

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo on Wednesday, September 26, 1979. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the President Mrs. Clarence Heer, who welcomed all assembled and extended appreciation for the use of the facilities at St. John's, Waterloo.

Opening devotions were conducted by Mrs. Reinie Heydemann, Seminarian, and Intern at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener. In her meditation "Ministry" she stressed that we are all ministers and scripture tells us to "Love your neighbor as yourself". However, we should pay more attention how we spend our time answering to the need of others. Be good to yourself, your body, your spirit; God does not expect us to save the whole world. We should not be consumed by guilt feelings when we must say "no" at times. Devotions concluded with the hymn "We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator".

Greetings on behalf of St. John's Church were brought by Pastor Eric Weber in place of Pastor A. L. Conrad.

Dr. Delton Glebe brought greetings from the Seminary. He stressed that today he feels alive, because the Auxiliary is like the weather outside -- sunny. He outlined a little illustration: the letters P.E.T. stand for parenting effective training, which in other words is likened to the mothering the Auxiliary gives to the seminarians -- always the right touch at the right time.

The President, Mrs. Clarence Heer, in her report thanked the Executive members for their co-operation so that the business of the Auxiliary could be carried out efficiently. There were 4 Executive meetings held. This year we received the following:

33 quilts
11 blankets
2 pr. pillowcases
1 pr. sheets
1 bedspread
\$70.50 cash donations

We thank all who have contributed to this phase of our work. It is deeply appreciated by the students and will be a lasting remembrance of their physical comforts when they have a quilt they can call their own, made possible by your action at last year's annual meeting, that each full time student be given a quilt as a gift from the Auxiliary.

The present school year at the Seminary opened Sunday, September 9, with a chapel service. The Auxiliary provided refreshments to the seminarians and their friends.

Gift Certificates of \$50.00 were presented to each of the 19 Graduates for 1979. Also 2 part time students received a \$10.00 voucher.

Special Pastoral Education fees -- otherwise known as Clinical Training -- is a major item in our budget. Excerpts from "Thank You" letters received were read which conveyed the appreciation of the students for this assistance.

The Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Hamel, read a resume of the minutes of the 1978 Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Weber, presented the annual financial report from May 31, 1978 to May 31, 1979:

balance on hand - - - - -	\$2,731.88
Receipts - - - - -	7,108.72
Expenditures - - - - -	7,542.70

Balance on hand May 31, 1979 - - - - - \$2,297.90

This report was adopted on a motion by Mrs. Jean Weber, seconded by Mrs. Janice MacIntosh.

Promotion Report presented by Mrs. Rose Moore listed the mailings and flyers sent to the contact women during the year. She stressed that their active support means a great deal to the Executive of the Auxiliary, as well as to the Seminarians and the Seminary. Mrs. Moore met with the contact women after the noon luncheon.

Project Committee Report given by Mrs. Arthur Wagner listed proposed projects for 1980 amounting to \$6,100.00. Mrs. Wagner moved the adoption of these projects, seconded by Mrs. Walter Hachborn.

Auxiliary Discretionary Fund - - -	100.00
Gift Certificates for Graduates -	600.00
Clinical Training - - - - -	4,000.00
Stained Glass Window Fund - - - -	500.00
Bursary for needy W.L.U. Student -	200.00
Re-framing of old Willison Hall	
stained glass windows - - - -	500.00
Working Fund - - - - -	200.00
	<u>\$6,100.00</u>

The report of the Golden Book of Honour and the Memorial Book was given by Mrs. Harold Vogt, who is succeeding Mrs. Ruth Gillespie in the preparation and writing of the citations for these historical pages. Mrs. Vogt paid tribute to Mrs. Gillespie by recounting that Ruth had been associated with the Auxiliary since its early beginning. In those days they really did mothering in the full sense of the word, when the Auxiliary members spent a great deal of time gathering vegetables and fruits from the surrounding farms. Cooking and canning for the seminarians was also done by the Auxiliary, as well as the laundering of bedding.

Mrs. Gillespie was presented with an orchid corsage and responded in a fitting manner, saying it has been a happy 50 year association with the Auxiliary.

The entries in the books this year include the following:

Golden Book of Honour:

Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Vogt, Kitchener
Mrs. Marie Miglarini, Kitchener
Mrs. Joseph (Mabel) Bowman, Kitchener

Memorial Book:

Violet Wallace, Morrisburg
Velma Casselman, Morrisburg
Frieda Caroline Zimmerman, Neustadt
Mrs. Wm. (Frieda) Allenson, Neustadt

INTRODUCTION OF SEMINARIANS

Dr. Glebe reported that this year there are 84 full and part-time students compared to 91 last year. We should all make an effort to encourage our young men and women to consider a career in serving the church. In his introduction of the seminarians Dr. Glebe remarked that he has given each a nick name to describe the student. The reason will be apparent when you meet them.

Wiseman Mak: "The wiseman from the East" is from Hong Kong.
--began his talk by quoting scripture "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom".
--is a member of a Chinese Mission Church in Toronto
--has been studying at the Seminary for 2 years to help him prepare to be a Parish Worker in Educational Ministry for the Peoples' Church, also known as Rhenish Lutheran started by missionaries many years ago in China.

Gary Patterson: "The Ecumenical Factor" from the United Church.
--went to the University at Guelph and later worked in the business world in Neustadt
--is a candidate for the United Church and a born again Christian studying at Waterloo, also an expectant father
--fully believes that God created us for communion with Himself, to do His work through us.

Olga Specht: "Friend of the Nations" a second career person.
--has worked with native people from Lake Winnipeg to the shores of James Bay
--has also done counseling at the girls' school in Galt
--spent some time in archaeological digging in the Middle East
--is enjoying her classes in the Seminary in supervised pastoral education.

Jake Frederick: "Jake and the Kids" a second career person.
--married, from Manitoba
--research technician in atomic energy
--has worked with projects in the High Arctic and other locations
--has always wanted to work with the church
--moved to Waterloo and entered Seminary where his experiences have been very positive.

Bruce Schenk: "A Waterloo County Product" - fourth year student.
--after working as a Youth Staffer in Pennsylvania he made the decision to enter the Seminary to become a full time pastor
--first two years were a very important learning experience and clinical training did much to help him learn about the sick and dying
--his internship at St. Peter's, Kitchener, has been a most rewarding training period
--is looking forward to getting into the parish ministry while growing in his faith toward a better understanding of himself in expressing his fears and hopes to the people
--thankful to the Auxiliary for their help to the student body in assisting at meetings and Seminary functions.

SPECIAL OFFERING

Dr. Glebe explained that the special offering today will be used in the cost of replacing banners used in the Seminary Chapel. The present banners have become worn, tattered and faded. Also the wooden stands used to hold the banners need to be repaired or rebuilt.

The President Mrs. Heer conveyed a special vote of thanks to Mr. Gordon Kipfer for looking after the sound system, and to Mrs. Joyce Knarr, Organist for our hymns today.

Pastor A. L. Conrad offered grace before our noon luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Dr. Glebe introduced second year Seminary student Rebecca Lau Mak from Hong Kong. Rebecca told us she had spent 3 months in Clinical Training at Sunnybrook Medical Centre in Toronto, where she was on duty many hours at a time in the wards for heart disease and coronary care patients. She summarized her experience by telling us she had learned how to do the following:

1. Put into practice communicating with patients to help them re-establish their relationship with God.

2. Was proud to work with other professionals such as doctors and nurses while she took care of the patients' spiritual needs as a chaplain, to help them have a better relationship with God. Also learned how to work with the relatives of the dying patient.
3. She asks the question "What is my life for?" While accepting her weaknesses and her strengths, she is more sensitive to deal with stress in her own life. Also praying for wisdom from God to give her more strength, courage and guidance to make a good witness for Christ.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION:

We were indeed fortunate to have Mr. Alan MacLeod, a soloist with the K-W. Philharmonic Choir, present a program of songs, among them such favorites as -- Ava Maria, The Desert Song, Autumn Leaves and Stout Hearted Men. His accompanist was Mrs. Rosalyn Peper.

The soloist was introduced by Mrs. Jean Weber and thanked for the enjoyable interlude by Mrs. Rose Moore.

GUEST SPEAKER:

The guest speaker, The Rev. William Huras, President of the Eastern Canada Synod, was introduced by Mrs. Ernest Schaefer.

Pastor Huras began by stating that we do need new pastors in the ordained ministries; there is no surplus of ministers. Here are some serious looks at the whole concept of ministry. I hope that we have gotten over the crippling belief that ministry means ordination -- ministry does not equal ordination, but ordination does mean ministry. You don't have to be ordained to be a minister -- ministry is you.

Sight: To be a minister you have to know the first commandment. Scripture says "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

Signal: The Kingdom of God in worship. We worship because God is there and we have no other.

Support: The Kingdom of God needs our support in how we show things outwardly.

Examples: Woodstock tornado
Boat people
Women's Auxiliary

You have to find out what God has asked you to do and do it well. No one has been born who has not been given a talent or gift to contribute to the world -- find your own voice and use it.

Celebrate: Christians are people with an enthusiasm for the Kingdom of God. We are called upon as citizens of that Kingdom to love ourselves and others as God loves us. Unity in the family, church and synod encourages us to walk as His disciples. We support that ministry every time we worship.

Mrs. Harold Vogt thanked Pastor Huras for his inspirational address and hoped we could all live up to these high aspirations.

Mrs. Heer paid tribute to the late Pastor Herb. Gastmeier, our guest speaker last year, and extended our sympathy to the immediate and church family.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mrs. Paul Weber who was the co-ordinator of today's Annual Meeting. Thank you for a big job well done.

The ushers for the day were Mrs. Gertrude Schmetzer and Mrs. Mabel Bruder from Reformation Church, Kitchener, also Mrs. Barbara Overgaard and Mrs. Aileen Hiller from Mt. Zion Church, Waterloo.

Attendance for the day given by Mrs. Eva Hamel showed the following: 172 representatives from 35 congregations. The districts represented were as follows:

Central District	5
Southern District	108
Western District	<u>59</u>
	172
Special Guests	21
Kitchen Helpers	8
Total attendance -	<u>201</u>

The special offering amounting to \$392.25 will be used to replace the banners in the Seminary Chapel.

Closing devotions were conducted by the Rev. Eric Weber, Associate Pastor at St. John's Church, Waterloo.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Eva Hamel,
Ass't. Sec'y.