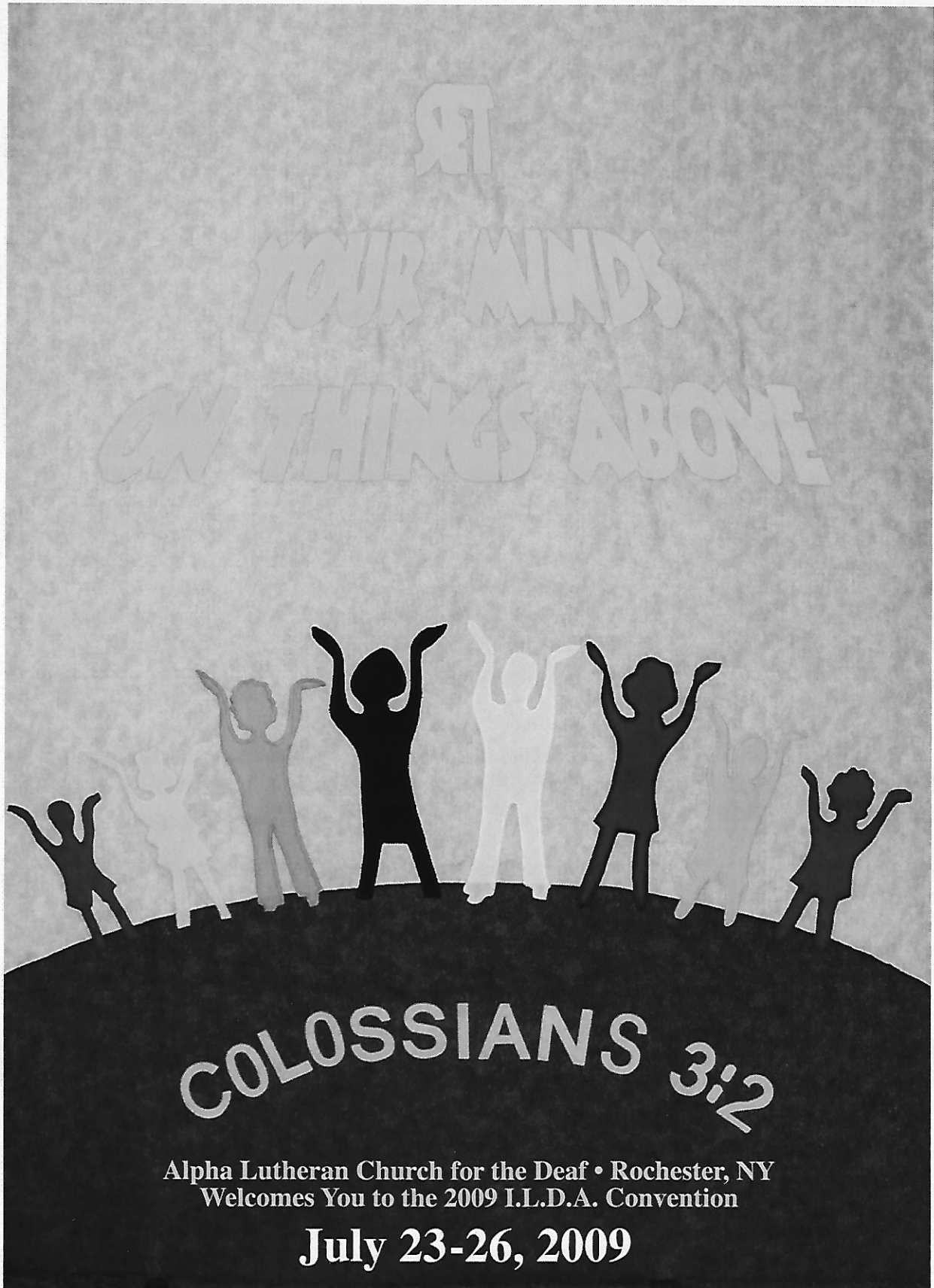




2009 International Lutheran Deaf Association
20th Biennial Convention



Alpha Lutheran Church for the Deaf • Rochester, NY
Welcomes You to the 2009 I.L.D.A. Convention

July 23-26, 2009



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July 23, 2009

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to everyone gathered in Rochester for the *2009 International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention*. It is New York State's great privilege to host this biennial convention, an always-significant event for one of the Nation's foremost spiritual organizations.

Since its inception, the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) has enriched the lives of individuals with hearing impairments throughout the United States and the world, fostering spiritual growth and inspiring faith-based service within the international community. With over \$400,000 in mission projects funded since 1971, ILDA remains a valuable, inspirational resource to countless individuals the world over, helping promote hope and faith in the places where they are needed most.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I applaud the International Lutheran Deaf Association for its history of great contributions to the Empire State, our Nation, and the world, and extend best wishes to all for a wonderful convention.

I welcome you to New York and encourage you to explore and enjoy the great City of Rochester as it celebrates its historic 175th Anniversary.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

David A. Paterson

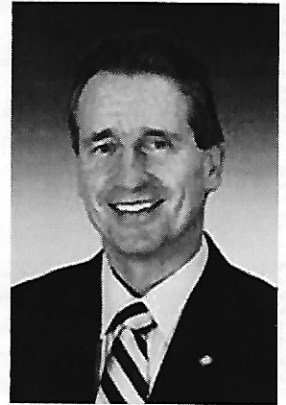


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Robert J. Duffy
Mayor



July 23, 2009

Dear Attendees,

Welcome to Rochester, New York! I wanted to take this time to not only personally welcome your organization, the International Lutheran Deaf Association to Rochester but to thank you for choosing Rochester as the location for your 2009 Convention.

I am hopeful that over the next few days you will take the time to enjoy the many amenities and fun activities that our City has to offer: whether it is enjoying the many museums and historic homes in our area such as the Susan B. Anthony Home and George Eastman House to enjoying a meal at the famous Dinosaur BBQ to strolling down Park Avenue to enjoy one of the many sidewalk cafes, we certainly have a lot to offer.

I hope that each of you have a wonderful time here in Rochester and if my office can be of service to you during your stay or in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Duffy
Mayor



INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

"And looking up to heaven, He sighed, and saith unto him, Eph-pha-tha, that is, be opened." — St. Mark 7:34

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July 23-26, 2009

Dear Brother and sisters in Christ:

Greetings to all of you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

First, the ILDA Executive Council and the ILDA Board of Directors wish to recognize the 2009 ILDA Convention host, Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Rochester, New York. Alpha and Rochester have done a wonderful job preparing for this ILDA Convention! We are grateful to JoAnna Rushton, chairperson, and the host committee for the great work they have done.

Second, it is my privilege and honor as President to extend a huge welcome to everyone attending The International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) 20th Biennial Convention. We are sure that everyone will enjoy the convention, meeting old and new friends. Our theme is "*Set Your Minds On Things Above*" [Colossians 3:2].

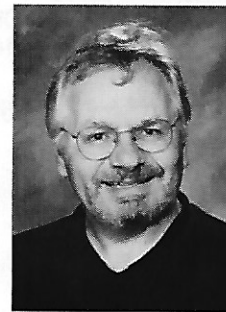
We gather at this convention to "set our minds on the things that are from heaven above." We need to realize that the world around us (through the books we read, the people we talk with, the world events we listen to, and the media we watch) all make us who we are. We need to be wise with the materials that feed our minds and shape our souls. Colossians 3:2 helps us to focus on that which is important – the things that are above. Therefore, we come to Rochester to pray together for the whole Christian Church and for the Church's response to the world's crisis. It is our Christian duty to make a difference by our actions and our prayers to the Lord for ourselves and for others.

The Convention theme, "*Set Your Minds On Things Above*" will guide all of us throughout all the activities of this weekend. After the convention, you will return home sharing fresh ideas on how your home church can expand on the theme "*setting our minds on things that are above.*"

Finally, we look forward to seeing you in Columbus, Ohio, for the 21st Biennial Convention in 2011.

God bless all of you!

Gregory Desrosiers
ILDA President



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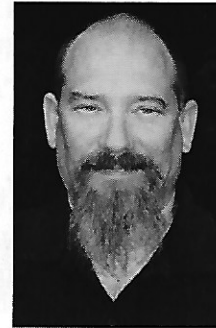
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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to welcome you to Rochester, New York. Our 2009 ILDA Theme is "Set your Minds on Things Above". I pray that you will be a blessing to be here.

It is a blessing to see you all come together as old friends, making new friends, and enjoy fellowship. We will be enjoying our whole weekend to learn more from God's Word and convention meetings.

God has showed us many ways of His blessing as we are working very hard to success in this ILDA convention. We prayed that God continue His blessing with us this weekend.

We, members of Alpha Lutheran Church of the Deaf , pray that you come and enjoy your weekend with us. We are looking forward to worship together in His Name on Sunday.

In His Name,

Deacon John Rushton



INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

20th Biennial Convention
RIT Inn and Conference Center
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JoAnna Rushton



Karen Beiter

July 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the city of Rochester, New York, also known as *The Flower City*, located just south of Greater Lake Ontario and about two hours from the internationally known natural wonder, the Niagara Falls. Because of the natural setting and sheltering from harsh winds and temperatures, the Greater Rochester area has become a prime location for grape growing for wine production. Those who are going on the wine tours will enjoy viewing the vineyards and tasting the New York varieties of wine.

Rochester's population is approximately 210,000, but because of Rochester School for the Deaf and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, we also have the distinction of having the largest per capita of Deaf people.

We are proud of our upstate New York heritage which began with a purchase of land along the Genesee River by Col. Nathaniel Rochester, Maj. The Erie Canal from here eastward to the Hudson River was opened in 1823. Those who are going on the cruise will enjoy being part of the history that enabled Rochester to become the 2nd largest economic city in New York.

In 1847, Frederick Douglass, a former slave and an antislavery speaker and writer founded the abolitionist newspaper *The North Star* in Rochester. He is buried in the city's Victorian era Mt. Hope Cemetery. Susan B. Anthony, a well-known women's suffragist is also buried in the same cemetery.

George Eastman became the founder of Eastman Kodak when he rented a 3rd floor in a building to manufacture dry plates for photographic purposes. His business gradually expanded to include Kodak film which became internationally renowned and won several awards in the Academy Awards for the best film used. He also founded the United Way which began as a War Chest to benefit the widows and children after the world wars.

Today, Rochester is the home of Birds Eye vegetables, Ragu pasta sauce, Francesco Rinaldi pasta sauce, Wegman's Grocery stores, Genesee Brewing Company, Zweigle's White Hotdogs, Jell-O and Cool Whip. Other well known companies include Xerox and Bausch & Lomb.

The Host Committee has worked hard to fundraise money and to organize the 20th Biennial ILDA Convention. We wish to welcome you to Rochester, NY and hope you will enjoy your stay here with us as we continue to "Set Our Minds on Things Above" now and in the future. Please enjoy every moment of your stay here in Rochester, New York.

God Bless you all,

JoAnna Rushton and Karen Beiter
2009 ILDA Chairperson and Co-Chairperson



What Is I.L.D.A. ?

What is ILDA?

Desiring to be faithful people of God, led by Him and our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, and inspired by His Word as it is brought to us in the doctrines, teachings and confessions of The Lutheran Church– Missouri Synod, the International Lutheran Deaf Association commenced its ministry during its first biennial convention in Chicago in 1971.

In aspiring to create the highest possible levels of faith and Christian service in its churches and congregations and to promote the Gospel of Christ among the deaf everywhere, the revised Constitution states the International Lutheran Deaf Association shall “enrich the lives of deaf people through spiritual growth and develop Christian leadership among all with whom we associate.”

With over a quarter of a century of faithful service, the International Lutheran Deaf Association offers praise to the Lord of the Church for the many accomplishments it has been permitted to achieve and blessings upon its ministry.

What Has ILDA Done?

With over \$325,000 in mission projects funded since its inception in 1971, both at home and abroad, the ILDA continues its mission of Christian service with a current two year goal of \$27,300 for projects which include continued missionary works in Ghana and India. Thousands of deaf in Ghana are hungry to learn about Jesus. As in the past, help will be sent to Ghana, India, Starfish, and deaf camps. Current projects are as followed: Ghana Luthern Deaf School (\$7,000), Starfish Learning Center (\$4,800), India Outreach Training (\$2,000), Rev. Leber’s Deaf Camp in California (\$1,500), Youth Service Project (\$5,000), and Christian/Bible Lessons for Deaf Children (\$7,000).

The International Lutheran Deaf Association in endeavoring to promote spiritual growth, fellowship and Christian service among its membership has also given greater visibility to those outside the hearing church and in so doing has very ably demonstrated their ability to administer their own ministerial programs.

Current and Future Programs

As we near the end of the first one hundred years of enjoying God’s Word brought to us in our own language, the International Lutheran Deaf Association confidentially faces the challenges of a new century as a completely self supporting organization in the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Realizing that God opens doors of opportunity where we can be of service to Him, the ILDA will continue its mission of outreach programs wherever such opportunities exist.

Present plans call for continue support for D.I.T. and for the upcoming 3rd Convocation. Future planning also includes giving greater visibility and participation to those who are both deaf and blind and encouraging them to full membership in the ILDA and its programs.

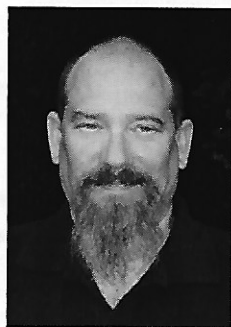
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The name “God’s 1000 Club” was chosen because, first of all, the work of ILDA is to spread the Good News of God’s Son to deaf people everywhere. Second of all, ILDA set up 1000 as the goal of the number of donors or club members we hope to enlist.

All ILDA members are also encouraged to join “God’s 1,000 Club” with an additional biannual pledge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) which is earmarked for expenses of the board, thus freeing more of the Association’s resources for programs and mission work and achieving self supporting status for the ILDA.

2009 I.L.D.A. Convention Host Committee



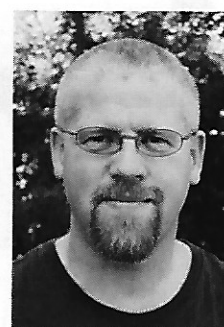
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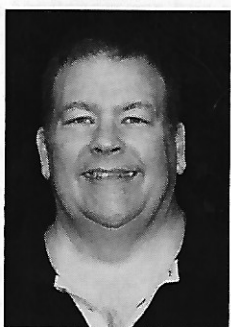
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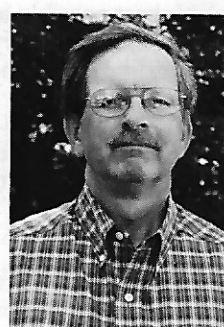
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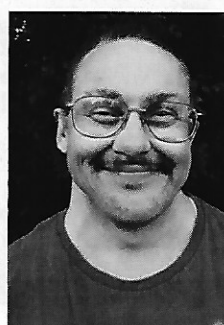
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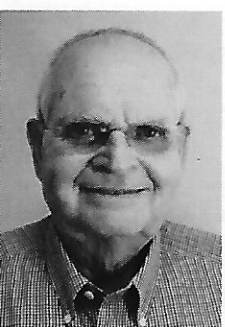
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2009 I.L.D.A. Convention Schedule



Thursday, July 23

- 1:00 - 5:00pm Registration
- 5:00 - 7:00pm Dinner - on your own
- 7:00 - 9:00pm Opening Devotion by Rev. Chris Wicher, Eastern District President
Skit/Choir/Banner Competitions
- 9:00pm Reception

Friday, July 24

- 7:00 - 8:00am Breakfast Buffet
- 7:30 - 10:30am Registration
- 8:00 - 8:30am Opening Devotion by Deacon John Rushton
- 8:30 - 11:00am Business Meeting
- 12:00 - 4:00pm Wine Tour
- 1:00 - 6:00pm Erie Canal Tour
- 1:00 - 4:00pm NTID Campus Tour
- 5:00 - 7:00pm Dinner on your own
- 7:00 - 8:00pm Devotion

Saturday, July 25

- 7:00 - 8:00am Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00 - 8:30am Opening Devotion by Gregory and Linda Desrosiers
- 8:30 - 9:45am Workshop #1 – Jennifer Ceyanes, *“Bible Lessons for Deaf Children”*
- 9:45 - 10:15am Break
- 10:15 - Noon Election of ILDA Officers
- Noon - 1:00pm God’s 1000 Club Luncheon
(or on your own)
- 1:00 - 2:15pm Workshop #2 – Rev. John Reinke, *“How to Become Walking Tree”*
- 2:15 - 2:45pm Break
- 2:45 - 4:00pm Workshop #3 – Rev. Rodney Rynearson, *“What is LDMS?”*
- 4:00 - 6:00pm Free Time
- 6:00 - 10:00pm Banquet & programs

Sunday, July 26

- 7:00 - 9:00am Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 - 10:00am Morning Bible Study by Rev. Alan Rork
- 10:15 - Noon Worship Service by Deacon John Rushton and Rev. Jerry Munz
Installation of Officers
2011 ILDA Preview
ILDA banner given to 2011 Host



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Order of Business

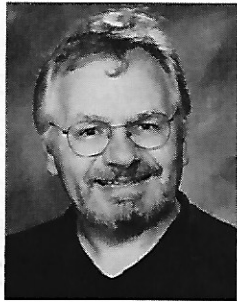
1. Welcome (president, host chairman, honored guests, local Chamber of Commerce, etc.)
2. Necrology
3. Invocation or devotion service
4. Call to Order: The president shall introduce the agenda for adoption.
5. Introduction of the:
 - a. Parliamentarian
 - b. Assistant to the Secretary
 - c. Tellers
 - d. Other Committees
6. Introduction of Interpreters
7. Resolutions Committee:
 - a. Introduction of committee members
 - b. Deadline for handing in resolutions
8. Nominating Committee's Report:
 - a. Introduction of candidates for offices
 - b. Election of new officers and pastoral advisor
9. Minutes of the previous convention: the secretary will give out copies of minutes of the previous convention. The minutes must be accepted by the proper motions before going into the records.
10. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Given at the first business session of the convention. The treasurer will distribute copies of the financial report from the last convention including status of previous mission projects.
 - b. The treasurer will name the auditors of the report.
 - c. The report of the auditors.
 - d. The treasurer's report must be accepted by the proper motions before going into the records.
11. President's Report
12. Pastoral Advisor's Report
13. Synodical Representative's Report
14. The *Deaf Lutheran* publication report:
 - a. The editor
 - b. The business manager
15. The Finance Committee's Report
16. The adoption of the new budget. Presented to the convention by the treasurer.
17. The Law Committee's Report
18. Voting on any proposed changes
19. Introduction of Mission Projects:
 - a. Mission Projects Chairman's Report
 - b. Voting on mission projects
20. Other Committees' Reports
 - a. Previous convention committee chairman
 - b. Junior ILDA committee chairman
 - c. Special committee reports
21. The ILDA convention bids presented by future host congregations.
22. Introduction of pastors and church workers in attendance.
23. Resolution Committee's Report
24. Unfinished business. Secretary reports on any pending business.
25. New business
26. Voting on resolutions
27. Announcements
28. Adjournment



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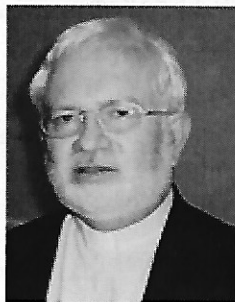
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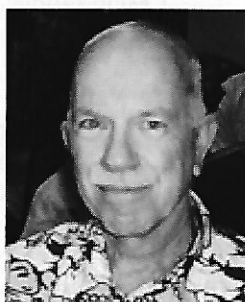
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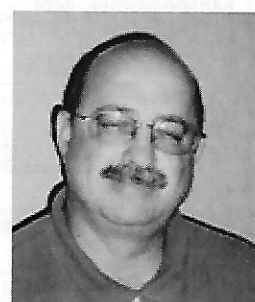
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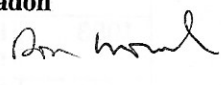
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I.L.D.A. Hosting Convention Sites (2011 to 1971)



ILDA Hosting Convention Sites (2011 to 1971)

(Note: "Deaf" in churches included)

Year	Host	Hostfield	Theme	Count
2011	Holy Cross Lutheran Columbus, Ohio	Deer Creek State Park	"Draw Near to our God"	See you there!
2009	Alpha Lutheran Church Rochester, NY	RIT Inn Rochester, NY	"Set Your Minds On Things Above"	130 expected
2007	Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD	Marriott, BWI Airport	"Encourage Each Other in Faith"	158
2005	Trinity Lutheran Church Vancouver, Canada	Hilton (Vancouver) Burnaby, Canada	"Let Us Praise the Lord From the Mountaintops"	188
2003	Prince of Peace Lutheran Minneapolis, MN	Hilton Hotel Minneapolis, MN	"Let Thy Holy Angels Be With Us"	220
2001	Peace Lutheran Church Indianapolis, IN	Indianapolis Marriott Indianapolis, IN	"Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve"	205
1999	Christ Lutheran Church Cleveland, OH	Holiday Inn Independence, OH	"The Beginning and The End"	300
1997	Holy Cross Lutheran St. Louis, MO	Adam's Mark Hotel St. Louis, MO	"Jesus Is The Way"	433
1995	Northern Ill Lutheran Churches	Woodfield Hyatt Hotel, Schaumburg, IL	"Behold, I Shall Make Things New"	306
1993	Jesus Lutheran Church Austin, TX	Red Lion Hotel Austin, TX	"Jesus Is The Lone Star"	300
1991	Good Shepherd Lutheran Toledo, OH	Holiday Inn Toledo, OH	"God, You are My Shepherd, Teacher, Friend, Light and Rock"	300
1989	Hope Lutheran Church Portland, OR	Red Lion Lloyd Portland, OR	"Be Alive"	341
1987	Calvary Lutheran Church Cedar Rapid, IA	Stouffer Hotel Cedar Rapids, IA	"A Time For Everything"	400
1985	Holy Cross Lutheran Church Pittsburgh, PA	Marc Plaza Hotel Milwaukee, WI	"Come, Follow Me!"	303
1983	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Pittsburgh, PA	Holiday Inn Pittsburgh, PA	"Celebrating, Power Presence & Promise Together"	373
1981	Pilgrim Lutheran Church Los Angeles, CA	Holiday Inn Los Angeles, CA	"Be Opened"	383
1979	Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church Memphis, TN	Holiday Inn Memphis, TN	"Go and Tell"	300
1977	Faith Lutheran Church Spokane, WA	Ridpath Hotel Spokane, WA	"Rise, Shine, Give God Glory"	350
1975	Christ Lutheran Church Silver Spring, MD	Stouffer's National Ctr Washington, D. C.	"New Life in Christ"	400
1973	Redeemer Lutheran Church Kansas City, MO	Hotel Muehiebach Kansas City, MO	"Sharing With Christ"	350
1971	Our Savior Lutheran Church Chicago, IL	Regency Hyatt House Chicago, IL	"Forward With Christ"	300

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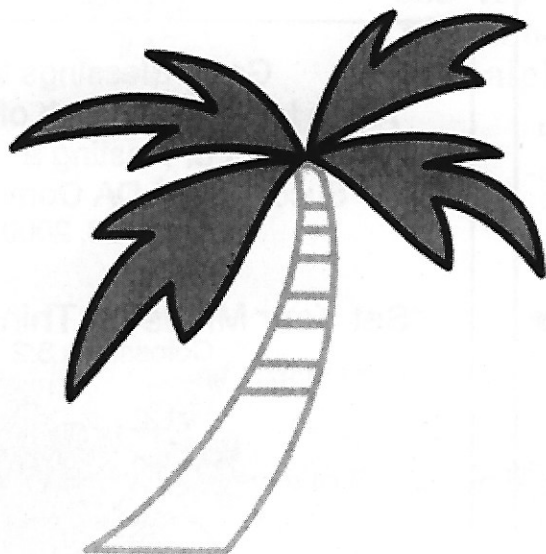
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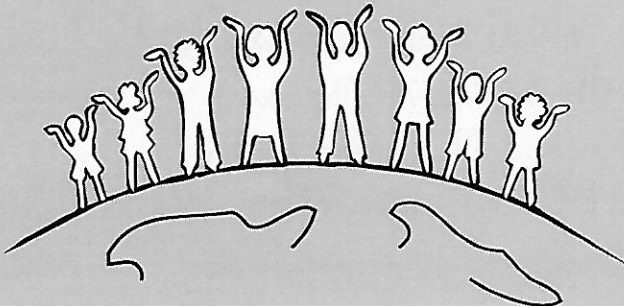


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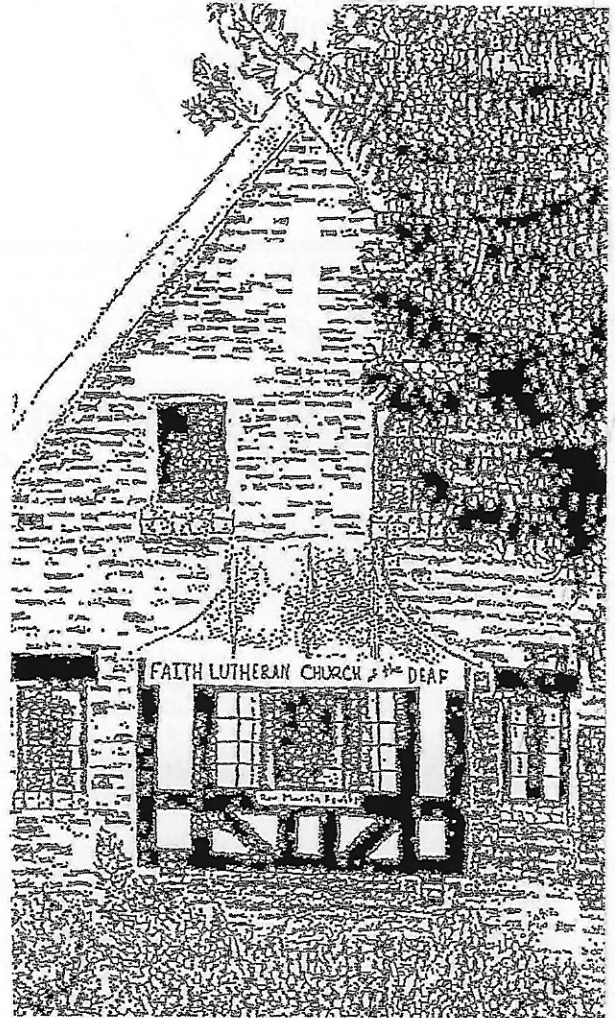
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~~ Colossians 3:2



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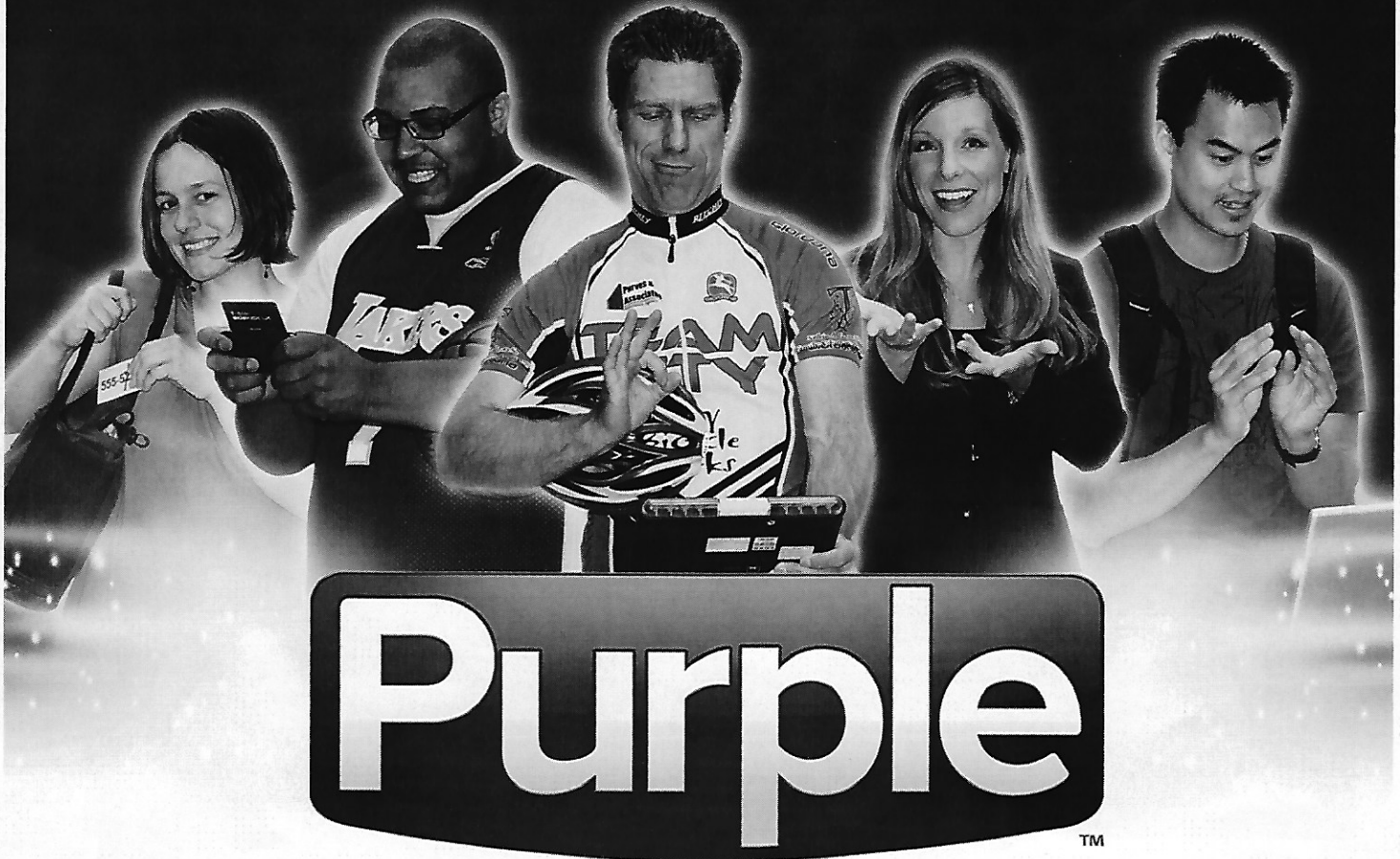


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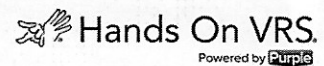
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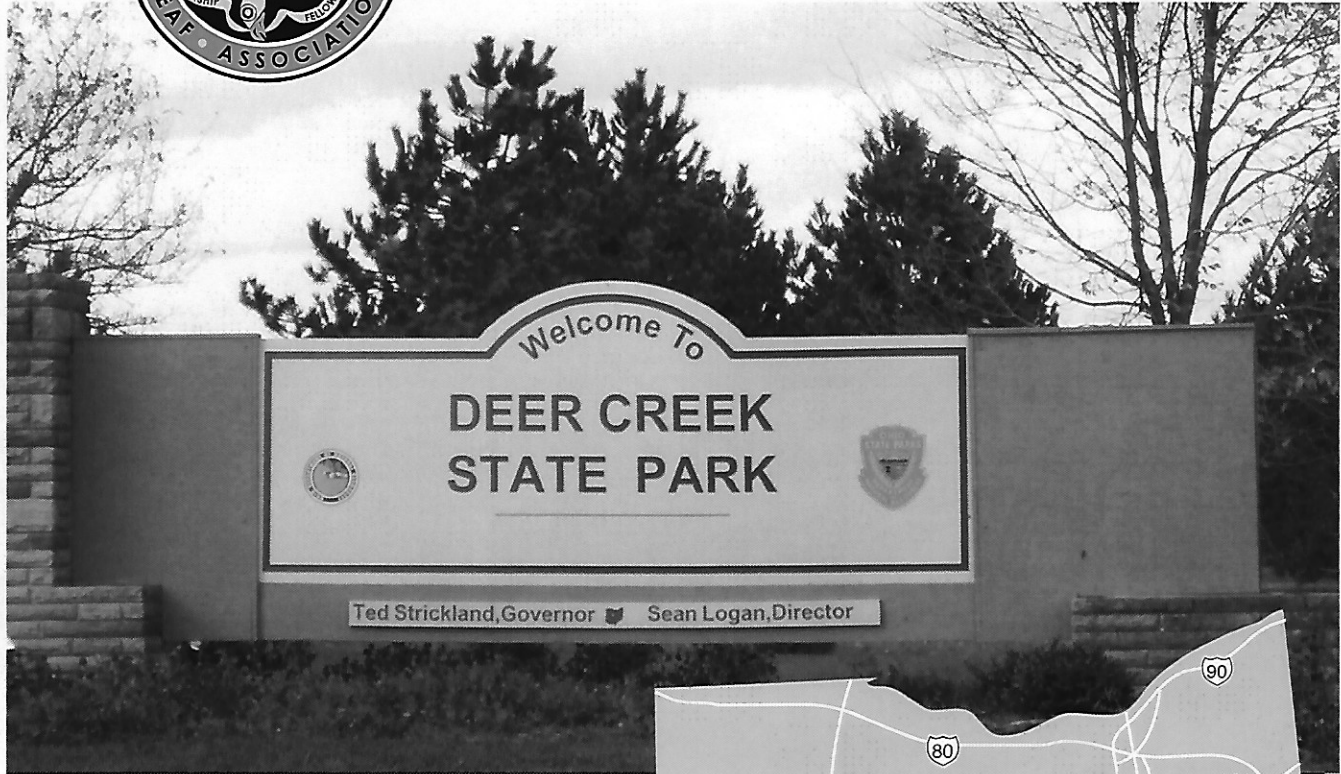
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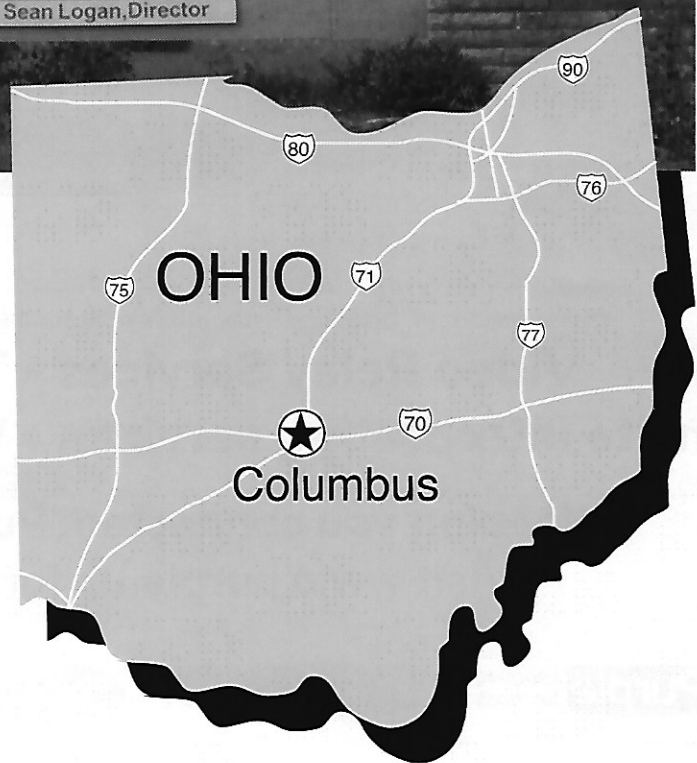
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