

## MINUTES - 1991 ANNUAL MEETING

### 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 25, 1991. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. through 10:00 o'clock. During this time coffee and cookies were served in the Fellowship Hall.

President Mrs. Joyce Dietrich called the meeting to order in the church auditorium, welcoming everyone present. She touched briefly on the history of the Women's Auxiliary, recalling some of the highlights of the nearly 80 years of service.

Senior Seminarian Elizabeth Kugler-Alyea led the opening devotions beginning with the singing of a hymn and scripture reading, emphasizing that we are all partners in the Ministry - in the Way of the Cross.

Pastor Judith Harris brought greetings on behalf of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Dean Principal Dr. Richard Crossman brought greetings from the Seminary, saying that we are all refreshed after the holidays and with the coming of Fall how much we look forward to a fruitful year. There are 167 full and part-time students registered at present. We have a very dedicated Staff in the Seminary and the Auxiliary has provided helpful support through the years.

Mrs. Joyce Dietrich introduced Karen Bjerland, a staff member of Lutheran Life and recently a member of the Executive Committee of the Auxiliary. Karen drew attention to an item in our packet, "Call Police". She explained the concern of Lutheran Life Insurance for the safety of students and others who might have sudden car problems. The sign was developed by the police department to be used by the occupant of a car as a police alert.

### BUSINESS SECTION

#### 1. Report of the President

It is my pleasure to report on the work of the Auxiliary in the past year, but first I thought I would do a little reminiscing.

I have been reading a synopsis of nearly 80 years of history of the Auxiliary as recorded by Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer from the minutes of the Auxiliary.

The Waterloo Lutheran Seminary was established in October 1911 in Waterloo, so as of next month it is 80 years old.

Our organization followed close behind in 1913 when four women, Mrs. Ida Stahlschmidt, Mrs. Clara Conrad, Mrs. Martin Bieber and Mrs. Louise Hager met to form the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary. These women,

supported by local churches, saw to the physical needs of the students, providing furnishings and bedding for their rooms, food for their meals and even coal to heat the building. They welcomed students into their homes and concerned themselves with their welfare.

The first general meeting was held in 1932 at St. John's Lutheran church in Waterloo at 3:00 p.m. with an attendance of 125. Membership fees were \$1.00. Mrs. Clara Conrad was president, a position she held for twenty years. Treasurer Mrs. Florence Hagen, who also served for twenty years, reported receipts of \$922.00 for the year.

In the early days, women were not permitted at Waterloo College or the Seminary, but as the institution became Waterloo Lutheran University women were admitted to the arts and science programs.

In 1933 the Auxiliary decided to provide a scholarship of \$150.00 to a Lutheran female student. Early recipients were Margaret Conrad, Ruth Weichel and Elsa Christiansen.

During the 1940's, the main focus was to provide suitable accommodation for female students and in the post war years for veterans.

The custom of providing receptions for graduates of the College and Seminary, attended by friends and relatives began in 1945.

At the 1945 meeting it was announced that to date 100 ministers had graduated from the seminary, 200 students had received B.A. degrees and 11 had given their lives in World War II.

In 1951 the Auxiliary provided not only financial assistance for the first women's dormitory (Conrad Hall) but also all the furnishings - draperies, rugs, wallpaper and mirrors.

When the new General Arts and Science building opened in 1954, the Seminary had separate classrooms for the first time and selected its first president, Dr. J. Ray Hauser. That year Auxiliary members donated more than 100 quilts for 52 beds in the men's residence and 28 beds in the women's residence. They helped provide dishes, silverware and drapes to the college dining hall, furnished the labs with necessary equipment, and supplied funds to the library for books.

In 1959 the practice of presenting gift certificates to Seminary graduates was begun.

You will agree that from 1913 to 1960 a great deal was accomplished. Next year I will bring you up to date.

Today, Wilfrid Laurier University is one of Canada's greatest universities and the Seminary has a reputation of excellence.

We still provide quilts and equipment to the Seminary, but today we are more directly involved with providing direct financial support for

clinical training and scholarships.

This year we decided to restore the original altar and cross from Willison Hall for use in the new worship center.

Dorothy Schaefer was instrumental in having the silver service donated by the Auxiliary to Waterloo Lutheran University in the 1960's returned to the Seminary. It is on display today.

Isabel Dotzenroth and her committee were responsible for the design and production of our new facts folders.

We decided to discontinue the use of the blue membership cards. They are relatively costly and this is another small effort to reduce waste. They will be phased out.

Margaret Ludolph and Eileen Dressler attended the E.L.C.W. spring conference and showed slides of Auxiliary activities.

We received many lovely letters from students expressing their thanks for help with clinical training and for the gift certificates. They are on display in the meeting hall.

Don't miss the beautiful quilts so generously given by the member church ladies. They have been a traditional gift from us to incoming students since 1913.

2. Report of the Secretary

Mrs. Katharine Binder gave a condensed report of the Minutes of last year's meeting. This report was accepted as read.

3. Report of the Treasurer

Mrs. Bernice Liddle read the financial report for the period June 1, 1990 to May 31, 1991, followed by the Auditor's Comments.

Balance on Hand, June 1, 1990	\$2,882.12
Total receipts	8,443.62
Total expenses	<u>10,082.99</u>
Bank balance as of May 31, 1991	<u>\$1,242.75</u>

4. Report of the Project Committee

Mrs. Margaret Ludolph read the report of the proposed projects for 1992.

Gift Certificates for Seminary Graduates	\$ 1,500.00
Clinical Training Bursaries	6,000.00
Working Fund	300.00
W.L.U. Student Bursary	200.00
Restoring Altar for Worship Centre	500.00
Printing of Brochures for Seminary Auxiliary	425.00
V.H.S. for Seminary	<u>350.00</u>
Total:	\$ 9,275.00

Report of the Project Committee - Cont'd

The Annual Meeting offering<sup>was</sup> to be used for the support of the Rev. Eliakim Shaanika who came from Namibia a year ago to study at the seminary. He resides here in Waterloo at the present time with his wife and three children.

Margaret R. Ludolph  
Project Committee Chairman.

Mrs. Margaret Ludolph moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Greb. All in favour. Carried.

5. Report of the Golden Book of Honour and Memorial Book

Mrs. Margurite Hollinger read the entries in the Golden Book of Honour and the Memorial Book.

Memorial Book

Stephen Wirth - Mother Nora Wirth  
Oleva Nickolas - E.L.W. Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg  
Lydia Ohmeister Schultz - E.L.W. St. Peter, Wiarton  
Delphine Marie Zarnke - E.L.W. Trinity Luth. Church, New Hamburg  
Alvena Rawn - E.L.W. St. John, Elmwood  
Edna May Riehl, E.L.W. Trinity Lutheran Church. New Hamburg  
Mrs. Viola Lantz, E.L.W. St. Paul Lutheran Church, Neustadt  
Dr. Klaus Hermann Bongart - Sister Josephine Moor  
Mrs. Evelyn Vogt - E.L.W. St. Mark Lutheran Church, Kitchener  
Mrs. Alma Emma Forler - E.L.W. Zion Lutheran Church, Philipsburg  
Joan Burgoyne - E.L.W. Elmwood  
Golden Book of Honour

Mrs. Clara Klages - St. Paul, Richmond Hill  
Mrs. Glädys Keffer - St. Paul, Richmond Hill  
Harold Albert Dietrich - Ernest and Dorothy Schaefer  
Mrs. Amy Louise Hall - St. Paul, Guelph  
Mrs. Viola Louisa Dammeir Karn - St. Paul, Guelph  
Grace Penny - E.L.W. Mt. Calvary, Upper Northfield, N.S.  
Rose Kraft - Evelyn Raddatz

Life Membership

Helen Kenesky, St. Jacobs

6. Report of the Promotion Committee

Mrs. Eileen Dressler reported that letters were mailed to the congregations two or three times during the year, giving the contact women or Pastors information to be presented to their congregations. Further, that the slide presentation had been up-dated and was available to be shown in the congregations.

Eileen announced that contact women were to meet at 1.00 p.m. following lunch for further discussions.

Quilt Report

Mrs. Grace Feick gave the quilt report, a total of 33 quilts have been received since the last annual meeting.

Mount Calvary, Upper Northfield, N.S.	1
St. Matthew's, Mildmay, Ont.	1
St. James, Elmira, Ont.	1
St. John, Waterloo, Ont.	1
St. Mark's, Chesley, Ont.	1
Holy Cross, Midland, Ont.	3
Trinity, Ayton, Ont.	1
St. Paul's, Normanby, Ont.	2
Trinity, Tavistock, Ont.	1
St. Peter's, Williamsburg, Ont.	1
St. John's, Petawawa, Ont.	1
St. John's, Mahone Bay, N.S.	1
Rose Bay Parish, N.S.	1
St. Stephen's, Kitchener, Ont.	1
All Saints, Newcomville, N.S.	1
St. Mark's, Wellesly, Ont.	1
St. James, Northeasthope, Ont.	1
St. Peter's, Gadshill, Ont.	1
Zion, Philipsburg, Ont.	1
Bethany, Woodstock	2
St. Mark's, Hanover, Ont.	1
St. James, New Dundee, Ont.	1
St. Matthew, Kitchener, Ont.	1
St. Peter, Cambridge	1
Trinity, New Hamburg, Ont.	1
St. Paul, Ellice Twp., Ont.	1
Transfiguration, Hamilton, Ont.	1
St. Peter's, Zurich, Ont.	1
St. Paul's, Listowel, Ont.	1

## Introduction of New Seminararians

Dr. Crossman introduced the new seminararians and asked them to give a brief description of their backgrounds.

Lauren Capill - After high school she attended McMaster University, worked in Sheridan College bookshop, obtained master degree from University of Waterloo, is in the MTS program of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Her background is Baptist - she has been very well received at our Seminary.

Connie Shaw - For 9 years has been chaplain at Correctional Center. She is Roman Catholic, the first woman commissioned by the Bishop, has Master degree in Theology from Roman Catholic University, now at Lutheran Seminary, wanted to obtain a different view of history. After she has finished her studies she will be returning to Guelph Correctional Center as Chaplain.

Kevin Baglole - From Sudbury, now living on campus in Waterloo. He has worked as youth co-ordinator, also 2½ years with emotionally disturbed children. Decided to say "yes" to the ministry and is now preparing for his Master of Divinity degree. Very grateful for the support received from the Auxiliary.

Michael Hackbusch - Father is a Lutheran Pastor, also has a brother in the ministry. He was confirmed at age 18. Went to university and has obtained a Master of Music degree - also plays the saxophone. But the roads led him to the Seminary where he is studying for his Master of Divinity degree.

James Henricksen - from Southern Alberta, attended Augustus University College. He was in the Bachelor of Education program. It took him 10 years to accept the call to the ministry. Is studying at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary which he considers to be an excellent school.

Dr. Crossman explained that the special offering today will go towards the support of the Rev. Eliakim Shaanika from Namibia. Rev. Shaanika is working towards attaining closer relationship between the church in Namibia and Canada. It is his intention to become a student at the Seminary and later to teach in his native Namibia.

The offering was received and Dr. Crossman gave the invocation prior to the luncheon.

## Afternoon Session

After lunch the Promotion Chairman met with the contact women in the Chapel.

Afternoon session began at 1:45 p.m. Mrs. Eileen Dressler introduced the Special Feature speaker, the Rev. Albert Lorch. Pastor Lorch, who was Assistant to the Bishop before his retirement, has taken on a part-time position with the Seminary as Director of Resource Development and Alumni Relations. In this capacity, his aim is to increase the Endowment Fund, the interest of which is used for financing various projects of the Seminary. The Seminary at present has a very large enrollment but it is still necessary to go out to the congregations to interest people in coming to the Seminary. At present there are people who are interested in the Ministry as a second career, therefore there are many mature students in the Seminary at the present time. In the matter of Alumni

Relations, he is trying to develop closer ties between the Alumni and the Seminary.

A karamate has been purchased with funds provided by the Auxiliary, and with PA system updated to 1991, it is an excellent way of telling the story of the Seminary from its beginnings to the present time.

Mrs. Margaret Ludolph thanked Pastor Lorch and presented <sup>him</sup> with a gift.

### Music and sing-song

A music and sing-song followed the Special Feature. It was led by Senior Seminarian Susan Johnson. Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer introduced Susan. She comes to us from British Columbia and is presently doing her year of internship at Trinity, Tavistock. Susan sang a number of lovely selections, among them "On Eagle's Wings" and "Spirit of Restlessness". She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Grace Feick. Mrs. Bernice Liddle thanked Susan for the lovely program and presented her with a gift.

### Guest Speaker

Mrs. Margurite Hollinger introduced the Guest Speaker, the Rev. Eliakim Shaanika, from Namibia, Africa. Pastor Shaanika is a Lutheran minister, ordained in 1984. He is married and is here with his wife and three children. He is pleased that he has been accepted among us and thanks the women here for the support given to him and his family.

Pastor Shaanika gave a brief outline of the history of the Lutheran Church in Namibia, which is located in the south-west part of Africa. The church there originates from the German Ev. Lutheran Church for German speaking people, whose membership has increased to nearly 400,000. Young women now play a major role in the church and hope that women will be ordained into the ministry.

Mrs. Marion Tannasse thanked Pastor Shaanika and presented him with a gift.

Mrs. Bernice Liddle gave the attendance report as follows:

Georgian Bay Conference	31
Hamilton Niagara Conference	11
Kitchener/Waterloo Conference	103
London Conference	44
Guests	<u>13</u>

Total: 202

The closing devotions were led by Senior Seminarian Judith Janecek. The singing of Hymn 263 "Abide with us, Our Savior" brought the meeting to a close

Refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.