

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary took place at Wilfrid Laurier University's Theatre Auditorium on Wednesday, September 29, 1976, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Harold Vogt, president, called the meeting to order and asked Senior Seminarian, Mark Crispell, to conduct the devotions. Mr. Crispell, using his guitar as accompaniment, led the group in singing the hymn "Amen". He chose 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12, Verses 1-14 as his scripture reference, wherein he compared our body to the body of the church. Our bodies are different to each other, physically and mentally, and our experiences, backgrounds, memories and expectations are different too. In the church we are one body, we have the same faith in Christ and through Christ we can learn to love one another. The devotions concluded with the hymn "One in the Spirit."

In her welcoming remarks, Mrs. Harold Vogt reminded the ladies present that this is the 65th year of the Seminary. Compared to retirement age of 65, the Seminary today is very much alive and growing.

Dr. Frank Peters, President of Wilfrid Laurier University, brought greetings from the University. "Nothing is ever known until it is known historically", he said, as he unfolded to the group statistics indicating that the University is overflowing and hurting for space. By next year the Theatre Auditorium will be a concert hall, he explained, a welcome addition to the Music Department. We must look with pride as parents upon children at the development of this university, and try to understand the workings as it grows.

Dr. Delton Glebe, Dean of the Seminary, brought greetings from the Seminary and commended the ladies of the Auxiliary, thanking them for all that they do for the Seminary and for the Seminarians. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

The president, Mrs. Vogt, in her report, thanked the faculty and staff at Wilfrid Laurier University, for their assistance during the past year, and for their courtesy in making the auditorium available to the Auxiliary. She reported also that she and Vice-president Mrs. Heer, now represent the Auxiliary on a "Stained Glass Window" Committee for the Seminary Chapel - the Auxiliary having an ongoing fund for these windows. She also indicated that she and her husband attended the Seminary Graduates' party, at which time she presented 7 gift certificates, in the amount of \$50.00 each. During the year, five of the six districts of Synod presented donations of:  
26 quilts; 10 pr. pillowcases; 6 pr. sheets; 2 thermal blankets; 1 pr. pillow protectors, and a \$25.00 donation for bedding.

Mrs. Norman Stromberg, Secretary, read a resume of the minutes of the 1975 annual meeting.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Schmetzer, presented the Annual Financial Report for the period April 30, 1975 to April 30, 1976.

Balance on hand, April 30, 1975:	\$4,996.40
Receipts	5,419.67
Disbursements	6,041.38
Balance on hand, April 30, 1976:	\$4,374.69

This report was adopted on a motion by Mrs. Schmetzer, seconded by Mrs. Harry Greb.



The Promotion Committee report was given by Mrs. Calvin Bowyer. She indicated that the Promotion Committee aim has been to follow up on the Auxiliary slide presentations of "The Auxiliary, The Seminary and You", and she encouraged further use of the slides wherever possible to promote the Auxiliary. Mrs. D. Grant Moore and Mrs. Bowyer, met with the contact women during the lunch hour to discuss promotion in their respective congregations. During the year four mailings were sent out to the contact women, and to the pastors of this district and vicinity, to be shared with the congregation.

The Golden Book of Honour, Memorial Book and Life Membership Book reports were given by Mrs. William Gillespie, who encouraged everyone present to promote honouring members of congregations and communities in this way. During the past year the following persons were honoured:

Life Memberships:

Mrs. Amos (Beulah) Beard, Florida.

Golden Book of Honour:

Mrs. Mary Stella (Fred) Wertz, Kitchener

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Klinck, Waterloo

Dr. C. S. Roberts, Waterloo

Mrs. Martha Schultz, Waterloo

Memorial Book:

Mrs. John Berg, Gadshill

Mrs. Helene Anttonen, Hamilton

Mrs. Thomas Peel, Hamilton

The Project Committee report was given by Mrs. Arthur Wagner, who moved that the following projects for 1977 be approved:

Bursary - female student	\$150.00
Bursary - male student	150.00
Certificates for Seminary Graduates	500.00
Clinical Training	2,500.00
Stained Glass Windows (Chapel)	500.00
Foyer Furnishings (Seminary)	1,000.00
Rent - Martin Luther Film	50.00
Working Fund	300.00
	<u>\$5,150.00</u>

New Seminarians were introduced by Dr. Delton Glebe. In his introduction Dr. Glebe indicated that an ever increasing number of Canadians are entering the Seminary, and especially in Ontario. This year 21 students are newcomers at the Seminary, a year when the enrollment is the largest ever - 54 full-time and 22 part-time students. The following students were introduced by Dr. Glebe and each spoke of his/her purposes and ambitions.

Mr. George Wawin - member of Faith Lutheran Church, Hamilton  
 - graduate, BA Music Education  
 - goal is parish ministry

Ms. E. Anne Norman - member of Resurrection Lutheran, Halifax, N.S.  
 - graduate Music Education, Dalhousie University  
 - 1 year nurses' training  
 - goal, diaconate ministry originally and now leaning to parish ministry



- Mr. Carl Blenkin - member of Grace Lutheran, Oakville, Ontario  
- has a degree in religion, McMaster University, where he learned a great deal about campus ministry  
- entered Seminary as a challenge, "to show God's love to people, through the Christian Ministry."
- Mr. Horst Aechnert - born in Germany, where he took a 2-year pre-Seminary course.  
- Master of Arts degree, high school teacher, England.  
- Graduate work, University of British Columbia

Dr. Glebe referred to the Auxiliary as taking the place of mother to many of the Seminary students. What higher calling could there be - the family of God at the Seminary needs a mother!

The Special Offering, which amounted to \$280.00, was dedicated to Clinical Training. Dr. Glebe stressed the importance of this training, and the fact that students do not get paid while taking these courses. The tuition is \$250. plus cost of living.

Ushers were: Mrs. Nicholl and Mrs. Johnson from Warton  
Mrs. Finkbeiner and Mrs. Lawrence from Zurich

Invocation was given by Sister Mary K. Rice, introduced by Sister Florence Weicker. Sister Mary K. Rice was born in Elizabethtown, Pa., where she received her BS degree in Elementary Education. Since that time she has had Theological Seminary Training, majoring in counselling and education, as well as clinical pastoral education. She was invested at the Lutheran Deaconess Community in 1975, and will be consecrated October 31/76 at her home in Pennsylvania. She is serving as Social Ministry Director, Parish Worker at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Kitchener.

Luncheon - 12:15 p.m. was held at the University Theatre Auditorium.

After the luncheon, Mrs. Vogt introduced The Rev. Dick Holm, who led the sing-along and accompanied with his guitar. Mrs. G. Schmetzer thanked Pastor Holm for the very enjoyable entertainment.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Mrs. Michael Binder, Chairman, who moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Mrs. Ethel Gastmeier. The election of officers was conducted by Sister Florence Weicker. The following Executive was elected for a two-year term:

President:	Mrs. Harold Vogt
1st Vice-president:	Mrs. Clarence Heer
2nd Vice-president:	Mrs. Ernest Schaefer
Secretary:	Mrs. Norman Stromberg
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs. Lloyd Hamel
Treasurer:	Mrs. Paul Weber
Assistant Treasurer:	Mrs. David MacIntosh

The Installation of Officers Service was conducted by Sister Florence Weicker.

In her acknowledgment, Mrs. Ernest Schaefer expressed appreciation to Mrs. Gertrude Schmetzer, retiring Treasurer, for her long and faithful service to the Auxiliary Executive.

Mrs. Walter Hachborn introduced the guest speaker, The Rev. Arnold Weigel, Director of Continuing Education at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.



The Rev. Weigel, a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary (Bachelor Divinity in 1965, Master of Divinity in 1975) and well qualified to speak on the subject of Clinical Training, has spent 10 years as a parish pastor as well as having completed the three-month Clinical Pastoral Education Course.

In his talk on Supervised Clinical Education (C.P.E.) he stressed the importance of this training for pastors who in the past had only each other for support and guidance. Now, through the C.P.E. 12-week course, students learn to empathize with people and in the process learn about themselves too. C.P.E. is education in relationship to - oneself  
to - authority  
to - others  
to - God.

Students learn to trust, love, be loved, care and be cared for. Empathy is the key to ministry; therefore students have to choose to be open, to want to be sensitive in order to themselves be helped ... like a conversion experience. Rev. Weigel said that in the 70's we are moving to a world of ideas and tend to shy away from personal relationships. The need for trained C.P.E. pastors in this day and age is more important than ever, and therefore the support of the Women's Auxiliary in this area is especially needed and appreciated.

Three Seminarians who have completed the Clinical Training spoke to the group about their personal experiences while taking the course.

Mark Crispell: training took place at K-W Hospital where he learned much about grief and its effect on people. He now feels prepared for hospital and parish experience.

Lyle von Seggern: also trained at K-W Hospital two years ago. He referred to the Auxiliary as having a dividend in the students taking the course.

Guenter Wasserberg: trained at K-W Hospital too. He compared the hospital to a church and the patients of that hospital as the congregation. C.P.E. he compared to arms around us - arms of care, concern, compassion and confidence.

Mrs. D. Grant Moore graciously thanked the speakers for their very informative talks about clinical training.

Mrs. Lloyd Hamel, Assistant Secretary, reported the results of the registration count as follows: Southern District 93; Central District 23; Western District 41; Eastern District 1 - a total of 158 ladies present.

Mrs. Harold Vogt, in her announcements, thanked the program committee, nominating committee, members present and also Mr. Richard Taylor for his help.

Sister Florence Weicker closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Coffee was served at the rear of the Auditorium.

Ruth (Mrs. Norman) Stromberg,  
SECRETARY