotion of infant formula in Third World countries. The board also put the LHRAA among those participating in the Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

A procedure was set up to insure that concerns and issues raised by LHRAA members are brought before the entire board of directors for consideration and possible action.

The board will next meet October 24-26, 1980, in Milwaukee. LHRAA members and others are welcome to send their comments and suggestions to President Dorothea Lyons, Lutheran Human Relations, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

1980 Institute: story, photos on inside pages

field, Wisconsin, were also elected to fill three-year terms on the nine-member LHRAA board.

Pastor Weber is a family life educator with Lutheran Family and Children's Service in St. Louis and serves on the State of Missouri's Human Rights Commission.

Dr. Benito teaches at Lutheran



At the meeting before the Institute of the board of directors of Lutheran Human Relations, Carver Portlock talks with Carolyn Utech. A board member, Portlock is community relations manager for Smith Kline Corporation in Philadelphia. Carolyn Utech, a social worker with Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, is a consultant to the LHRAA board.

Lutherans Concerned Assembly: 'gay persons not on trial'

Lutherans Concerned should not try to get the church to accept gay people. Rather, "It is the church which is on trial, not gay people," according to Harry Britt, a San Francisco City Council Supervisor and speaker to the late June assembly of Lutherans Concerned.

The four-day assembly involved about 80 gay and non-gay persons and heard from Bishop Stanley Olson of the Pacific Southwest Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, President Walter Stuhr of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, and Kathleen Hurty of the LCA's Executive Council.

The assembly's participants also elected two new co-chairpersons for

Lutherans Concerned: Anita Hill, a member of the church council at Lord of Light Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Leo Treadway, a member of Grace University Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Formed in 1974, Lutherans Concerned describes itself as an "organization of gay and non-gay women and men working for understanding in the Lutheran churches." An estimated 25 percent of their membership is women and at least 12 percent are non-gay.

For more information, contact Lutherans Concerned, P.O. Box 10461, Ft. Dearborn Station, Chicago, IL 60610.

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Lutheran Human Relations (LHRAA) is an independent association of individuals and congregations from all Lutheran church bodies. LHRAA's mission is to enable Christians to carry out an active witness to Christ's life and love, to alleviate and, when possible, overcome racism, sexism, and other forms of injustice.

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The Church and Changing Families

Partners for Justice in the 1980s



Preparing for a clown skit as part of the Institute youth program.



Institute moderator Deaconess Donna King (left) welcomes Dr. Arnita Boswell of the Chicago Economic Development Corporation for the keynote address.



The Rev. John Ammermann (left) of Madison, Wisconsin, shares the "Peace of the Lord" with Dr. Ralph Klein, who was the preacher for Sunday morning's service of Holy Communion.



LHRRA President Dorothea Lyons welcomes the approximately 200 participants to the 1980 Human Relations Institute, the 27th Institute sponsored by Lutheran Human Relations.

Photos by ERIC CHARON



Richard Kalb (left), the Rev. Lydia Rivera Kalb, and the Rev. Michael Cobbler discuss details for Sunday morning worship during the 1980 Institute. Pastor Kalb was presiding minister for the service, and Pastor Cobbler was worship leader for the weekend.



LHRRA Vice President David Perez (left) talks with Leroy and Barbara Norquist. Dr. Norquist is a professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

The Rev. Glenn Blackwelder minds his own business while Jean Peterman talks with LHRRA board member, the Rev. Gloria Weber (right).



1980 Human Relations Institute • July 25-27 • Valparaiso, Indiana

PERSPECTIVE

The board of directors of Lutheran Human Relations met in the days before the 1980 Human Relations Institute the end of July. That meeting led me, as a member of that board, to the brink of resignation. I am now a "born again" board member.

During that meeting—filled with long hours of discussion and the prospects of tough decisions—I experienced several insights that will affect me the rest of my life.

In the course of the board meetings, I realized that before my very eyes—eyes I thought were sensitive to crucial issues in church and society because of my involvement in the Lutheran Church in America and in Lutheran Human Relations—changes have occurred in environment. These changes should have affected my

attitude and outlook toward those social issues.

In fact, Lutheran Human Relations, which had been in the vanguard on those issues in the past, was now trailing the Lutheran church bodies that had committed time and money to "effectively" deal with racism, sexism, and other forms of injustice. I personally was a part of those efforts as a member of the LCA's Consulting Committee on Minority Group Interests.

Now Lutheran Human Relations must determine its most effective role in this new environment. This will be a tough task. The July board meeting made some first steps, but there's still much to be resolved.

In the past, we as LHRRA's board of directors have carried on the association's work without regularly soliciting input from LHRRA members and without informing you of the actions we took as "your" board.

The July board meeting achieved a major breakthrough, in my opinion, in establishing a procedure to insure that the concerns and the suggestions of LHRRA members

are acted upon—and that the board's work is shared with you as has been the case this past year in VANGUARD.

In the coming issues of VANGUARD, other board members will share with you their reflections. We hope this will help you better understand us and that through your reactions, we will better understand you. We need your support, your prayers, and your direct involvement to carry out our common mission.

A. David Perez is serving his second term as vice-president of Lutheran Human Relations. He is an executive with General Telephone in San Angelo and is chairperson of the LCA's Consulting Committee on Minority Group Interests.

A. DAVID PEREZ

'Caring communities' will strengthen diverse families

Families need the "chance to earn a decent living" but they also need the sense of being part of the "family of nations," according to Congressman Paul Simon.

Congressman Simon offered those conclusions in his remarks to the 1980 Human Relations Institute, July 25-27, in Valparaiso, Indiana. Entitled "The Church and Changing Families," this was the 27th annual Human Relations Institute sponsored by the Lutheran Human Relations Association of America (LHRAA).

A member of LHRAA's board of directors in the association's early days, Congressman Simon stated that guaranteeing a job to all Americans would "strengthen our families." "Let's plant 10 million trees this year instead of paying (the unemployed) to do nothing."

Congressman Simon also deplored the increase in defense spending and the decline in foreign language courses in high schools and colleges. "We have to learn to get along with others, to realize that our families are part of the family of nations," he said.

In the Institute's keynote address, Dr. Arnita Boswell, founder of the League of Black Women (Chicago) and a vice-president of Chicago Economic Development Corporation, called for increased citizen involvement in monitoring government programs affecting families.

"The churches are key institutions," Dr. Boswell stated. "They can bring about change in this country. We can have love and politics, religion and humanity."

"I think I saw the walls shake a little bit," said an Institute participant after one of the worship sessions involving Rize, a seven member jazz band directed by the Rev. Michael Cobbler.

Cobbler, pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, was worship leader for the weekend. He told the Institute participants, "The good news is that there's no partiality whether you're a single parent, a single person living alone, a grandparent taking care of a grandchild. God still smiles on you, Jesus calls you to be a member of his family."

In another Institute presentation, the Rev. Jorge Morales, a member of the United Church of Christ's national Hispanic caucus, stated, "Minority families have survived not because of society's sensitivity to our culture and values but because of our strong family ties and strong religious convictions."

Morales then described how the Chicago parish he serves seeks to renew kinship and family ties. They have revived the Puerto Rican tradition of "co-parents" for all those confirmed or baptized at St. Luke's United Church of Christ (Chicago).

During worship on Sunday morning, Dr. Ralph Klein, professor of Old Testament at Christ Seminary-Seminex (St. Louis), said that Christians know that new rules and techniques will not guarantee success. "Some of our families lose. We lose with our spouses, with our parents, with our children. Some of us find society's institutions recalcitrant. But the Gospel reminds us that the one thing needful—the one person needful, Jesus Christ—will not be taken away from us."

Jacqueline Wendt of the American Lutheran Church Women's executive committee summarized the weekend in her "latchnote address." She called for a "Christian vulnerability" to replace the notion in so many congregations that only "good families" are welcome. "We need a sense of be-

longing for everyone and a specific methodology to incorporate those persons," she said.

Almost 40 youth—from toddlers to high school students—took part in a special Institute youth program funded in part by the Walther League and directed by Cindy Kuhlmann.

The most popular of several focused group discussions was on two-career marriages. According to discussion leaders, Carolyn and David Utech, the participants went beyond "ain't it awful" to develop specific strategies for improving time working parents spent with each other and their children.

During the weekend, the approximately 200 Institute participants passed formal recommendations to LHRAA's board of directors and to the larger church:

- to oppose resumption of a military draft and to support young persons considering options to registration
- to speak out against the Ku Klux Klan and their recent efforts to feed upon Americans' fears and anxieties
- to acknowledge with thanksgiving and praise to the Lord the ministry of LHRAA founders Andrew and Margaret Schulze
- to urge the Lutheran church bodies to continue study of sexuality, especially as it relates to singles, gay persons, the handicapped, and the elderly
- to support a legal suit on behalf of Indian foster children
- to urge congregations to serve as "caring communities" for the diversity of families in today's society.

Order Institute presentations....coupon on back page.

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Not just for the disabled

A review by JOYCE PELTZER

Coping with Physical Disability

By Jan Cox-Gedmark
Westminster Press, 1980
Paperback, \$4.95

Congratulations to Jan Cox-Gedmark on her excellent and comprehensive coverage of the process of dealing with a disability.

The book is psychologically, socially, spiritually, and sexually sound. Application of the concepts of the grief process to physical loss helps a disabled person to realize the normality of the feelings experienced. Cox-Gedmark correctly sees that this process continues over a period of time.

Her handling of the theology in the age old question, "Why me, God?" is excellent. Her stress on the cleansing effect of catharsis in expressing all one's feelings, and the permission to feel anger, even toward God, is healing and healthy.

This book can help all of us to realize how much of our identity is falsely related to the "body shell" within which we live and how we fail to seek our true identity as "whole persons" beyond our physical beings.

Her chapter on the sexuality of a disabled person is much needed and too frequently neglected in the adjustment of disabled persons. Her material is accurate and comprehensive.

I wish two areas could have been dealt with more fully. One is the way a newly disabled person is infected by his or her own "handicapism" because of previously held handicappist attitudes toward others. The second area needing

attention is the person who has been disabled since birth or early childhood. Where are the differences in learning to cope over one's lifetime and can one grieve for experiences one has never had?

This book is a must for the newly disabled, their families, their congregations and friends.

Reviewer Joyce Peltzer is a program specialist for the American Lutheran Church's ministry with persons with handicapping conditions in the ALC's Division for Life and Mission in the Congregation.

Full Value: Cases in Christian Business Ethics

By Oliver Williams and John Houck
Harper and Row, 1979
Paperback, \$5.95

Business ethics and corporate social responsibility are "in" subjects these days. And for someone who believes the Christian faith can and ought to inform decision-making in these areas, there is a special interest in this subject.

Rather than just discuss all of this in theory, the authors—Oliver F. Williams, professor of theology at Notre Dame University, and John W. Houck, professor of management at that institution—have provided a guide that enables a Christian to bring faith and practice together.

In his preface to the book, Notre Dame President Theodore M. Hesburgh points out that piety is no substitute for performance: "There is nothing less inspiring than a person who talks Christian values and ethics, but who is a failure in his or her profession or work." Failure in worthwhile,

ethically justified projects is often the result of incompetence.

The first three chapters—A Christian Perspective, Values and the Christian Story, and Images that Guide Life Stories—provide a theoretical, ethical base for the argument that the Christian faith can provide a motivation for ethical action.

The next ten chapters are actual life case studies on how people or institutions dealt with ethical issues. They give the names of people and institutions involved, describe their policies and then have some reflections that enable the reader to think through conflicts that may exist between roles and values, and give some thought as to how he/she would have acted under similar circumstances.

A central point in the book is that often failures are compounded because high officials cannot face the bitter truth that they have made some mistakes in earlier analysis and decision making.

The last chapter, "Writing Your Own Story," brings together the principles of the book to prepare the reader to write an imaginary projection of his or her own story as it might unfold in the next twenty to thirty years, or is now unfolding.

The claim of Christianity is that its images are to be the prevailing and controlling influence on a life story. Life ought not be divided in two, one part governed by a set of images from the business world and the other governed by a set of images from the Scripture. Biblical images provide an integrated vision of a life project that includes career achievement, as well as family life, love, laughter, and prayer.

The Rev. Wilfred Bockelman serves on the communications staff of the American Lutheran Church and is editor of Eye of the Needle, a monthly newsletter for business executives and other decision makers.

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Registration and the Draft

This information was sent to all Lutheran pastors, but you should get your hands on a copy: Lutheran Council's Division of Mission and Ministry has an excellent four-page guide and listing of resources. Contact Richard Rhyne, Lutheran Council, 360 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10010; 212/532-6350.

Growing Old: Something to Live for

This 15-minute color film takes an

optimistic view of growing old—both for those working and for those who retire. Well known older Americans are interviewed. \$20.00 rental from McGraw-Hill Films, 110 15th Street, Del Mar, CA 92014.

EDUCAID Number Five: Educational Resources for the Urban Church

Almost 100 pages listing multi-cultural, multi-lingual printed and audio-visual resources. The organization of the booklet makes it a little difficult to use, but the index ("Titles by Category") will help with practice. A bargain for \$2.50 per copy from LCA-Division for Parish Services, 2900 Queen Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19129; 215/438-5600.

National Indian Lutheran Board Anniversary Booklet

In an attractive, readable format, "Ten Years of Building Partnerships" depicts the history and the specific efforts of Lutheran ministry with American Indians. Helpful for exploring the problems and potentials of Indian self-determination. From National Indian Lutheran Board, 35 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60601; 312/726-3791.



To honor Esther and Karl Lutze. . . .

The Rev. Joseph Ellwanger shares a copy of *Forgive Our Forgettings*, Lord with Mark Lutze, the youngest son of Esther and Karl Lutze. Pastor Ellwanger coordinated an effort of LHRAA members to honor the Lutzes for their 20 years of service with Lutheran Human Relations by reprinting Pastor Lutze's book of meditations and reflections. Just prior to the Institute, Karl was being honored in his first parishes in Oklahoma so Mark represented his parents at the Institute's tribute. See the back page for information on how you can order a copy of this special edition.

IN THE NEWS

Liberation of Ex-Offenders through Employment Opportunities (formerly Lutheran Involved Ex-Offender Employment Opportunities) recently received a grant to find 500 quality jobs for ex-offenders in 1980-81.

The Rev. David Rokke will succeed Dr. George Schultz as executive secretary of the American Lutheran Church's board of trustees -- the group that oversees ALC investments, including those in companies doing business in South Africa. The new assistant secretary will be Vernon Truesdale, currently finance director for the ALC's Division for Service and Mission in America.

The National Farm Worker Ministry and other religious groups continue to support a boycott of Campbell and Libby's products for their failure to negotiate with the Farm Labor Organizing Committee in Ohio.

Dr. Julius Jenkins is the new president of Alabama Lutheran Academy and College in Selma, Alabama. He succeeds the Dr. Willis Wright, who is retiring as president of the Missouri Synod school.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries in Omaha (124 S. 24th Street, Omaha 68102) is searching for a community coordinator for south Omaha's Hispanic neighborhood. The job includes working with local congregations and with the Indian Chicano Health Clinic.

on the tube

All programs are on PBS, Educational TV

"They Had a Dream: Brown v. Board of Education" -- past and present efforts for equal education opportunity, Saturday, September 13, 8:00 pm Eastern Time.

"The Female Line" -- a premiere of the documentary about Mary Parkman Peabody; Marietta Tree, her daughter and former U.N. Ambassador; and the granddaughter, Pulitzer Prize winning author Frances Fitzgerald, Sunday, September 14, 6:00 pm ET.

"The Black Athlete" -- the changing role of blacks in sports with interviews with Muhammad Ali, O.J. Simpson, Arthur Ashe, and Lee Elder, Monday, September 22, 9:00 pm.

"Nuclear Nightmares: Wars that Must Never Happen" -- premiere of a documentary hosted by Peter Ustinov, Wednesday, October 1, 8:00 pm ET.

"From Jumpstreet" -- a 13-part series exploring the heritage of black music, Thursdays, beginning October 2, 8:30 pm.

Students at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago set up this shanty—modeled after housing for workers in South Africa—to protest the church's continuing involvement in companies and banks doing business with South Africa (photo: courtesy of The Lutheran).



NEWS ANALYSIS

LCA convention moves part way on South Africa, economic justice

The 10th biennial convention of the Lutheran Church in America was less significant for what happened during those eight days in Seattle than for what took place months before that event. In many ways those events were beyond control of the LCA's leadership.

Specifically those convention actions were: 1) new policy on South African investments, 2) coverage of severely handicapped church workers and their dependents, and 3) passage of an economic justice statement.

In the first instance, the organizing work of the Lutheran Coalition on Southern Africa dramatically shaped the course of action at the Seattle convention. As a result of the Coalition's work, 18 of the LCA's 33 synods had memorialized the convention to act on apartheid in Southern Africa.

Divestment — almost

The Rev. Vic Schoonover, former LHRAA president and coordinator for Lutheran Metro Ministries in Omaha, presented an amendment most in line with the concerns of those synods and the Coalition. Pastor Schoonover urged that there be immediate divestment of LCA investments from companies doing business in South Africa.

By a narrow 323-307 vote, the convention delegates turned down that amendment. The delegates opted instead for the LCA's Division for Mission in North America proposal, argued persuasively by former staff person Dr. William Lazareth, that divestment be only one option among many as the LCA makes its stand against apartheid in South Africa.

Dr. Kenneth Senft, DMNA director, told VANGUARD that the new LCA policy is "not going easy on apartheid. We do believe divestment from a given bank or company is not as effective as using that investment."

He did indicate the option to divest (which is a new LCA policy; before stockholder actions were the only option) will strengthen the church's efforts in working with companies invested in South Africa.

DMNA will present its criteria as to when divestment is necessary to the LCA Executive Council in late October, according to Senft. "After a number of tries (with a company), there will be divestment," he said.

The Lutheran Coalition was "quite disappointed by the convention's decision to separate the issue of divestment from the Church's confession of faith. All reference to the Lutheran World Federation statement on *status confessionis* was deleted...."

Dr. Senft, Dr. Lazareth, and others counter with the concern raised by the World Council of Churches on the use of *status confessionis*. Can a concept that "has to do with a demonic state (Nazi Germany) that destroys the church's fellowship" be applied to a specific strategy of social action? And Lutheran World Federation leaders argue that the LWF assembly intended the *status confessionis* resolution to apply to the segregation of Christians at worship, not to specific matters of social policy in South

Africa about which there might be legitimate differences of opinion.

Delayed coverage

Another Coalition, this one the Lutheran Coalition on Adoptable Children, spent more than a year raising the issue of the LCA's health and benefit plans exclusion of severely handicapped church workers and their dependents. Just a few months ago, the LCA's court of adjudication ruled the plans either had to exclude everyone or include everyone.

The plans are separately incorporated and governed, so all the convention could do was offer a "sense motion" that everyone should be covered (as is the case in the American Lutheran Church). There is, though, a two-year wait before such coverage will apply to any pre-existing illnesses.

Now the Coalition on Adoptable Children is lobbying LCA President James Crumley and the LCA's Executive Council to set up "some kind of funding program by which the Ministerial Health and Benefit Plans can 'share the burden' of persons who have unusual expenses during the two year (waiting) period."

Rebellion may be needed

A lengthy process of writing, consultation, and rewriting was completed when the convention delegates ratified the LCA's 16th Social Statement, "Economic Justice: Stewardship of Creation in Human Community."

Those of us who saw the original draft of the statement realize the 15-month consultation process really watered down any of the statement's (mild!) criticism of the North American economic system. Fortunately, most of the original statement can be found in a book by Richard Niebanck, published by the LCA's Division for Mission in North America, 231 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.

Delegates did turn back an amendment to strike from the statement "as a last resort, rebellion" when talking about non-violent civil disobedience and direct action needed to correct economic injustice.

In other action, the convention declined to pursue new statements on homosexuality or abortion.

- encouraged Congress to permit charitable deductions for those persons using the standard deduction

- recognized the 10th anniversary of the ordination of women by North American Lutherans—the Rev. Elizabeth Platz, the first ordained Lutheran minister in the U.S., addressed the gathering and the Rev. Lorraine Girslis was the first woman to serve as an LCA convention chaplain.

- supported creation of U.S. Presidential Commission to investigate claims of Japanese Americans and others who suffered because of internment in the U.S. during World War II

- celebrated the 10th anniversary of the National Indiana Lutheran Board and reaffirmed LCA's continued support of that inter-Lutheran agency.

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