

Annual Meeting 1975

The theatre auditorium of Wilfrid Laurier University was colourfully decorated with banners and donated quilts when the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary held their annual meeting Wednesday, September 24, 1975.

Devotions were conducted by Dr. J. Ray Houser, past Dean of the Seminary. He said he was pleased to take part in the annual meeting because of his love and the tremendous spirit of loyalty he has for the Seminary and all his past associations. Dr. Houser used as his text Galatians 6: "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." He said that sometimes we wonder if we are producing harvest for the Lord in our Christian work, but we do not always realize what is going to come to pass because of what we do. Several examples were given of persons who had gone outside the Eastern Canada Synod to the mission of the world, namely Barry Lang, Geoffrey Tannasse, Roland Payne and Paul Jagdhar. He felt we should continue in our labours, confident that there will be a harvest.

Members were welcomed by Mrs. Harold Vogt, President. Greetings and a warm welcome were extended by Dr. Frank C. Peters of Wilfrid Laurier University who said we must be very mindful of our roots and the church which gave us this university. Dr. Delton Glebe welcomed members on behalf of the Seminary and thanked them for their continued support in the past year.

Sixteen graduates received \$50.00 gift certificates in 1975, reported Mrs. Vogt. The number of quilts received had risen for a total of 32, with 5 pairs of pillowcases, 4 blankets, 3 pairs of sheets and cash donations of \$65.00 for bedding. She thanked the faculty and staff of Wilfrid Laurier University for their assistance and requested the continued support of the members so that the Auxiliary could continue its work.

The Treasurer reported a total of \$3,887.46 in contributions and a balance on hand April 30, 1975, of \$4,996.40.

The Promotion Committee Chairman, Mrs. Ernest Schaefer, reported that the slide presentation "The Auxiliary, The Seminary and YOU" had met with great success and that 33 requests had been received to view the slides and that 45 congregations had seen the slides. She expressed gratitude to Dr. Glebe and Mrs. Mavis Lewin for their assistance in the preparation of the slide presentation and to Mr. Richard Taylor for assistance in the preparation of the annual meeting, as well as to the University for the continued support in mailing and printing privileges.

Mrs. Vogt advised the membership that with regret the Auxiliary had accepted the resignation of Mrs. Fred Herbst, Listowel, Project Chairman, and commended her on her work on behalf of the Auxiliary over the years. Mrs. Arthur Wagner, Assistant Project Chairman, presented the following projects for 1976 which were approved:

Bursary - Female Student	\$ 150.00
Bursary - Male Student	150.00
Certificates for Seminary Graduates	400.00
Clinical Training	2,500.00
Copy Machine and Supplies	500.00
Stained Glass Window - Seminary Chapel	500.00
Working Fund	<u>300.00</u>
	\$4,500.00

The following names were entered in the Memorial Book:

Mrs. Norman Keffer, New Hamburg
 Mrs. George Jung, Elmira
 Rev. Ferdinand Howald, St. Lawrence Parish,
 Morrisburg & Riverside Heights
 Mrs. Wm. Gastmeier, Kitchener
 Mrs. Charles Holst, St. Jacobs
 Mrs. Hedwig Gruske, Cambridge (Hespeler)

Mrs. William Gillespie called upon Mrs. Sippel, President, Lutheran Church Women, Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford, who on behalf of their organization presented a citation to Mrs. Marie Ireland, a past president of the Auxiliary for her many contributions.

The names entered in the Golden Book of Honour were:

Mrs. O.O. (Marie) Ireland, Stratford
 Mrs. Ada Maki, Sudbury
 Mr. & Mrs. H. Oscar Klinck, Guelph.

Mrs. Gillespie, a past president, introduced the guest speaker for the morning, Mrs. Helen Chapman, immediate past president, who has recently returned from a two-year stint with CUSO at Christ College Training School, in Trinidad. Mrs. Chapman said that her experiences in Trinidad were very rewarding and that it was with mixed feelings that she and her husband returned to Canada. She said that Canada has contributed much to the self-support of Trinidad in that they built and paid for the airport at St. Kits, paid for the addition to the airport at Port of Spain and pay salaries for doctors and teachers among other assistance.

Sister Florence Weicker gave the invocation before 180 persons, representing 37 congregations enjoyed a smorgasborde luncheon. An opportunity was given to members to listen to the new tracker organ in the Seminary Chapel played by Mr. James Weber, an organ student.

During the lunch hour the contract women met with the Promotion Committee to discuss ways of promoting the Auxiliary in the congregation.

Guest soloists Ann Dlugokecki, with accompanist Linda Stromberg, and Scott Smith with accompanist Wendy Smith, provided entertainment after the luncheon and were introduced by Mrs. Norman Stromberg, Assistant Secretary.

Dr. Delton Glebe introduced two new professors at the Seminary, Rev. Arnold Weigel, Director of Continuing Education, and Dr. Oscar Arnal, Church History Professor.

Eight seminarians were introduced by Dr. Glebe and each spoke on their purposes and ambitions when entering Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Randy Hirsch of Edmonton wanted to know more about the bible and has combined this study with his B.A. studies. He hopes to go into the parish ministry with emphasis on community.

Andre Lavergne of MontSeal found it difficult to select his field of concentration and finally decided to become a pastor. He found that reality is in the parish, in the Church and in Christ. He looks forward to being a parish minister.

Jens Kjaer is from Niagara Falls and originally from Denmark. Because of the depression, World War II and compulsory service, Mr. Kjaer had to postpone his dream of becoming a minister. He emigrated to Canada in 1951 and when change in employment was necessary last year, decided that now was the time to fulfil his dream. He hopes through the church to help first year immigrants enter life here.

Fred Radunsky is from Niagara Falls and has transferred from Seminex. He feels he is not running away from something but rather toward something. He looks forward to a specialized ministry, possibly in a church-related social agency.

David Chen is a minister from the ^{Taiwan} ~~Tiawan~~ Lutheran Church. He is married with two children. He felt the need for further training and study in order to have a more effective ministry in the Christian Church.

Alfred Pinneau was originally from East Prussia. Mr. Pinneau trained as a deacon for four years and worked in various institutions. He wants to bring the caring love of the Church to young people and feels he should go on with his studies.

Greg Moore, Hamilton, He has his master of history degree in biblical history. He is very interested in personal and spiritual renewal but still has a conflict in deciding between parish ministry and academic studies.

Cheryl Ashick is from Sudbury. Cheryl has always felt close to God, and feels a strong urge to go into the ordained ministry because this is where she believes God wants her to be. She is interested in chaplaincy ministry.

One seminarian, David Chan^{an}, had approached Dr. Glebe for financial assistance in the amount of \$300.00. With the acceptance of the members, it was decided that the special offering taken would be donated to Mr. Chan^{an} to assist him and his family during their stay in Canada. The offering totalled \$309.30.

Ushers were: Mrs. Mary Guse, Mrs. Verna Hoey, St. Paul's Church, Guelph; Mrs. Lorraine Forbes and Mrs. Ruby Wilken, St. James Church, Elmira.

Mrs. Shirley Taylor, guest speaker for the afternoon, was introduced by Mrs. Ernest Schaefer. Mrs. Taylor, from Renfrew, an energetic church worker, mother of three grown children, poet and speech therapy consultant, has been described as vigorous and outspoken.

She was recently announced to be one of 25 women to receive the International Woman's Year award, given by the Ontario Government, for outstanding contributions to community and country.

She is the daughter of the late Dr. Carl Raymond Cronmiller, a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Having many years of church-related experience to her credit she naturally moved into Church Synod work such as Secretary, Social Ministry Division, Key '73 (Evangelism), Task Force for Long Range Planning, and presently Chairman of Synod Benevolence Program as well as a member of Synod Executive Board. Mrs. Taylor has taken courses in linguistics and psychology in Ottawa, as well as working several days a week as speech therapy consultant for two school boards. She has developed her own program for teaching speech to retarded children and it is widely used in Ontario schools.

In her address to the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Taylor revealed another side to her nature - the sensitive poet. She has written many poems, recently published in book form, several of which were dedicated to her father whom she said encouraged her and gave her confidence in herself.

Mrs. Taylor spoke on the subject 'Church Involvement and The Active Woman'. A question posed to her by Philip Potter of the World Council of Churches asked: 'What does the church mean in the lives of women?' She spoke of the people, the feelings and the growing experiences that brought her to this hour in her life. She said, "The church and I have built a wonderful relationship over the years. Often we serve others best by being willing to share our deepest feelings and concerns. It was an agonizing experience for me to learn to pray aloud with other people." She feels the church is people, concerned, committed, growing, caring and sharing. He is blessing each one of us in order that we might be a blessing. She feels that she has received more value than the time and effort she has given.

The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn by Sidonia Wulf, "I Look Up" and benediction by Sister Florence Weicker.

Audrey Meyer,
Secretary.