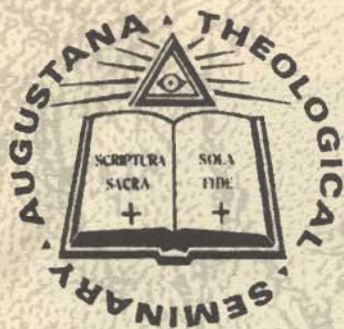
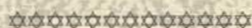
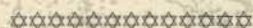




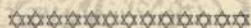
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This issue of the Augustana Heritage Newsletter is dedicated to the people and organizations that have helped to keep the memories and mission of the Augustana Lutheran Church and the Augustana Seminary alive through their generous support of LSTC. We celebrate their gifts and talents that are so abundantly shared with others. We commemorate the examples of our forefathers and foremothers as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Honoring our History through the Augustana Heritage Endowment

Donovan J. Palmquist

In 1989, Helen Danielson of Des Moines, Iowa, a long time friend of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, asked if there might be a way to remember and honor the heritage of the Augustana Lutheran Church and Augustana Seminary. Helen had grown up in an Augustana family in Albert City, Iowa. Several other former members of the Augustana Lutheran Church expressed interest similar to Helen's.

A representative group of Augustana people came together to explore what could be done. They consulted Dr. Conrad Bergendoff about establishing an Augustana Heritage Endowment at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, the seminary established from the merger of Augustana and four other seminaries in 1962. Dr. Bergendoff enthusiastically endorsed the plan as an appropriate way to honor the past, celebrate the present and help future generations to appreciate the heritage of Augustana. He added one word of caution: "Don't be too nostalgic."

An Honorary Augustana Heritage Committee was named, including Arthur Arnold, Conrad Bergendoff, Herbert Chilstrom, Malvin Lundeen, Carl Segerhammar and Reuben Swanson. A Planning Committee was appointed with Reuben Swanson as chair. Other members are: Hubert N. G. Ahnquist, Peter E. Erickson, Donna Johnson, P. Gerald Leaf, Janette Muller, Norman A. Nelson, Donovan J. Palmquist, Harry V. Victorson and Granger E. Westberg. The Planning Committee contacted alumni of Augustana Seminary and others who had been members of the Augustana Lutheran Church. Interest was widespread.

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Four goals were developed for the Augustana Heritage Program:

1. Endowment of the Augustana Heritage Professorship for Global Mission at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago to honor Augustana's tradition of mission outreach.
2. Sponsoring Augustana Heritage Festivals of Faith throughout the church to remember and celebrate the heritage of Augustana.
3. Publishing the Augustana Heritage Newsletter to share memories of the Augustana Lutheran Church and to record how the gifts of Augustana continue to enrich the church.
4. Establishing memoirs and stories of the Augustana Lutheran Church in the archives of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago as a resource for research and study by present and future generations.

The response to the Augustana Heritage Program expresses the generosity and appreciation of hundreds of people for whom Augustana lives on in their lives.

A Legacy Remembered

In 1962, Augustana Seminary joined with Suomi, Hancock, MI; Grandview, Des Moines, IA; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, IL to form the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Central Seminary, Fremont, NE became a part of LSTC in 1967, and Christ Seminary, Seminex, St. Louis, MO, in 1983. Each of these traditions brought a rich heritage to the theological mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LSTC is honored to have Augustana Seminary as a part of its legacy. Included in this legacy are 119 funds given to Augustana Seminary or to LSTC as an expression of Augustana's commitment to preparing pastors and leaders for the church. In thanksgiving to God for the stewardship of resources, listed here are the Augustana related funds at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

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The Augustana Heritage Professorship for Global Mission

The Augustana Heritage Professorship for Global Mission at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is a tribute to one of the rich gifts of Augustana to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - GLOBAL MISSIONS. David Vikner '44 stated that this Professorship will:

1. Memorialize in perpetuity at LSTC, the outstanding contribution of Augustana to the universal mission of our Lord;
2. Indelibly remind seminary students, and through them, the congregations they will serve, that the church is a world wide community;
3. Describe the spread of Christianity from its Biblical origins to the present and;
4. Describe the present global mission role of the ELCA and the nature of its congregational participation.

Reflecting on the global mission outreach of the Augustana Lutheran Church, Vikner observed "from its beginning, Augustana always reached beyond its own borders to a needy world. It is truly fitting that the name of Augustana be linked with the endowed chair of global mission at LSTC."



It is a privilege to introduce the first Augustana Heritage Professor for Global Mission at LSTC whose leadership will carry on the spirit of Augustana. He is The Rev. Dr. Richard Bliese. His work in the area of global mission includes serving as Director of the Chicago Center for Global Ministries and Center for World Christian Interaction. He has had extensive global mission experience, having served congregations in Zaire and Germany. He holds a Th. D. in global mission from LSTC. Dr. Bliese's roots in the Augustana Synod go back to his Grandmother Elizabeth Oberg, who came to America from the

Swedish island of Oland. She and her family were embraced by the Augustana Synod's immigrant ministry in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood after the turn of the century.

The Planning Committee of the Augustana Heritage Program and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago express their thanks to the many people whose gifts have helped to reach \$1,432,150 toward the minimum

goal of \$1,500,000. These gifts, in form of cash, life income plans and estate plans, will enable the church to train leadership to serve throughout the world. Gifts beyond \$1,500,000 will be used for international student scholarships, publications and extending the resources of LSTC's Chicago Center for Global Mission to synods and congregations.

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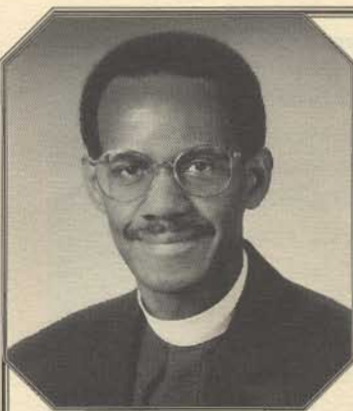
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As you assemble at the Chautauqua Institute for the Augustana Heritage Sesquicentennial Gathering, it is my great joy and privilege to extend warm greetings on behalf of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

While studying at the Yale University Graduate School, Dr. Sydney E. Ahlstrom, a great scholar of American religious history, served as my advisor and professor. Nurtured in the Christian faith from birth in the Augustana Synod, Dr. Ahlstrom would reminisce periodically about his upbringing in the synod. Invariably, a warm smile appeared on his face as he spoke of Augustana's ecumenical and churchly spirit, its commitment to both foreign and domestic missions, and its concern for theology and theological education. The Augustana Heritage was precious to him, and I rejoice in the fact that it is precious to you as well.

The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is a grateful beneficiary of this precious heritage. Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, a giant in Lutheran higher education, substantially shaped its founding vision. Distinguished professors from Augustana Seminary initially served on the seminary's faculty. Over the years, the prayers and support of those of the Augustana Synod have made it possible for LSTC to fulfill its ministry. And the Augustana Heritage Professorship for Global Mission will significantly strengthen the seminary's ability to prepare women and men to proclaim Jesus Christ, while bearing continuing witness to the contributions and legacy of the Augustana Synod.

I pray God's special blessing upon the Augustana Heritage Sesquicentennial Gathering. May your participation in it allow you to give thanks for all that the Augustana Heritage has meant. And may your thanksgiving strengthen you for continued service to the Lord of the church.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Kenneth Echols".

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