

50th Anniversary



1971 - 2021

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Keywords

COSD = Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf

DIT = Deaf Institute of Theology

IELC = India Evangelical Lutheran Church

ILDA = International Lutheran Deaf Association

IMC = Interpreter Ministry Conference

LCMS = Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LDMS = Lutheran Deaf Mission Society

NAD = National Association of the Deaf



Website Pages

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| DeafPah | www.deafjesus.org/deafpah |
| World Lutheran Deaf Outreach | www.lutherandeafoutreach.org (Revs. John Reinke and Bud Palmer) |
| Mill Neck Family of Organizations | www.millneck.org |
| Lutheran Friends of the Deaf | www.lutheranfriendsofthedeaf.org |
| Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society | www.elms-deaf.org |
| St. Martin's Lutheran School for the Deaf (Michigan) | www.smlid.org |

Preface

(written by Rev. Daryl and Janet Gehlbach)

This book is a compilation of the 50 years of history of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA). It is designed so that you can learn more about ILDA and its mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Deaf in the United States and other countries. Please share it with your friends as a book of history acknowledging the 50 years of service that ILDA has done since 1971. We hope you enjoy reading this book as much as we have enjoyed preparing it for you.

Acknowledgments and Appreciation

(written by Rev. Daryl and Janet Gehlbach)

This 50th Anniversary Book was a huge undertaking. The work was begun in May 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through God's grace we were able to complete about 97% of the book prior to ILDA's 50 year celebration in July 2021 in Elk Grove Village, a suburb of the Chicago, Illinois area. Additional information was added after the convention to allow for more pictures to be inserted as well as the 2021 business meeting minutes, recipient of the Right Hand award and attendance numbers for the 2021 convention.

We are grateful to the late Don Mowl and his committee who prepared the 25th Anniversary Book: Lester Ahls, David Johnson, Mae Madding, Ronald Madding, Archie Marshall, and Mary Mowl. Their work provided the foundation for this book.

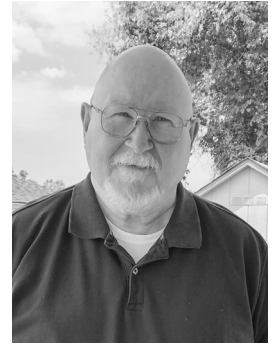
We also wish to acknowledge the following for their contribution to this edition: Diane Francisco, ILDA Historian and Necrologist; Rev. Ron Friedrich; Larry Ginter; John Mason, David G. Brown; our spouses; Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, MO; Concordia University Library, St. Paul, MN; Holy Cross Deaf Church, Maplewood, MO for photos; Office Depot, for printing the book; Mary and the late Don Mowl; our proofreaders: Rev. Ron Friedrich, John Mason and Sharon Svenningsen.

May our loving God help us all to continue the work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all deaf people throughout the world.





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It is my pleasure to do the introduction of this International Lutheran Deaf Association's 50th Anniversary History Book. We've reached another milestone in our organization, from 1971 to 2021. I know how important it is for us to preserve and maintain our history for the last 50 years. Future generations will appreciate and look back and review what we have done every biennial convention.

All the past officers, chairpersons, pastoral advisors and volunteers since 1971 will continue to carry over their batons into the future. With His Holy Spirit, it takes courage, motivation and diligence to humbly serve our Lord and the people of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA).

Yes, we have evolved, exchanged hands, and updated our constitution and handbook and created convention program books for our biennial conventions. The members of ILDA, past, present and future will continue their support regardless how the world has changed over the years. In 1971, fingers pounded typewriters to produce important documents when we first started. Now we have word processors in our computers which we save our work into files. We can update and edit our work. Photos were previously developed using chemicals and cropped by scissors and pasted by glue onto sheets. Now it is done digitally with photo enhance software. Nevertheless, documents made from the past and currently made today and the documents of "state of the art" technology are still the same no matter how advanced they are. Why? They will become part of our history today and into the future.

I want to thank Mrs. Janet Gehlbach and her husband, Rev. Daryl Gehlbach for doing this 50th Anniversary History Book. They put a lot of hard work and time to do this. They know how important it is to preserve and maintain history.

I hope you will be pleased and enjoy reading this 100+ pages of ILDA's history. I know you will!

John C. Mason, Jr.
ILDA President, 2019 – 2021

What is ILDA?



The International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) commenced its ministry during the first biennial convention in Chicago in

1971. The purpose, according to the revised constitution (2017) is “to coordinate and strengthen the religious activities and services in our congregations, helping promote their growth to the highest possible level in service to their Lord and Savior, and to promote the Christian faith and life of Lutheran deaf people, all deaf people, and others with whom we associate, and to carry on our ministry throughout the world.”

ILDA shall communicate and convey to the deaf members, the programs, plans and goals of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). It shall support lay-leadership among deaf Lutherans in all areas of faith and life.

In 1975, the members voted on the ratification of the revised constitution. The historic document helped develop the ILDA image and facilitated the operation and administration of the association. The members also supported the goal of recruiting as many lay people as possible and getting them actively involved in ILDA affairs.

In 1987, the aim of ILDA was to carry out the objectives of serving the Lord in His church and to obtain the financial support that would lead to self-sufficiency. It was hoped that many programs and projects for

the ministry and mission of ILDA will become a reality.

Membership in ILDA is open to deaf or hearing people. There are three levels of membership: Active, Associate and Supporting. To read a description of each membership go to www.deafjesus.org and look for the ILDA membership form. Membership dues cost \$30 for two years and the membership expires on September 30 of even-numbered years.

ILDA relies on its official publication, *The Deaf Lutheran*, to convey information of its activities and services to deaf Lutherans. It is printed four times a year. Subscriptions cost \$10 a year.

During its 50 years of the ministry to the Deaf, ILDA boldly faced the challenge and became a completely self-supporting organization in the LCMS and continues its mission of outreach programs wherever such opportunities exist.

In 1995 ILDA celebrated its 25th anniversary together with the 100th anniversary of LCMS Deaf Ministry. It was held in Schaumburg, Illinois. The 50th Anniversary of ILDA and the 125th Anniversary of the LCMS Deaf Ministry was held July 2021, in Elk Grove Village, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois.

To God Be The Glory!

How ILDA Became A Reality

The earliest record of suggested gatherings of LCMS Deaf was in the late 1930s. Regional conferences were held beginning in 1949. In 1960 Pastor Theodore Frederking proposed to Ephphatha Conference a national gathering of LCMS Deaf. The following year Frederking, together with Pastors Wayne Bottlinger and August Hauptman, was delegated to serve on a committee which was to study the proposal, provide cost estimates and suggest ways and means of meeting the cost. In 1962 they presented their study and proposals to Ephphatha Conference.

Again, nothing came of the study until several years later. In 1965, the LCMS convention passed resolutions adopting the Mission Affirmations and merging the several boards for Missions into a single board. Following these actions (which terminated the old Board for Missions to the Deaf, January 1966) the church's Ministry to the Deaf came under special review with the proposal that the North American Districts of Synod become responsible for the administration and subsidy of local deaf congregations.

The 1967 Synod Convention in New York City (Memorial 1-09) designated the Regional advisors as an Ad Hoc Committee to study the matter of administration. Part of the materials produced by the Ad Hoc Committee contained seventeen (17) basic concerns in Ministry to the Deaf. One of the concerns stated was that the deaf congregations remain united. If the North American Districts are to administer the work, the national unity of this ministry would be threatened. "Thus, at the November 1-2, 1968,

meeting of the Board for Missions, the Secretary for the Ministry to the Deaf, Rev. Herbert Rohe, proposed several measures resulting from the Ad Hoc Committee study, namely: 1) that the Board for Missions continue to sponsor the Ephphatha Conference as an official pastoral conference (thus assuring and perpetuating unity among the workers in this Ministry); 2) that as a means of developing lay-leadership in the work among the deaf, the Board for Missions establish an International Lutheran Deaf Association (thus maintaining and assuring a national unity, visibility, and self-determination among deaf congregations, see Attachment #1, minutes of the Board for Missions meeting, November 1-2, 1968, Page 17 item 252(c) "development of Lay Leadership in the work among the deaf"), and 3) that the Synod in 1969 observe the 75th Anniversary of the work among the deaf.

Early in 1969 the action of the Board for Missions was announced in *The Deaf Lutheran*. Pastor Rohe also reported this to the Regional Conferences and EC in his report, "WHAT'S NEW FOR THE DEAF IN THE 70'S? April 15, 1969". These measures also came before the Denver Convention in 1969.

When Resolution 1-18 was defeated, the resolution regarding ILDA did not come for a vote. However in the following months, the Board for Missions steadfastly helped to the establishment of ILDA. The Constitution of ILDA was drawn up and proposed to the Ad Hoc Committee, to the Board for Missions (September 15, 1969) and EC. The Board for Missions revived the Seventeen Concerns to the

Ad Hoc Committee and again proposed the establishment of the International Lutheran Deaf Association. All regions were urged to study the Constitution of ILDA.

In the fall of 1969 the Regional advisors met to study it. In December of 1969, the Board for Missions staff again approved for the Board for Missions the policy statement regarding district administration, guidelines for Ministry to the Deaf, and regions and Regional Advisors. In 1970 the proposed Constitution (dated April 29, 1970) was sent to all congregation. On June 22 and 23, 1970, the Regional Advisors met with lay representatives from each region at Concordia College, Milwaukee, WI, (prior to EC) for a planning meeting. Plans were laid for a constituting convention in Chicago, Illinois on July 16-18, 1971.

Present for this historic meeting were the following:

- Rev. William Ludwig and Clarence Schulz.....representing the Great Lakes Region
- Rev. Wayne Bottlinger and Ted Brighton.....representing the Northwest Region
- Rev. Clark Bailey and Marion Van Manen.....representing the Pacific Region
- Rev. William Lange and Robert Baker.....representing the Midwest Region
- Rev. Martin Kosche and Warren Riege.....representing the Central Region
- Rev. Donald Leber and William Fitzgerald.....representing the Dixie Region
- Gary Schlub.....representing the Eastern Region
- Rev. Herbert Rohe.....representing the Board for Missions

Visitors attending this meeting were: Rev. Martin Mueller, Robert Schneider, Mrs. Doris Myhre, Milwaukee, WI; and Mrs. Judy Miller, Miami, FL.

Two days were spent revising the proposed Constitution for ILDA. Each region was given specific assignments in preparation for the Constituting convention the next year, and pro-tem officers were elected for ILDA as follows:

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| Mr. Clarence Schultz, Detroit, Michigan | Chairman |
| Mr. Ted. Brighton, Seattle, Washington | Vice-Chairman |
| Mr. Robert Baker, Kansas City, Missouri | Secretary |
| Mr. Marion Van Manen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin | Parliamentarian |
| Mr. Gary Schlub, Washington, D.C. | Chairman of Nominations |
| Mr. William Fitzgerald, Memphis, Tennessee | Chairman of Displays |

(reprinted from the ILDA 25th Anniversary Book, July 1995)



**Officers elected at the 1971 convention
(pictured left to right: Robert Baker, Uriel C. Jones,
Marion Van Manen and Gary Schlub)**

President—Marion Van Manen (Sunnyvale, California)

Pres. Elect—Uriel C. Jones (Knoxville, Tennessee)

Secretary—Robert Baker (Kansas City, Missouri)

Treasurer—Gary Schlub (Lanham, Maryland)

Representatives—Rev. Rodney Rynearson (Ephphatha Conference)

Rev. Herbert Rohe (Board for Missions)

125 years of Deaf Ministry in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

ILDA would not be able to celebrate 50 years of Deaf Ministry and 125 years of Deaf Ministry in the LCMS if it not were for a letter written by a deaf man named Edward J. Pahl back in 1894. Pahl was from the Lutheran Deaf School and he wrote a letter requesting services for the deaf in Chicago. This letter was forwarded to Rev. Augustus Reinke of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. On March 4, 1894, Rev. Reinke preached the first Lutheran service for the deaf in sign language. His text was "God is Love." Attendance at the service was 16 people. This is how Deaf Ministry under the LCMS started 125 years ago and ILDA was organized 50 years ago.

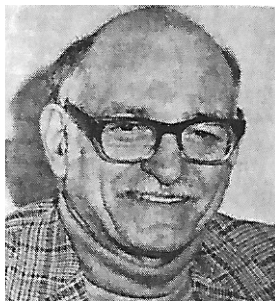
Praise the Lord for the opportunity of celebrating the anniversaries together in the nearby suburbs of Chicago. The first ILDA convention was held July 16-18, 1971, at the Hyatt Regency House in Chicago, the 25th Anniversary was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel-Woodfield in Schaumburg, and the 50th Anniversary was held July 22-25, 2021, at the Holiday Inn in Elk Grove Village. It is so fitting to be celebrating all these milestones in the Chicago area.

Below is a photo from 1894 that shows the first organized group of deaf Lutherans in the LCMS. The photo was taken in Lincoln Park, Michigan. The photo includes Edward J. Pahl (front row, second from the right).



The Beginning of ILDA

(A memoir by Clarence Schultz, as printed in the 25th Anniversary Book, July 1995)



Clarence Schulz
Chairman of ILDA

During the year of 1968, Rev. William Ludwig had been searching for available men to represent the Great Lakes Region of the Deaf and attending the meeting in preparation of forming

ILDA. After narrowing it down to two men, he chose me to represent at the first meeting in Milwaukee on the weekend of June 22, 1970. I was certainly pleased to be honored to do so. Seven representatives and advisors including one from Canada were at the meeting.

We studied the proposed constitution and offered suggestions for revision. The constitution was prepared with the help of C.O.S.D. in cooperation with the LCMS Mission Board. The pastoral advisors deserve appreciation for their part in encouraging and starting the foundation of the International Lutheran Deaf Association. Without them, I doubt that the meeting could go smooth. In this meeting temporary officers to conduct the constituting convention were chosen. I was the chairman.

We decided after long and careful consideration to select for the ILDA convention July 16-18, 1971, to be held in Chicago, Illinois. Chicago, as you know, is always an ideal location for conventions, especially the first one for ILDA. In coincidence, we were to observe the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of

our ministry to the deaf.

Again in the fall of 1970, we were called to Chicago for another constitution. After the meeting on Sunday I was on the committee to tour a suitable hotel for the ILDA convention. However, the site was undecided and left in the hands of Rev. Jones, who being the pastor for the deaf in Chicago, had time to search and locate the right site.

The two meetings in Milwaukee and Chicago were no play and good times. We had some difficult questions and some proposed parts of the constitution were weighed carefully. Of course, we did not expect the perfect results of the meetings, but we tried as best as possible to the satisfaction to all of the deaf, even every one of you here. Excuse my off-beam, some of you may have read the history of how the constitution of America was prepared the hard way, and the delegates, properly chosen, stayed and worked hard in Philadelphia for more than thirty days. As a result the constitution was and is acclaimed the best possible. So you must understand that to study and propose the constitution for the International Lutheran Deaf Association was no easy matter.

Finally, the convention of ILDA held on July 16-18, 1971, was a reality and a success. You have read the results in *The Deaf Lutheran* and good pictures were appreciably shown. I need not go any further in details. Some of you were there to observe the first convention. It was a long-awaited fulfillment of a dream. That is why I must be here to keep you fully informed and

help build a stronger link of the Great Lakes Region and ILDA.

Now the first convention in Chicago went down in history as the milestone for the deaf achievement. You are the voice. You have the rights and demands for recognition which is the legally formed organization International Lutheran Deaf Association.

Although the first part of the constitution was approved and adopted, the latter parts have not been approved or changed because of insufficient time and now left in the hands of the Board of Directors. Please take my advice that if you want any suggestion to change or add to the constitution, give them to Evelyn DeMeyere, an official vice-president on the Board of Directors. She would submit directly the results of any action from the Great Lakes Region to ILDA.

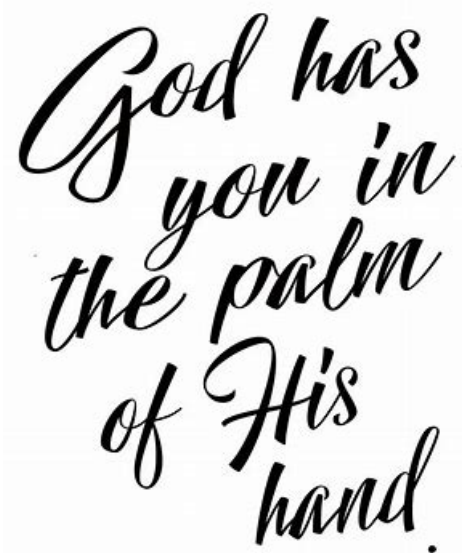
In conclusion it is my feeling that to keep the International Lutheran Association well functioning within the constitution for steady growth, we need to rely on the pastoral advisors and participants and of course, the experienced deaf leaders who have their knowledge or abilities in their specified fields of the deaf such as National Association of the Deaf or state or local organizations. I hope, hence forth the ILDA is and will be recognized as the growing strength of the Deaf Lutherans in America.

I'd like to repeat, as I said in Chicago as the acting chairman in my message of introduction, that the International Lutheran Deaf Association is our organization of the Deaf Lutherans, by Deaf Lutherans, and for Deaf Lutherans.

The future of the International Lutheran Deaf Association depends on every one of you. May God through our Lord Jesus Christ help us!



Praise
GOD
from
WHOM
ALL
blessings
FLOW



God has
you in
the palm
of His
hand.

ISAIAH 49:16

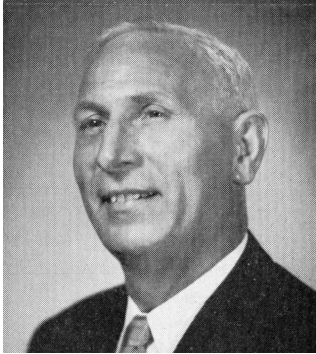


Uriel C. Jones “Right Hand Award”



Uriel C. Jones Biography Recipients and Photos

The Life of Uriel C. Jones



Uriel C. Jones of Knoxville, TN, was hired as editor and subscription manager of the *Deaf Lutheran* by Synod's Board for Missions on January 1, 1972. He came to St. Louis with an excellent background in printing and editing and was well qualified to serve as an editor.

A graduate of Gallaudet College in 1924, he earned his Master's degree in 1943 from the University of Tennessee. His professional career centered in teaching deaf young people. He was a classroom teacher and printing instructor at the Idaho School for the Deaf (1924-1928); a classroom teacher and printing instructor at the Mississippi School for the Deaf (1928-1936) where he edited the DEAF MISSISSIPPIAN; and an editor of the TENNESSEE OBSERVER (1936-1971) at the Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, TN, where he was a printing instructor for 10 years and the vocational principal for 25 years.

His editing experience also included the vocational bulletin of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (1939-1947), a Rotarian Club publication (1960-1966) and numerous school yearbooks. During World War II, he worked for the Knoxville, TN, *Journal* as an editorial assistant.

Jones was well known on the national scene for his outspoken support of the potential of the deaf to succeed in all walks of life if given the education and the opportunity, and he contributed articles on various subjects to many national publications, including the American Annuals of the Deaf and the Silent Worker. Well read and widely traveled, he has often been called upon to speak at conventions and banquets across the country.

Although retired from active teaching, Jones held membership in the following organizations: Gallaudet College Alumni Association, the National Association of the Deaf, the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, the National Fraternal Society for the Deaf, and the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf.

Jones was married June 29, 1930, to Evelyn McMullen, whom the Lord took home on February 27, 1971. They were blessed with a son, Uriel Jr. of Greensboro, NC and a daughter, Barbara, married to a Lutheran pastor in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

On Thursday morning, February 10, 1977, Jones went home with the Lord. His daughter, Barbara Ulrich, discovered that he died in his sleep. He was 74 years old.

† Blessed Be His Memory †

Uriel C. Jones Memorial “Right Hand Award”

“Don’t let your left hand know what your right is doing.” Matthew 6:3

“See, I will not forget you...I have carved you on the palm of my hands.”
Isaiah 49:15

Our actions are done voluntarily, not for praise or honor, but service to others...

Uriel C. Jones was a wonderful example of a Christian volunteer. He willingly gave time, skills and gifts to promote the work of God’s Kingdom among the deaf. He did not want praise. He wanted to show his love. In his memory, the Board of Directors, has established the Uriel C. Jones “Right Hand Award.” With thanks to God this award will be given to those who have willingly served their Lord through voluntary service for other individuals through their congregation and region.

Congregations and the Board of Directors nominated the following individuals who received the Right Hand Award:

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| 1977 | James M. Lowell, Tacoma, WA | 2001 | Clarence F. Schulz, Arcadia, CA |
| 1979 | Judy Miller, Portland, OR | 2003 | John Woods, Woodside, NY |
| 1981 | Florence Petersen, Omaha, NE | 2005 | Russel Healey, Belleville, IL |
| 1983 | Donald S. Mowl, Pittsburgh, PA | 2007 | Fred Waltz, Cleveland, OH |
| 1985 | Robert Schneider, Greenfield, WI | 2009 | Charles Kotal, Los Angeles, CA |
| 1987 | Elmer Francisco, Spokane, WA | 2011 | Larry Gorton, Spokane, WA |
| 1989 | Arthur Anderson, Spokane, WA | 2013 | Lee Ann Kotal, Los Angeles, CA |
| 1991 | Lester Ahls, Cedar Falls, IA | 2015 | Diane Francisco, Spokane, WA |
| 1993 | Joseph J. Kindred, Indianapolis, IN | 2017 | William Zimmerman, Monticello, IA |
| 1995 | John Riddlebaugh, Westerville, OH | 2019 | Barbara Zimmerman, Monticello, IA |
| 1997 | Arthur C. Green, Los Angeles, CA | 2021 | Howard Snyder, Perrysburg, OH |
| 1999 | Archie Marshall, St. Louis, MO | | |

Congratulations

Uriel C. Jones "Right Hand Award" Recipients



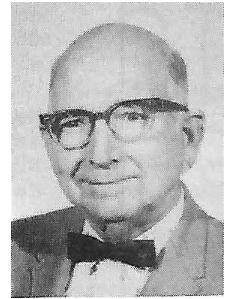
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Judy Miller



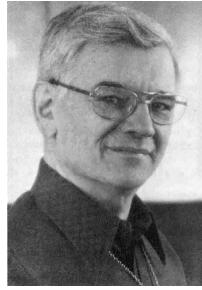
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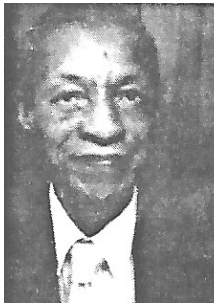
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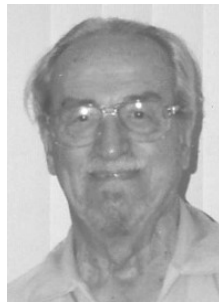
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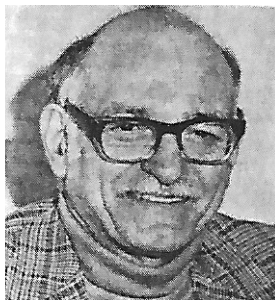
John Riddlebaugh



Arthur C. Green



Archie Marshall



Clarence Schulz



John Woods



Russel Healey



Fred Waltz

Uriel C. Jones “Right Hand Award” Recipients



Charles Kotal



Larry Gorton



Lee Ann Kotal



Diane Francisco



William Zimmerman



Barbara Zimmerman



Howard Snyder

*Congratulations
to all the recipients*

ILDA Logo and Banner

In the November 1970 issue of *The Deaf Lutheran*, a contest was announced for the purpose of designing an ILDA emblem (logo). First place prize was a \$50 Church Extension Fund bond. The winner of the contest was Archie Marshall from St. Louis, MO. The host committee of the 1981 convention used his design and made a banner. Ferol Hauptman (Rev. August Hauptman's wife) and Marion Anderson volunteered to make the ILDA banner. Two months prior to the convention it was completed. This banner was displayed on stage at each biennial convention from 1981 until 2003 when it was replaced with a new banner. The 2003 Minneapolis convention was the first time the ILDA members were seeing the new banner. It was made by Winona Alter and the Indianapolis committee. The old banner was retired to Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, MO.



Archie D. Marshall



Elmer Francisco, Archie D. Marshall, Joseph Kindred and Russel Healey

The Artist Interprets His Design

(reprinted from *The Deaf Lutheran*, September 1971 issue)

The design (see the next page) consists of a stylized dove, a ribbon streaming from its beak, in a downward path within a circle. The dove is the symbol of the Holy Spirit descending from above. The Holy Spirit is the source of all faith, inspiration, knowledge, and action.

We first notice the head of the dove with its wide-awake eye. This shows we are eagerly aware of ILDA's purposes. We see that the wings of the dove form the letters *ILDA*. The body is the ear, symbolizing the deaf. The tail feathers embody an artistic letter *L* for Lutheran. The four feathers in the tail are the four corners of the earth representing ILDA's world-wide scope. The world itself is the circle in which the name of our organization appears. The ribbon carried by the dove has on its words showing how the Spirit will bless the deaf in ILDA: *Faith, Leadership, Fellowship, and Service*.

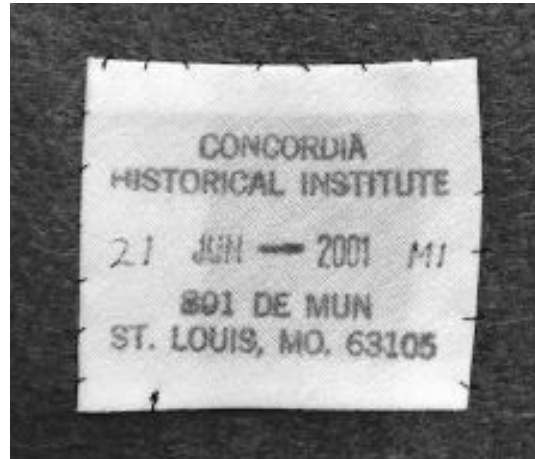
All in all, the emblem conveys the message that with the Spirit's help the International Lutheran Deaf Association reaches out to do God's work among the deaf throughout the world.

Archie D. Marshall, artist

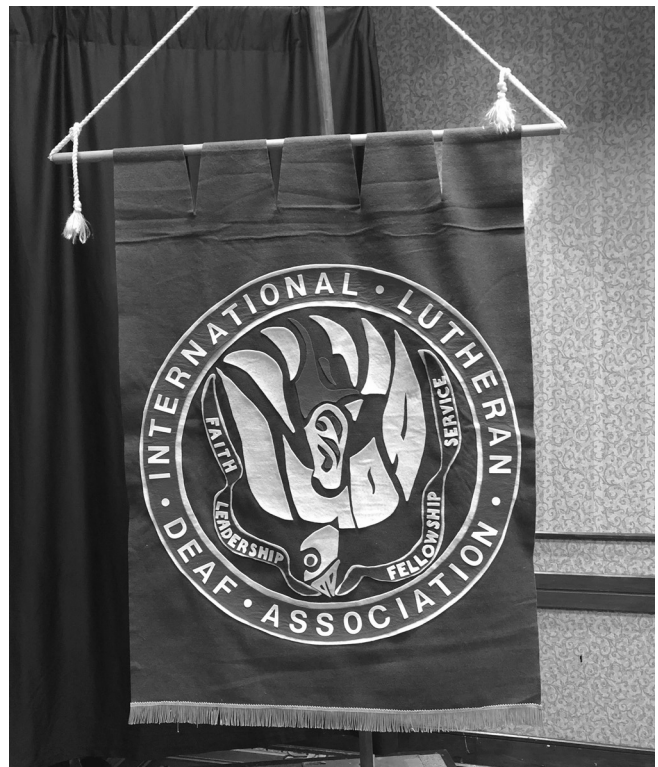
ILDA Logo and Banner



Original ILDA banner made in 1981. It was donated to Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, MO in June 2001.



This tag shows the date the original ILDA banner was received by Concordia Historical Institute.



ILDA banner on display from 2003 to the present date.

God's 1000 Club

God's 1000 Club was established by the ILDA Board of Directors. The name "God's 1000 Club" was chosen because, first of all, the work of ILDA is to get the Good News of God's Son to the deaf everywhere. 1,000 represented the number of donors or club members, that were hoped to enlist.

People who became members in God's 1,000 Club were asked to contribute \$10.00 each year thereafter. This was not a part of the regular ILDA dues and it did not pay for a subscription to *The Deaf Lutheran*. Any donations given to God's 1,000 Club were only to be used to help pay the expenses of ILDA Board meetings.



God's 1000 Club pin



ILDA pin



LDMS



**Lutheran Deaf
Mission Society**

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Lutheran Deaf Mission Society

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Affiliated Congregations



Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS)

The story of LCMS Deaf missions begins in the period following the American Civil War. Lutheran congregations involved in the efforts to provide homes for children left fatherless by the war established the Lutheran Children's Friend Society. In 1873, **Rev. J. A. Huegli** led the efforts of Christians in the Detroit area to establish an LCFS orphanage. The board called as the orphanage's first director **Rev. George Speckhard**, who was serving a Michigan Lutheran parish further north. Rev. Speckhard, himself an orphan, was well suited for the post, but with him came a little surprise.

Prior to becoming a pastor, Rev. Speckhard had been a teacher for the Deaf in Germany. When he was later serving as a parish pastor in Michigan, he discovered two Deaf girls, daughters of Lutheran parents. So he added to his pastoral duties the tutoring of these two girls.

When Rev. Speckhard received the call to become the director of the Detroit orphanage, both he and the parents of the Deaf children were concerned about the girls' education. They asked the board of the orphanage to allow these two Deaf girls to reside at the orphanage so they could continue their schooling. The board agreed, and soon word spread to other families of Deaf children.

Within one year the board realized they had an unexpected opportunity for ministry. After weighing their options, they decided to reorganize the orphanage as the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, and to transfer the orphans who were first resident there to a sister facility near Chicago.

Twenty years after the founding of the Deaf school in Detroit, one of its graduates, **Edward Pahl**, enlisted the help of the school's director, **Daniel H. Uhlig**, to address the spiritual needs of Deaf adults. Director Uhlig alerted **Rev. Augustus Reinke** of (First) Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Chicago, who, in turn, met with Mr. Pahl. By their combined efforts, Reinke and Pahl started congregational ministry for Deaf

people on Sunday March 4, 1894. Within two years, Rev. Reinke also ministered regularly to Deaf people in Milwaukee, St. Louis, Louisville, and many other cities.



The 1896 convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Fort Wayne, Indiana, had the opportunity to witness the fruit of Rev. Reinke's ministry, as he led worship in Sign Language, assisted by Deaf members of the congregation. During that convention, Synod adopted Deaf Missions as an official mission program of Synod. Pastor Reinke was elected chairman of the new board, and within six months four other men were called to work full-time with Deaf people.

The Deaf mission program was administered by a separate board from 1896 until 1965. During that time also it was responsible for Blind Ministry until it had its own board in 1949. In 1965 Deaf Missions became part of the unified Board of Missions.

Deaf congregations met in 1950 to draw up plans for a Deaf Mission Society which helped with the beginning of work with Deaf persons in the Orient.

In 1959, **Rev. William Ludwig** became the first Deaf Lutheran to graduate from the seminary and receive ordination into the pastoral ministry. Since then, many other Deaf people have followed his lead, as they have given themselves to the Gospel ministry as pastors, teachers, parish assistants, and overseas missionaries.

In 1971, Deaf people established the **International**

Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) for the purpose of “Sharing the Good News with Deaf People through fellowship and leadership training.” The Deaf Mission Society and *The Deaf Lutheran* monthly magazine became a part of that organization. The ILDA raises about \$25,000 every two years for mission projects over and above regular congregational missions.

The 1973 LCMS convention voted to transfer administration of Deaf missions to the Districts of Synod, while the LCMS mission office continued to provide advisory support and train new workers. Most Districts embraced the Deaf congregations they inherited. Even though the LCMS Mission Board no longer had direct oversight of Deaf congregations and ministries, the LCMS Office for Deaf Mission served as the glue that held together the network of Deaf ministries scattered among the Districts.

In 1994, the LCMS had 63 Deaf congregations in 25 states served by 30 full-time pastors or missionaries, plus three pastors in part-time Deaf ministry. About 200 “hearing” congregations had regular interpreted ministry for Deaf persons; less than a half-dozen of the pastors of those hearing churches were able to use Sign Language. Profoundly Deaf communicant members in the LCMS numbered about 8,000.

A major change occurred in 2008 when Synod staff organized the **Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS)** an independent Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. The Mission Board then transferred its Deaf mission programs to the LDMS, which continues Synod’s work of providing resources support for Districts, congregations, and Synod’s international mission partners. LDMS also works to recruit and train church workers for Deaf ministry.

Today we have significantly fewer Deaf congregations where American Sign Language is the primary means of communication. One factor that has led to this decline is a reduction of District support for Deaf missions. Today we have 29 Deaf congregations, only seven of which receive any support from their District. We are thankful for many hearing congregations which now offer interpreted worship

and Bible study.

Lutheran Deaf schools exist in Brazil (2), Hong Kong (1), India (4), and Macau (1). In addition, Deaf adult missions are active in Ghana, Kenya, Hong Kong, India, as well as Australia, Norway.



Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, offers courses which expose students to the church’s need for Deaf missions and various models for meeting those needs. The seminary also supports hearing churches with interpreted ministries through its summer Church Interpreter Training Institute.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, prepares Deaf students for professional church work as pastors and deaconesses through its online Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has enjoyed a long and fruitful ministry among Deaf people, sharing the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ with those whose primary mode of communication is Sign Language.

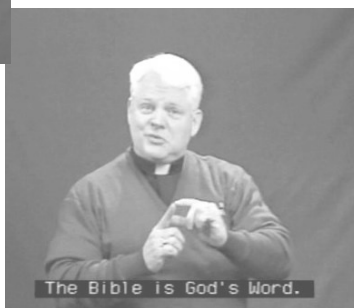
LDMS PROGRAMS

The Lutheran Deaf Mission Society seeks to continue work previously done by the LCMS mission

staff. Chief among those tasks is to provide networking, resources, and moral support to LCMS Deaf congregations, workers in Deaf ministry, and hearing congregations serving the Deaf community. We stay connected through Facebook, our Deaf ministry email group, and **Ephphatha Conference (EC)**. Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, who is our EC Director, also serves as our Archivist. He is our expert for all things relating to LCMS Deaf ministry history. (If you ever find historical photos and articles relating to your church's Deaf ministry, please contact us so we can help preserve and share this important records.)



Another vital goal of LDMS is equipping Deaf church members as ministry leaders in their home congregations and their local communities. Dr. Rodney Rynearson and Rev. John Reinke enlisted several pastors and lay leaders to write and record video lessons for the **Deaf Pah!** training program. These lessons are now free to the public online through deafjesus.org/deafpah. We are still adding new courses to the Deaf Pah! program.



A third important mission of LDMS recruiting and training the next generation of LCMS church workers in Deaf ministry. Our **Deaf Institute of Theology (DIT)** program partners with ILDA and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO, in providing training and support for Deaf students preparing for professional service as pastors and deaconesses.

LDMS also seeks to help hearing congregations serve the Deaf community through our **Interpreted Ministry Support**. LDMS partners with ILDA in offering an Interpreted Ministry Conference for church interpreters concurrent with ILDA's biennial convention.

Also supporting hearing churches striving to do Deaf ministry, we offer **DeafLITES** (Lutherans Inspiring, Teaching, Equipping, Serving), a weekend orientation and training program pioneered by Rev. John Reinke.

LDMS also serves as a channel for support to overseas **World Mission** partners engaged in Deaf ministry. God has made it possible for us to assist Deaf work in India and Kenya, Africa.

The LDMS **Technology** staff manages the internet systems which makes our work possible – the LDMS website (deafjesus.org), YouTube, Facebook, email, and online file-sharing.

LDMS – ILDA PARTNERSHIP

The Lutheran Deaf Mission Society serves LCMS congregations and church workers engaged in Deaf ministry. The International Lutheran Deaf Association is the fellowship of LCMS Deaf Lutherans. You will find many of the same people in both organizations, as we serve and support one another, sharing common goals, and a united mission. We work together to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Deaf people who do not yet know Him. We join hands in encouraging one another to grow in our faith, love, and service to Him.

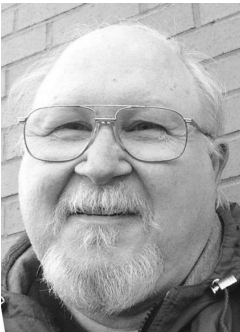
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Rev. Ron Friedrich**



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Rev. Edwin Bergstresser**



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John Mason**



**Secretary
Janet Gehlbach**



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Jeff Padon**



**ILDA Representative
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Rev. Tim Eckert



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Rev. Daryl Gehlbach



World Missions
Rev. Tom Dunseth

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Calvary Deaf, Des Moines, Iowa
Concordia, Kirkwood, Missouri
Holy Cross Deaf, St. Louis, Missouri
Our Savior Deaf, Madison, Wisconsin
Peace Deaf, Indianapolis, Indiana
Prince of Peace Deaf, Spring Lake Park, Minnesota
Word of God Deaf, Cedar Rapids, Iowa



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ILDA PASTORAL ADVISORS

SECRETARY/COUNSELORS FOR DEAF and BLIND MINISTRY

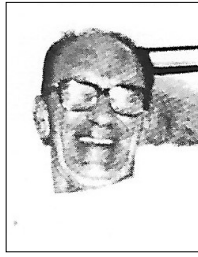
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ILDA President and President-Elect 1970-2021



Clarence Schulz
1970-1971



Ted Brighton
1970-1971



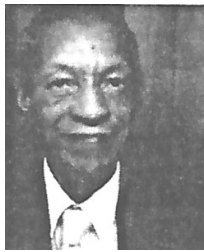
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Uriel C. Jones
1971-1975



Elmer Francisco
1973-1977



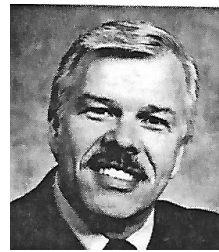
Joseph Kindred
1975-1981



Charles Kotal
1977-1985



Lester Ahls
1981-1989



Ron Byington
1985-1991



Ronald Madding
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Larry Gorton
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Dennis Konkel
1995-1999



Richard Norton
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James Swalley
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Pam Kane
2001-2007



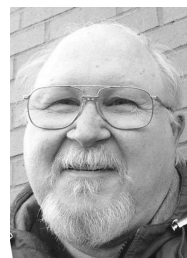
Gregory Desrosiers
2003-2009



Jeffrey Padon
2007-2013



Carol Seeger
2009-2015
April-July 2021



John Mason
2013-2021



Gregory Werth
2015-April 2021

ILDA Secretary 1970—2021



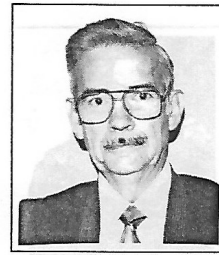
Robert Baker
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Archie Marshall
1973-1977



Marian Van Manen
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Lester Ahls
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Lillian Long
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Beth Lockard
1985-1989



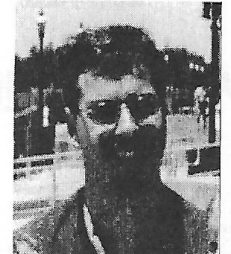
Charles Kotal
1989-1993



James Swalley
1993-1995



Alice Hagemeyer
1995-1999



Tim Johnston
1999-2005



Jennifer Bonura
2007-2009



Jennifer Ceyanes
2009-2013



Becky Jungklaus
2013-2015



Janet Gehlbach
2015-2021



ILDA Treasurer 1970-2021



Warren Riege
1970



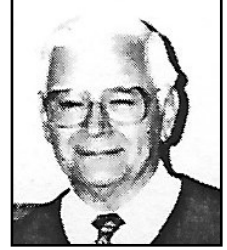
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Robert Case
1973-1975



Russel Healey
1975-1977



Elmer Francisco
1977-1983



Jackie Kemper
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1991-1995



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Karen Beiter
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Jim Sipchen
2001-2005



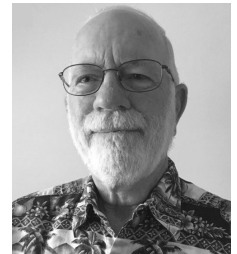
John Krause
2005-2009



Patrick Sell
2009-2015



Karen Beiter
2015-2017



David G. Brown
2017-2021



ILDA Pastoral Advisors 1970-2021



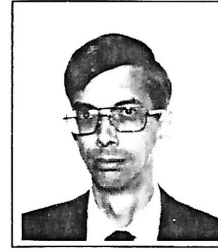
Rev. R. Rynearson
1970-1977



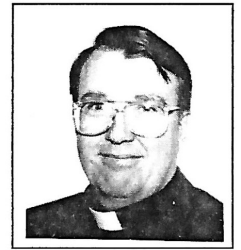
Rev. Paul Dorr
1977-1981



Rev. William Ludwig
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Rev. Ron Friedrich
1983-1987



Rev. Shirrel Petzoldt
1987-1991



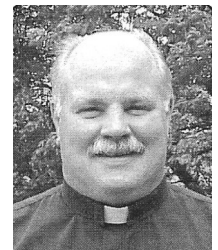
Rev. Edwin Bergstresser
1981-1995



Rev. Don Leber
1995-1999



Rev. Mark Anderson
2001-2003



Rev. Bud Palmer
2003



Rev. Mark Seeger
2003-2007



Rev. Jerry Munz
2007-2011



Rev. Gregory Desrosiers
2013-2017

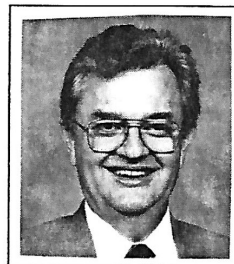


Rev. Tyler Walworth
2017-2021

Secretary and Counselor for Deaf and Blind Ministry 1970-2003



Rev. Herbert Rohe
1970-1978



Rev. Donald Zuhn
1978-1986



Rev. Rodney Rynearson
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Rev. Roger Altenberger
2000-2003



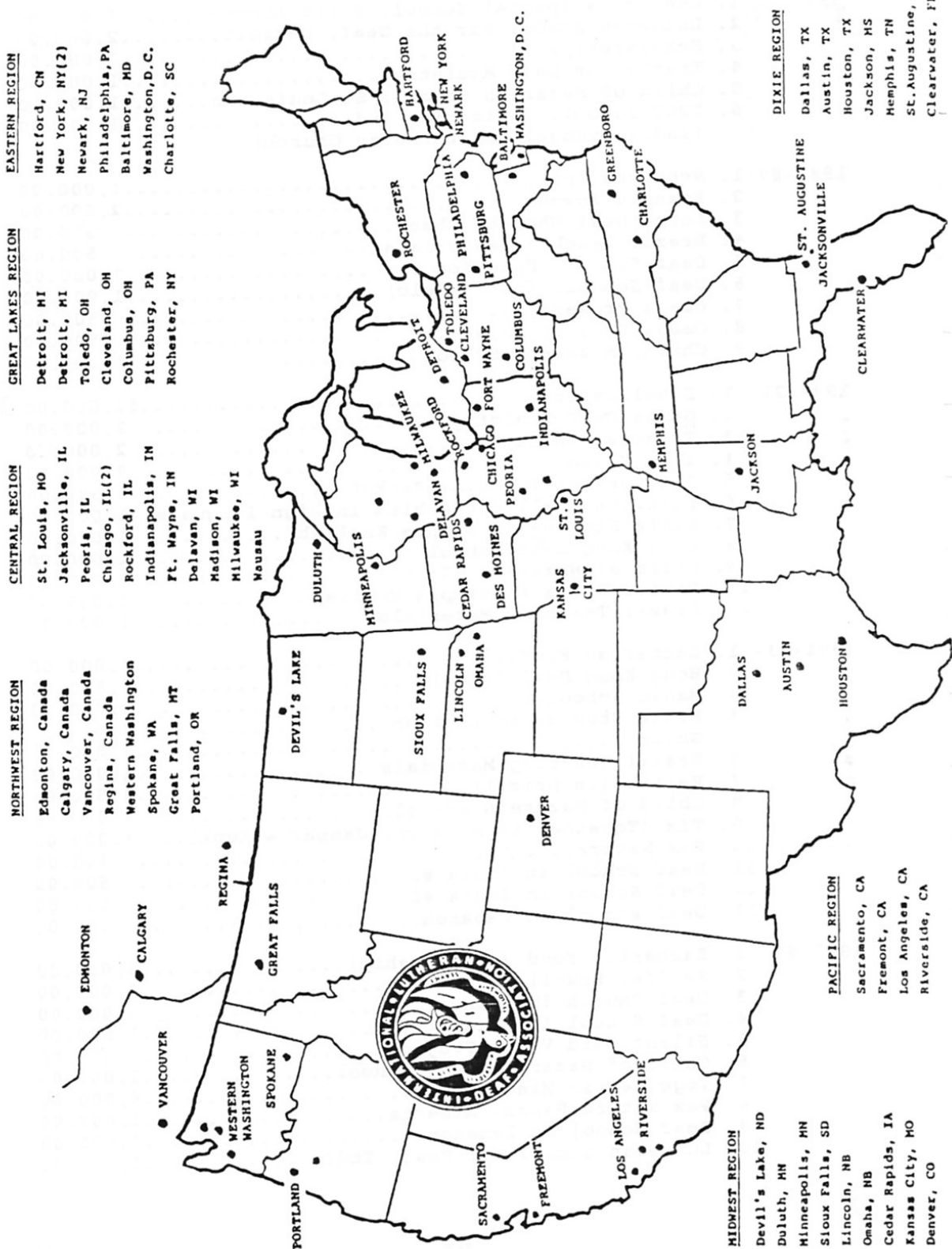


ILDA REGIONS



(Reprinted from the ILDA 25th Anniversary Book)

THE SEVEN REGIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION



As reported in the ILDA 25th Anniversary Book, these were the seven ILDA Regions of the United States and Canada in 1995:

Northwest Region:

Edmonton, Canada
 Calgary, Canada
 Vancouver, Canada
 Regina, Canada
 Western Washington
 Spokane, WA
 Great Falls, MT
 Portland, OR
 Idaho

Pacific Region:

Sacramento, CA
 Fremont, CA
 Los Angeles, CA
 Riverside, CA

Dixie Region:

Dallas, TX
 Austin, TX
 Houston, TX
 Jackson, MS
 Memphis, TN
 St. Augustine, FL
 Clearwater, FL

Central Region:

St. Louis, MO
 Jacksonville, IL
 Peoria, IL
 Chicago, IL (2)
 Rockford, IL
 Indianapolis, IN
 Fort Wayne, IN
 Delavan, WI
 Madison, WI
 Milwaukee, WI
 Wausau, WI

Great Lakes Region:

Detroit, MI
 Lansing, MI
 Saginaw, MI
 Grand Rapids, MI
 Toledo, OH
 Cleveland, OH
 Columbus, OH
 Pittsburgh, PA
 Rochester, NY

Midwest Region:

Devil's Lake, ND
 Duluth, MN
 Minneapolis, MN
 Sioux Falls, SD
 Lincoln, NE
 Omaha, NE
 Cedar Rapids, IA
 Kansas City, MO
 Denver, CO

Eastern Region:

Hartford, CT
 New York, NY (2)
 Newark, NJ
 Philadelphia, PA
 Baltimore, MD
 Washington, DC
 Charlotte, NC

As of July 2021, these are the current Regions of ILDA (United States and Canada):

Dixie Region: Not Active

Eastern Region: Not Active

Northwest Region:

Canada

Edmonton
 Vancouver

USA

Great Falls, MT
 Seattle, WA

Central Region:

Chicago, IL
 Jacksonville, IL
 Peoria, IL
 Rockford, IL
 Indianapolis, IN
 St. Louis, MO
 Madison, WI
 Milwaukee, WI
 Wausau, WI

Great Lakes Region:

Washington, DC
 Rochester, NY
 Columbus, OH
 Toledo, OH
 Pittsburgh, PA
 Beverly Hills, MI
 Flint, MI

Midwest Region:

Cedar Rapids, IA
 Davenport, IA
 Des Moines, IA
 Topeka, KS
 Spring Lake Park, MN
 Sioux Falls, SD





Junior ILDA

1989—1995

1997—2003

2005—present time

Junior ILDA Chairpersons

Junior ILDA

(1989—1995)

(reprinted from the 1995 ILDA 25th Anniversary Book)

The purpose of the Junior ILDA is to get young people involved both in the goals and fellowship of ILDA. These young people are the future of ILDA. While we can provide guidance, we hope that the youth will contribute their own ideas and dreams and grow on that.

Since the inception of Junior ILDA at its first convention in Portland, Oregon, many adults still question the issue of the age range for Junior ILDA. The age range of 13-21 seems to be inappropriate, because the voting age for these people during state primaries or the general elections is 18. Should Junior ILDA consider changing the age range? We hope Junior ILDA will report to the ILDA Board of Directors giving their age recommendations to include in the ILDA Handbook. As of this writing, there are no guidelines on Junior ILDA, which the new Law Committee Chairman will need to develop. When he or she selects their ILDA Law Committee, should consider picking a Junior ILDA representative to plan writing their guidelines for the ILDA Handbook.

(1997—2003)

(updated by the 2021 ILDA 50th Anniversary Book editors)

From the years 1997 to 2003, Junior ILDA continued to plan activities and meet during the ILDA conventions during those years.

(2005—present)

(updated by the 2021 ILDA 50th Anniversary Book editors)

At the time of preparing this 2021 ILDA Anniversary Book, Junior ILDA has been inactive. There are no records of Junior ILDA activity in any of the ILDA convention books since 2005. There are also no guidelines printed in the ILDA Handbook (Article VIII).

Junior ILDA Chairpersons



David Miller
1989



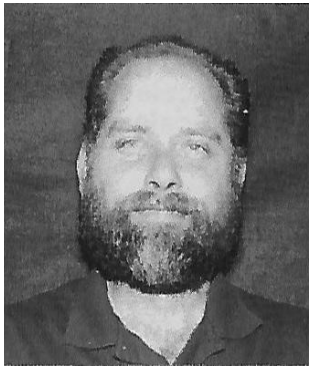
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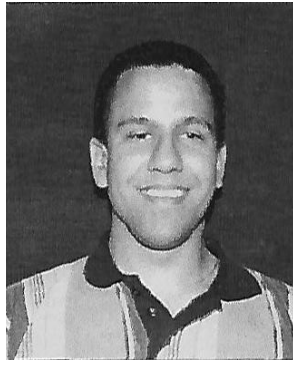
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Brian Degner
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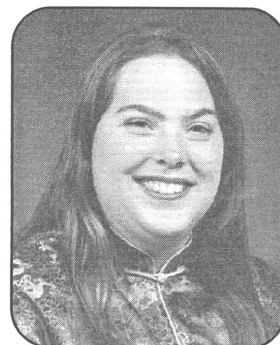
Angie Wallis
1997



Amanda Kane
1999



Nancy Hicks
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Sara McKinney
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Heather Grover
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The Deaf Lutheran Newsletter

Banner Heads

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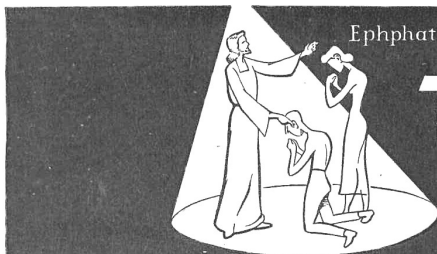


The Deaf Lutheran Banner Heads

The Deaf Lutheran.

A MISSIONARY MONTHLY.

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The Deaf Lutheran

Board of Missions to the Deaf
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

1951

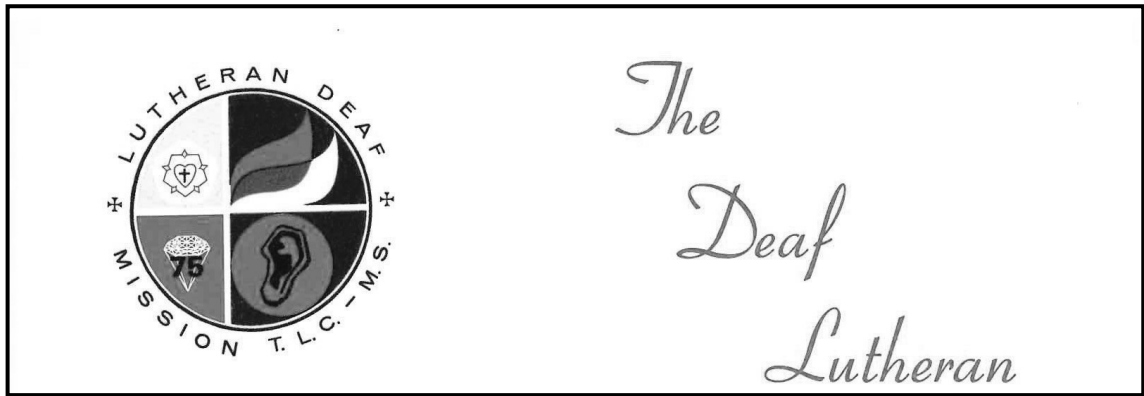
The Deaf Lutheran



*Ephphatha, that is,
Be opened.*

MARK 7:34

1954



1969



1996



2018

History of The Deaf Lutheran

(Author unknown—as printed in the ILDA 25th Anniversary Book with revisions)

The initial request of the deaf to publish their own periodical came as early as 1902. The Board, in concurrence with the Synodical Convention, however, felt that the time was not yet ripe for a separate publication. Instead *The Lutheran Pioneer* was used for dissemination of information. A separate publication was urged because the deaf were unable to read German *Der Lutheraner*.

From 1902 until 1908 the *Pioneer*, as of course, *Der Lutheraner*, as well as *Die Missions-Taube* and the *Lutheran Witness* kept the special interests of the deaf in mind.

A farewell editorial in the *Lutheran Pioneer* states:

The number will likely be the last issue of this extra edition of the *Lutheran Pioneer* with “among the Deaf” appended, since it is proposed from January the first next to publish a new paper under the name of *Deaf Lutheran* for the direct benefit of our deaf throughout our various missions. Such a paper has become a necessity for various reasons, and we hope that all who have hitherto subscribed to this extra edition of *Pioneer* would not become subscribers to the *Deaf Lutheran*. The new publication was, however, in no way to crowd out the *Pioneer* in its original form, but we hope that, since both follow different lines, readers of the one will be and remain readers also of the other.

In January 1909, *The Deaf Lutheran* made its appearance, edited from 1711 Meinecke Ave. As you might surprise,

T. Wangerin served as the first editor, the publication was launched as a four-page monthly, 10 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches, and remained in that form until the revisions in January 1954.

Already in the first editorial, Editor Wangerin announced the purposes of the publication. We regret that Volume 1 was not available for this study, since it is not filed at Concordia Historical Institute. We quote from the Dams series: In the name of God we launch on the sea of enterprise a new periodical which was to be published monthly in the interests of the deaf of our various missions and is known as *The Deaf Lutheran*. It contains articles for the spiritual and moral betterment of its readers as well as news items from the various Lutheran deaf circles, thus keeping its readers in touch and sympathy with each other. It proposed to clear away misunderstandings and wrong notions as to Lutheranism. It will show what true Lutheranism stands for, what it believes, teaches and confesses in word and deed. It is to be a Christian Herald, a Lutheran instructor with the object of enlarging and improving the religious and spiritual knowledge of its readers.

Initially the magazine cost only 25 cents per year; January 21 it was raised to 35 cents and in 1923 to 50 cents per year. During the depression price reduced to 25 cents per year (July 1933) and in December 1950 restored to 50 cents. Another increase occurred in January 1959 to \$1.00 per year. In 1967

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In November 1983 the price reduced to \$4.00 for individual and for the blanket plan was the same \$3.50 per year. In September 1987 it raised to \$4.50 for the blanket plan and \$5.00 for individual per year. The publication now launches an eight-page bi-monthly, 8 1/2 x 11 inches and remains in that form as its present format. In September 1991, it was raised to \$5.50 for the blanket plan and \$6.00 for individual fee per year.

2021 UPDATE: In January 2009, the cost increased to \$15.00 per year. In January 2014, the cost went down to \$10.00 per year. *The Deaf Lutheran* suspended publication from the Fall of 2009 to 2012. The current cost of a subscription is now \$10.00 per year. *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletter can also be view online at www.deafjesus.org/ilda/DeafLutheran.

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| 3 | E. G. Nachtsheim | 03/1918—09/1918 | Editor & Manager |
| 4 | J. Schumacher | 00/1918—00/1923 | Business Manager |
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| 18 | Russel Healey | 07/1974—06/1980 | Business Manager |
| 19 | Clarence Schulz | 07/1974—08/1980 | Assistant Editor |
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| 23 | Missy Eichler | 2004—2005 | Editor |
| 24 | David G. Brown | 2005—2009 | Editor |
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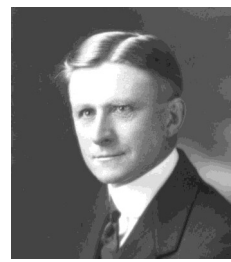
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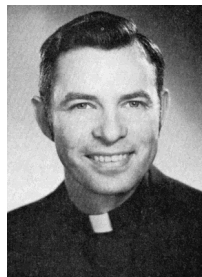
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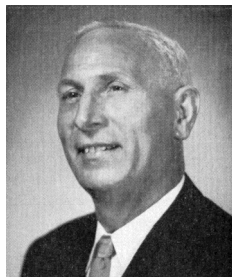
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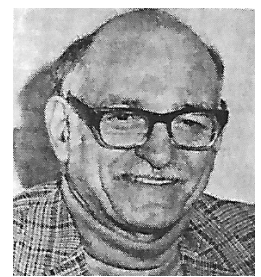
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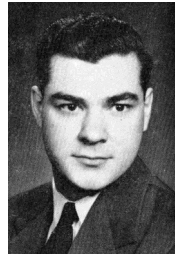
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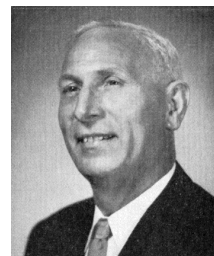
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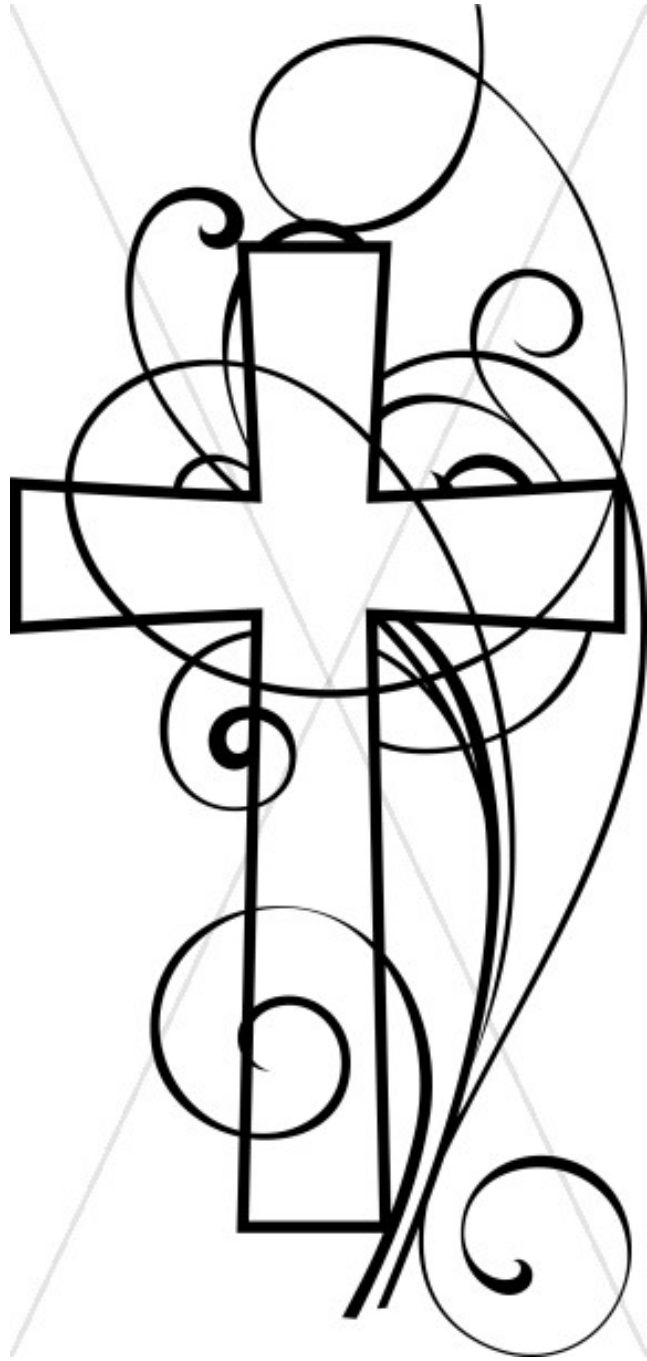


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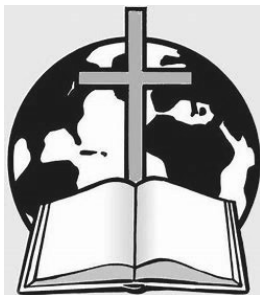






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Mission Projects



ILDA Mission Projects



| | | | <u>TOTALS</u> |
|------------------|--|---------|-----------------|
| 1974 | 1. Concordia Lutheran School (Porto Alegre, Brazil) | | |
| | 2. Lutheran School for the Deaf, Ambur, India | | |
| | 3. Tokyo Center for the Deaf, Japan (Rev. Kojiam & Rev. Philip Luttio) | | |
| | 4. Mission School for the Deaf, Brazil, John Ames, teachers | | |
| | 5. Mon Kok Lutheran School for the Deaf, British Hong Kong, Rev. Louis Jasper, Director | | |
| | 6. Send monies, for new starts: New Guinea, Korea, Phillipines..... | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| 1975 | 1. Charles Tang—Hong Kong..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 2. For advanced training at Lutheran Church for the Deaf..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 3. Mr. & Mrs. John Ames, Brazil, to purchase a jeep..... | \$2,000 | \$4,000 |
| 1976 | Multimedia Leadership training..... | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 1977 | 1. School for the Deaf, Porto Alegre, Brazil (to serve 56 children, need a better building, have land for a school)..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 2. Scholarship funds (for assistance to deaf individuals wishing to become lay-ministers and pastors to serve the Deaf)..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 3. Pax Natura Ranch, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (for new faculty to help mentally deficient deaf to learn ranching and self help skills in an outdoor environment, new idea)..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 4. School for the Deaf, Beirut, Lebanon..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 5. Leadership Training (carry over from 1975-77)..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 6. Collected for Mission Project..... | \$ 300 | \$5,300 |
| 1980 | 1. Pax Natura Ranch..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 2. The Deaf School in Porto Alegre, Brazil..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 3. (4) \$500 Scholarships..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 4. Taiwan Lutheran School for the Deaf (Rev. Lutz)..... | \$1,200 | \$4,700 |
| 1981-1983 | 1. Pax Natura Ranch, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 2. India School for the Deaf (Rev. Lutz)..... | \$1,200 | |
| | 3. Scholarships..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 4. Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Hong Kong (2 years)..... | \$7,200 | \$10,900 |
| 1983-1985 | 1. Lay Leader Training..... | \$6,000 | |
| | 2. Pax Natura Ranch (Rev. Bauer)..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 3. Brazil..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 4. India School for the Deaf..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 5. Scholarships..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 6. Lutheran School for the Deaf, Detroit..... | \$ 500 | \$10,500 |
| 1985-1987 | 1. Concordia Special School, Porto Alegre..... | \$1,500 | |
| | 2. Lutheran School for for the Deaf, Detroit..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 3. Scholarships..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 4. Tracts for Deaf Ministry..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 5. Child of Nazareth School, St. Louis, MO..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 6. India Evangelical Lutheran Church School, Tuticorin, India..... | \$1,000 | \$8,500 |

| | | | <u>TOTALS</u> |
|------------------|---|---------|----------------------|
| 1987-1989 | 1. Scholarships..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 2. Francis Anwan..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 3. Lutheran Deaf Church, Ghana..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 4. Brazil Teaching Materials..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 5. Deaf School, Hong Kong..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 6. Deaf School, India (IELC)..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 7. Omega Project..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 8. Omega Project Tapes..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 9. Child, Nazareth School..... | \$1,000 | \$8,000 |
| 1989-1991 | 1. Scholarships..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 2. Ghana Deaf Ministry..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 3. Francis Anwana..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 4. ILDA Video..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 5. Interpreter Training Packet..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 6. Luther's Small Catechism in sign language..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 7. Bible Studies in Simple English..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 8. Hong Kong Deaf School..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 9. Child of Nazareth School..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 10. Divine Drama in Simple English..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 11. Brazil Teaching Materials..... | \$1,000 | \$14,500 |
| 1991-1993 | 1. Zacharias Fund..... | \$3,000 | |
| | 2. Hong Kong Deaf School..... | \$1,500 | |
| | 3. Macau School..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 4. Bible Studies in English..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 5. Ghana..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 6. Brazil teaching Materials..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 7. Recife (in Brazil)..... | \$2,500 | |
| | 8. Child of Nazareth School..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 9. TIM (Together in Mission) Jasper & Kunkl..... | \$4,000 | |
| | 10. Pax Natura..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 11. Deaf School in India #1..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 12. Deaf School in India #2..... | \$ 500 | |
| | 13. Deaf School in Lebanon..... | \$ 500 | \$20,000 |
| 1993-1995 | 1. Zacharias Fund (Scholarships)..... | \$5,000 | |
| | 2. Recife, Brazil..... | \$3,000 | |
| | 3. Deaf Church in Ghana..... | \$3,000 | |
| | 4. Deaf School in Macau..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 5. Silent Word Video Project..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 6. Child of Nazareth Deaf School..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 7. Together in Mission..... | \$6,000 | |
| | 8. Nax Natura Ranch, Alberta, Canada..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 9. Deaf School in Lebanon..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 10. Lutheran School for the Deaf, India..... | \$1,000 | \$23,000 |

| | | <u>TOTALS</u> |
|------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1995-1997 | 1. Zacharias Fund (Scholarships)..... | \$2,000 |
| | 2. Ghana Lutheran Deaf Church..... | \$3,000 |
| | 3. Concordia School, Macau..... | \$1,000 |
| | 4. Silent Word Media Resources..... | \$1,000 |
| | 5. Child of Nazareth School..... | \$1,000 |
| | 6. India Lutheran Deaf School..... | \$1,000 |
| | 7. Pax Natura Ranch (Canada)..... | \$1,000 |
| | 8. School for the Deaf, Lebanon..... | \$1,000 |
| | 9. India Lutheran Church (House)..... | \$20,000 |
| | | \$31,000 |
| 1997-1999 | 1. Starfish Learning Center..... | \$6,000 |
| | 2. Ethiopia..... | \$1,000 |
| | 3. Brazil..... | \$1,000 |
| | 4. India..... | \$7,000 |
| | 5. Ghana..... | \$6,000 |
| | 6. Macau..... | \$1,000 |
| | 7. Australia..... | \$3,000 |
| | 8. Lebanon..... | \$1,000 |
| | 9. Camps for the Deaf: California, Nebraska, Ohio (\$3,000 each)... | \$9,000 |
| | 10. Pax Natura, Canada..... | \$2,000 |
| | 11. Zacharias Fund (Scholarships)..... | \$11,000 |
| | 12. Silent Word (River Forest, IL)..... | \$1,000 |
| | 13. Mission, P.R. | \$1,000 |
| | | \$50,000 |
| 1999-2001 | 1. Deaf Missions Planters Institute..... | \$15,000 |
| | 2. Macau (volunteers)..... | \$2,000 |
| | 3. China..... | \$2,000 |
| | 4. D.I.T. and Zacharias..... | \$16,000 |
| | 5. Pax Natura Ranch (Canada)..... | \$1,000 |
| | 6. Camps for the Deaf: Nebraska, California, Ohio (\$3,000 each).... | \$9,000 |
| | 7. Starfish Learning Center..... | \$6,000 |
| | 8. Computer (Deaf Lutheran)..... | \$4,000 |
| | | \$55,000 |
| 2001-2003 | 1. DIT/Zacharias..... | \$11,000 |
| | 2. ILDA PR Video Project..... | \$5,000 |
| | 3. Sao Paul Lutheran Church (Brazil)..... | \$2,500 |
| | 4. Rep. of Madagascar Deaf Schools..... | \$2,500 |
| | 5. Summer camps (Calif., Neb., Texas)..... | \$9,000 |
| | 6. Ghana..... | \$2,000 |
| | 7. Macau (missionary)..... | \$2,000 |
| | 8. New York West Camp..... | \$2,000 |
| | 9. Concordia School for (Macau)..... | \$1,500 |
| | 10. India Parsonage Improvement..... | \$3,000 |
| | 11. Nyandarua School of the Deaf..... | \$3,000 |
| | 12. Pax Natura Ranch (Canada)..... | \$1,000 |
| | 13. Starfish Learning Center..... | \$3,000 |
| | | \$47,500 |

| | | <u>TOTALS</u> | |
|------------------|---|---------------|-----------------|
| 2003-2005 | 1. DIT/Zacharias Fund..... | \$7,000 | |
| | 2. ILDA PR/Video Project..... | \$5,000 | |
| | 3. Starfish Learning Center..... | \$3,000 | |
| | 4. Ghana Outreach Training..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 5. India Outreach Training..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 6. www.DeafJesus.org..... | \$3,000 | |
| | 7. Brazil Outreach Training..... | \$1,500 | |
| | 8. World Mission—Deaf Mission Society..... | \$1,500 | |
| | 9. Pax Natura Ranch (Canada)..... | \$1,000 | \$26,000 |
| 2005-2007 | 1. Ghana Lutheran Deaf School..... | \$7,000 | |
| | 2. Starfish Learning Center..... | \$4,800 | |
| | 3. India Outreach Training..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 4. Rev. Leber’s Deaf Camp (California)..... | \$1,500 | |
| | 5. Youth Service Project..... | \$5,000 | |
| | 6. Christian Bible Lessons for Deaf Children..... | \$7,000 | \$27,300 |
| 2007-2009 | 1. Christian Bible Lessons for Deaf Children..... | \$7,000 | |
| | 2. D.IT. (training materials)..... | \$6,000 | |
| | 3. Africa Leadership Training (materials)..... | \$6,000 | |
| | 4. Rev. Leber’s Deaf Camp..... | \$3,000 | |
| | 5. Youth Service Project..... | \$7,000 | |
| | 6. Starfish Deaf Learning Center..... | \$5,000 | |
| | 7. India Leadership Training (materials)..... | \$6,000 | \$40,000 |
| 2009-2011 | 1. Africa Leadership Training..... | \$4,000 | |
| | 2. Children and Youth..... | \$2,500 | |
| | 3. DIT Training..... | \$4,000 | |
| | 4. DIT Zacharias Fund..... | \$16,000 | |
| | 5. India..... | \$4,000 | |
| | 6. Rev. Leber’s Deaf Camp..... | \$4,000 | |
| | 7. Starfish Learning Center..... | \$2,500 | |
| | 8. Youth Service Project..... | \$8,000 | \$45,000 |
| 2011-2013 | 1. Zacharias Fund..... | \$25,000 | |
| | 2. VBS Fund..... | \$2,000 | |
| | 3. Pahl Training Fund..... | \$15,000 | |
| | 4. Deaf Teen Project..... | \$8,000 | |
| | 5. ILDA—exhibit booth..... | \$5,000 | \$55,000 |
| 2013-2015 | 1. Zacharias Fund..... | \$16,000 | |
| | 2. Pahl Training Fund..... | \$6,000 | |
| | 3. Deaf Teen Service Projects..... | \$4,000 | |
| | 4. VBS for local deaf churches..... | \$1,000 | |
| | 5. ILDA Exhibit Fund..... | \$1,500 | \$28,500 |
| 2015-2017 | 1. Deaf Youth Service Project..... | \$5,000 | |
| | 2. Fiji Special Education Center..... | \$5,000 | |
| | 3. DIT Students..... | \$7,000 | |
| | 4. DIT Students (amended for two new students)..... | \$16,000 | \$33,000 |

| | | <u>TOTALS</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 2017-2019 | 1. Deaf Youth Service Project..... | \$8,000 |
| | 2. Mission Support: | |
| | Rev. Ryan McDermott..... | \$2,000 |
| | Rev. Steven Schumacher..... | \$2,000 |
| | David Bush..... | \$2,000 |
| 3. India..... | \$8,000 | |
| 4. Kenya..... | \$8,000 | |
| 5. World Lutheran Deaf Outreach..... | \$4,000 | \$34,000 |
| 2019-2021 | 1. Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry..... | \$1,000 |
| | 2. LCMS Int'l Missions ELCG Ghana..... | \$2,000 |
| | 3. Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas..... | \$10,000 |
| | 4. David and Barbara Bush (Macau)..... | \$2,000 |
| | 5. Rev. Ryan McDermott (Togo)..... | \$2,000 |
| | 6. Rev. John Reinke (World Lutheran Deaf Outreach)..... | \$10,000 |

Note: \$27,000 was requested for Mission Project funds for 2019-2021 but not all funds were paid out:
 #1 forfeited because of COVID19
 #2 paid in full
 #3 \$5,000 paid
 #4 paid in full
 #5 forfeited—not serving Togo
 #6 \$5,000 paid

TOTALS:

Page 50 \$ 49,900
Page 51 \$ 65,500
Page 52 \$183,500
Page 53 \$254,800
Page 54 \$ 61,000

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 614,700





Convention Sites

Convention Chairpersons



| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>CONVENTION HOST</u> | <u>HOST LOCATION</u> | <u>THEME</u> | <u>ATT.</u> |
|------------------|--|--|--|-------------|
| 1971 7/16-18 | Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church Chicago, IL | Regency Hyatt House Chicago, IL | "Forward with Christ" | 365 |
| 1973 7/12-15 | Redeemer Lutheran Church Kansas City, MO | Hotel Muehlebach Kansas City, MO | "Sharing Love in Christ" | 350 |
| 1975 7/31-8/3 | Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf Silver Spring, MD | Stouffer's National Center Inn Washington, DC | "New Life" | 400 |
| 1977 6/30-7/3 | Faith Lutheran Church of the Deaf Spokane, WA | Ridpath Hotel Spokane, WA | "Rise Shine! Give God Glory!" | 350 |
| 1979 6/21-24 | Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church of the Deaf Memphis TN | Holiday Inn Memphis TN | "Go and Tell" | 300 |
| 1981 7/9-12 | Pilgrim Lutheran Church of the Deaf Los Angeles, CA | Hilton Hotel Los Angeles, CA | "Be Opened!" | 383 |
| 1983 7/21-24 | Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Pittsburgh, PA | The Pittsburgh Hilton Pittsburgh, PA | "Celebrating Power, Presence and Promise Together" | 373 |
| 1985 7/4-7 | Emmanuel Lutheran Church of the Deaf Milwaukee, WI | Marc Plaza Hotel Milwaukee, WI | "Come! Follow Me" | 303 |
| 1987 6/25-28 | Word of God Lutheran Church for the Deaf Cedar Rapids, IA | Stouffer Five Seasons Hotel Cedar Rapids, IA | "A Time For Everything!" | 400 |
| 1989 7/6-9 | Hope Lutheran Church of the Deaf Portland, OR | Red Lion Inn Portland, OR | "Be Alive" | 341 |
| 1991 8/1-4 | Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church Toledo, OH | Holiday Inn Toledo, OH | "GOD, You are my: Shepherd, Teacher, Friend, Light and Rock" | 300 |
| 1993 7/1-4 | Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf Austin, TX | The Red Lion Hotel Austin, TX | "Jesus Is The Lone Star" | 300 |
| 1995 6/29-7/2 | Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf and Northern Illinois Deaf Churches | Hyatt Regency Hotel-Woodfield Schaumburg, IL | "Behold, I Shall Make All Things New" | 306 |
| 1997 7/3-6 | Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf Saint Louis, MO | Adam's Mark Hotel Saint Louis, MO | "Jesus Is The Gateway" | 433 |

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>CONVENTION HOST</u> | <u>HOST LOCATION</u> | <u>THEME</u> | <u>ATT.</u> |
|-----------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| 1999 6/24-27 | Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf Cleveland, OH | Holiday Inn Independence, OH | "Jesus Christ...The Beginning and The End" | 300 |
| 2001 6/21-24 | Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf Indianapolis, IN | Indianapolis Marriott Indianapolis, IN | "Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve" | 205 |
| 2003 7/3-6 | Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf Minneapolis, MN | Hilton Hotel Minneapolis, MN | "Let Thy Holy Angels Be With Us" | 220 |
| 2005 8/4-7 | Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada | Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada | "Let us praise the Lord from the Mountaintops" | 188 |
| 2007 6/21-24 | Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf Silver Spring, MD | BWI: Airport Marriott Baltimore, MD | "Encourage Each Other In Faith" | 157 |
| 2009 7/23-26 | Alpha Lutheran Church for the Deaf Rochester NY | Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Rochester, NY | "Set Your Minds On Things Above" | 132 |
| 2011 8/4-7 | Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church Columbus Ohio | Deer Creek State Park Mount Sterling, OH | "Come Closer to Our God" | 70 |
| 2013 8/18-21 | Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf Austin, TX | Concordia University campus Austin, TX | "Jesus Is The Cornerstone" | 80 |
| 2015 7/23-26 | Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church Madison, WI | Crowne Plaza Hotel Madison, WI | "I will meditate all day and all night" | 134 |
| 2017 7/13-16 | Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf Indianapolis, IN | Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis, IN | "Focus on Jesus" | 74 IMC 17 |
| 2019 7/18-21 | KansaSEED Topeka, KS | Capital Plaza Hotel Topeka, KS | "God Above Gold" | 53 IMC 18 |
| 2021 7/22-25 | Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf Spring Lake Park, MN | Holiday Inn Elk Grove Village, IL | "Remember—Celebrate—Proclaim" | 67 IMC 12 |

IMC = Interpreter Ministry Conference

ILDA Convention Chairpersons 1971-2001



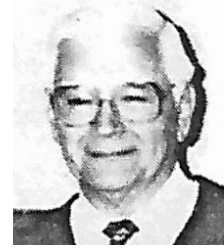
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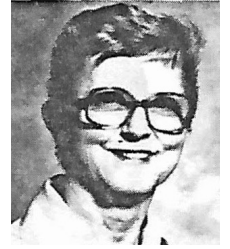
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1973



Edward Trainor
1975



Elmer Francisco
1977



Millie Francisco
1977



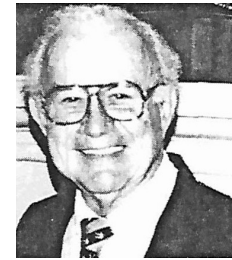
Lawrence Fields
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Rev. David Bush
1979



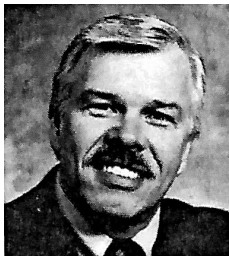
Harold Thuve
1981



Henry Walls
1983



Donald Mowl
1983



Ron Byington
1985



Wm. Zimmerman
1987



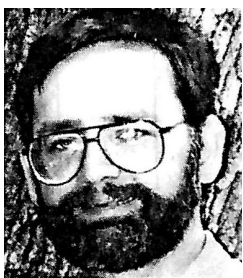
Ronald Madding
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Warren Burford
1991



Howard Snyder
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Richard Norton
1993



Carol Pickell
1995



Sharon Schwartz
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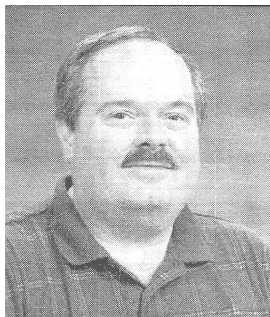


Pam Kane
1999



Winona Alter
2001

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**Mark Johnson
2003**



**Linda Desrosiers
2005**



**Jeff Padon
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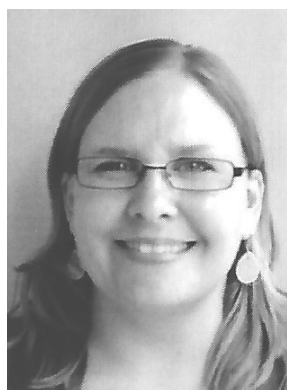
**JoAnna Rushton
2009**



**Karen Beiter
2009**



**Nancy Bergstresser
2011**



**Jennifer Ceyanes
2013**



**Dawn and Gregory Werth
2015**



**Mike Ford
2017**



**Sara and David Hale
2019**



**Janet Gehlbach
2021**





ILDA Memories



ILDA Memories

I've always loved Pastor Prentice Marsh and family. I would always pick up Petey, when he was young, and spin him around as a greeting, since the time I vicared in Chicago in 1984. My most treasured memory was the last ILDA both the Marsh family and I attended, maybe 2000. The very tall, muscular, handsome young Petey ran to me, picked me up and spun me around. We both laughed very spiritually joy filled at the friendship of many many blessed years in ILDA.

Rev. Darrell Kois

Doing the service project TOGETHER in Kansas (2019), the last choir song finale, fancy dinner and chatting with sisters in Christ. The workshop led by Pastor Boling and the prison ministry led by John Mason were "eye-openers!" I realized new needs that need to be taken care of. Each meal, meeting and connecting with new people within the ministry and creating more friendships and catching up with people we have not seen in a long time. Power point recognizing long time pastors serving in deaf ministry was honorable too.

Melissa Kearney

My biggest memory would be my second ILDA convention that I attended. That was the 1997 St. Louis convention. I went through an interview for the Deaf Lutheran editor position there. It was a large convention, over 300 people and a huge July 4th holiday crowd. I met many new friends there.

David Brown

Doing the service project in Kansas was wonderful. Not only did we work on it but we chatted with others, shared laughter, joy and getting to know others who worked in the service project. Most importantly it was the joy of seeing my brothers and sisters in Christ whom I have not seen for a long time.

Becky Catchpole

I especially enjoyed the 1997 St. Louis convention. It was beautiful to watch the Fourth of July fireworks under the arch.

Rev. Daryl D. Gehlbach

ILDA Memories

My memories was awesome to get to know people, especially Eugene Clupper and Mildred and Elmer Francisco. Eugene and Mildred are now in heaven. I married Elmer Francisco in 2000.

Diane Francisco

I am sure I have many, but for some reason one from the first ILDA convention remains with me. There were two “lay ministers” installed that were assigned to the Chicago area also.

Kathryn Zuhn

My favorite memory was at the 1983 convention in Pittsburgh (my first one as a newly ordained pastor). As part of the banquet entertainment, I was chosen to compete in a game on stage in which we had to communicate the winning answer to our teammates by “finger spelling” with our legs. All dignity and grace were taken from me as I laid on the stage floor and waved my legs wildly in the air.

Rev. Steven Schlund

I have a funny memory. Betty Jo Lucero, Karen Hale and I decided to book a plane to Rochester, NY (2009) while another group took an Amtrak train. I recalled one of them booked the ticket and after I received the ticket I double checked the flight and caught “Rochester, MN.” I screamed, “NO, not to Minnesota!” I quickly contacted Betty Jo and Karen to change the flight ticket! If we had not checked the flight ticket, we all would have ended up in Minnesota!

Dawn Werth



**At the 2009 ILDA Convention in Rochester NY,
we, silly girls, had a blast!**

ILDA Memories

I was the co-host pastor with Rev. Prentice Marsh for the 1995 ILDA convention in Chicago. Four deaf congregations in Northern Illinois (North Chicago, South Chicago, Rockford and Cary) took part in hosting the convention. It was absolutely pleasing and utterly wonderful to witness the togetherness of these congregations to ensure the success of Christian fellowship by the participants numbering at 375 along with amazing professional certified Lutheran interpreters. Also, many enjoyed the trip to the Naval Museum and Pier. In sum, the convention event in 1995 was unmeasurably blessed and truly unforgettable! Now once again, Chicago is to be the host for 2021, this time for the 50th years of ILDA, as it was the original host back in 1971. Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be to everlasting.

Rev. Mark Anderson

Our memories would be in Madison, WI (2015) when I hosted as chairperson along with my husband, Gregory as co-chairperson. It was a lot of fun and being chairperson is very challenging. The sports night banquet and a guest speaker from the Creation Museum was a success! I thank God for all the help from several Deaf churches in their involvement to make this convention to bring us together. The hardest part was to prepare the convention in nine months. We made it!

Dawn Werth

My fondest memories of ILDA were the Minneapolis, Vancouver, Baltimore and Toledo conventions. It was a hoot to see Rev. Daryl Gehlbach dressed up as a girl during the "Name That Pastor" part of the Minneapolis convention. His sister dressed him up when he was a young boy and just for fun Rev. Gehlbach put that photo up on the screen for laughs!

Larry Ginter

I really wanted to attend the convention but because I haven't seen my brother Donnie (he is deaf and lives in KY) and my Ohio grandchildren for four years and a surprise for me my great grandkids came from Alabama too! We had a wonderful time but my heart really wanted to see friends at ILDA too! I missed all of you!!

Pastor Don really loved serving as pastoral advisor for ILDA and trust me, I bet his spirit was among you! I have several of the ILDA magazines and go through them remembering the good times!

Karen Leber

ILDA Memories

I want to share a memory we had at the 2017 ILDA convention in Indianapolis, IN. We were sitting together at a round table at the God's 1000 Club luncheon and Norman Wilson was sitting on my left and Mark was on my right. Norman was asking me where my husband was. I replied to him, "he's right here." He was embarrassed saying he thought Mark was Bud Palmer! He's not the only one. We had so much fun!

Carol Seeger



Carol Seeger, Rev. Mark Seeger, Rev. Bud Palmer and Johanna Palmer

Our fondest memories of ILDA conventions was the ability to drive all over the U.S. to attend these conventions when we could. Hats off to all the committees for their hard work in planning each of these conventions (1971-2021). We enjoyed planning the 2021 Chicago convention and hope that you enjoyed it as well. Hopefully Janet's eczema she has suffered with since February 2020 will go away because the stress is gone! LOL!

Rev. Daryl and Janet Gehlbach

I will remember the first ILDA convention. I celebrate 50 years of ILDA and of LCMS Deaf Ministry. I especially celebrate the Lord's love and forgiveness. I pray that we may continue to proclaim His love and forgiveness to Deaf people, to all people. Blessings on the 50th Anniversary of ILDA.

Bob Oettel

Jerry attended the first ILDA meeting while he was on vicarage in Rochester, NY. We have fond memories of both ILDA and EC. We really wanted to attend the 2021 Chicago ILDA convention but were not able to.

Jerry and Joyce Munz

ILDA Memories

First and smashing successful ILDA convention is my favorite, and will always remain so the rest of my life. Why? Pastors and representatives from all seven regions prepared and operated the first convention in Chicago during 1971. Greyhound bus from Columbus was filled with deaf Lutherans from Ohio and western Pennsylvania. The new Regency Hyatt hotel near the airport was fascinating. The meetings were cordial although discussions about the new ILDA constitution were too long. The new ILDA emblem, offered by black Archie Marshall from St. Louis, MO, was instantly adopted. Many black deaf Lutherans were present. Drs. William Kohn and Robert Lankenau, NAD President and himself Lutheran, were the banquet speakers. John Mosiman, the chalk artist not only gave a demonstration of his work but also gave small gifts of his work to all banquet attendees. Finally, Dr. J.A.O. Preus, President of the LCMS, delivered the sermon. Last but not least, I was the preacher (liturgist to be exact) and Dr. Rodney Rynearson was the interpreter of the entire service.

Rev. William A. Ludwig

In 1993 in Austin the first choir competition, Holy 3-in-1 Lutheran Church for the Deaf from Houston won 1st place. I think the song was "Beautiful" but I don't remember the name of the song exactly. It was my first ILDA and I met Pastor Mark Seeger and deaf people for the first time.

Becky Jungklaus

Meeting Ted Pulfer in 2001 in Indianapolis and Ted proposing in Minneapolis in 2003.

Denise Pulfer



What's your favorite ILDA memory?

ILDA Memories

2021 ILDA Chicago Convention Attendees:

- 2017 Indianapolis, IN: I visited the Noah's Ark in Kentucky with a group tour. It was the most memorable tour I've ever had since it was an educational one. (Carol Seeger)
- The banquet in St. Louis, MO (1997). The candle service was a great view and the fireworks at the Veiled Prophet Fair (Anonymous)
- The candle service was great during the banquet of the 1997 St. Louis, MO convention. Fireworks at the Veiled Prophet Fair was great! (Anonymous)
- I like to study about Jesus and God and His peoples of Israel and about Jesus who died for our sins and go to heaven to be with your family and relatives and friends (Anonymous)
- Good inspirations! Awesome speakers! Encourage together! Bible Study! (Anonymous)
- First ILDA—memory of the first new hotel (Hyatt) in the O'Hare airport area (Anonymous)
- It's a joy for me to come back to ILDA, especially the 50th Anniversary. I used to go every two years to ILDA conventions long ago but stopped on account of my husband's illness. Love you all! (Donna Wright)
- Great memories of ILDA for the 50th Anniversary! (Anonymous)
- Many Deaf involved and encourage each other! (Anonymous)
- I enjoyed every convention I attended. (Janet Gehlbach)
- 2015 ILDA in Madison, WI, workshops, Creation Museum and exorcism story. (Anonymous)
- Spa time! (Anonymous)
- Enjoyed all the mini-sessions, Bible studies and special guests. (Anonymous)
- Enjoyed making new friends! (Anonymous)
- Service projects, minority outreach, Gerald Bolling workshop (2019 Topeka, KS) learning about different cultures. (Melissa Kearney)
- 2017 Indianapolis convention enjoyed the Ark tour. Wow, walked lots and hot weather! FUN! (Anonymous)
- 2015 Madison, WI, Creation Museum presentation; 2017 Indianapolis, IN, learned more about LWML support and meeting new people; 2019 Topeka, KS, meeting more new people at meal times (Anonymous)

ILDA Memories

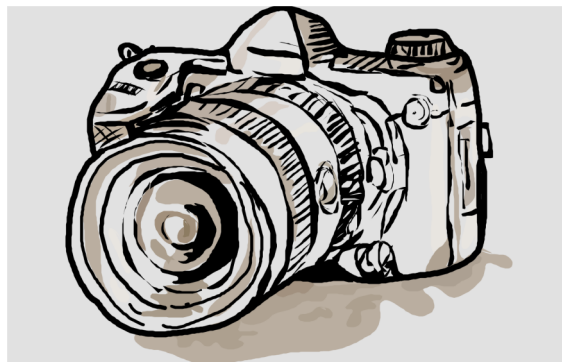
2021 ILDA Chicago Convention Attendees:

- Wonderful hosting 2003 Minneapolis, MN ILDA convention. Great experience! (Mark Johnson)
- In 1971, first ILDA convention at O'Hare Airport Hotel. Rode in a fancy space ship elevator and rotate the floor on the roof top deck and saw lots of airplanes fly over. (Anonymous)
- I enjoyed my first ILDA in 2017 in Indianapolis. I met old and new members of ILDA. It was a great way to network for future ILDA conferences and other Deaf Lutheran functions. (Cynthia Smith-Byer)
- Back in 2015, in Madison, WI, it was my first time to attend ILDA for the day which is on a Saturday. I enjoyed the speaker from "The Creation." Also, our church got involved in the banner contest for the 1st time and won 1st Place! What a memory! (Anonymous)
- 2001 meet Ted Pulfer. 2003 engaged to Ted Pulfer. (Denise Pulfer)
- Goofy pastors and their jokes. (Anonymous)
- Fond memory was to see all ILDA members help with packing service project. (Anonymous)
- This is my first time attending an ILDA convention. I used to be a missionary in Africa and ILDA supported my work. Now I am a pastor in Madison, WI, and I am excited to work with ILDA to reach more people with the Good News of Jesus! (Rev Ryan McDermott, Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church, Madison, WI)
- Best part of going to ILDA is to meet old and new friends. Also connect with some friends who know the other friends. (Brian Byer)
- Creation Museum and Noah's Ark talk with us. (Anonymous)
- It is great ILDA to meet them in different states to become like a reunion. (Diane Francisco)
- We need to do more on banner/choir/skit competition and have children perform. (Anonymous)
- 2019 Topeka, KS, enjoyed Pastor Wrede's experience about WTC during the banquet, slide show honoring anniversaries of church workers. (Anonymous)
- Much appreciated childcare at the Wisconsin and Kansas conventions as my daughter enjoyed the activities. (Anonymous)
- Congratulations to the 50th Anniversary in Chicago from 1971—2021. We had great memories of those people who have passed away now. They are in heaven as they watch over us in Chicago with the 50th Anniversary. (Diane Francisco)



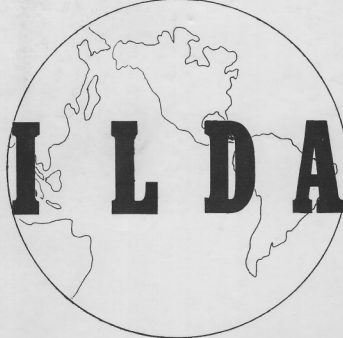
Convention Book Covers

Convention Photos



1971


FORWARD WITH CHRIST



JULY 16 - 18 1971


Regency Hyatt House
O'Hare Airport, Chicago

1973



SHARING LOVE in CHRIST

SECOND BIENNIAL CONVENTION



JULY 12 - 15, 1973

HOTEL MUEHLEBACH
KANSAS CITY, MO.

1975

NOW!



The 3rd Biennial
Convention of the

**INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN
DEAF ASSOCIATION**

in the
Beautiful, New

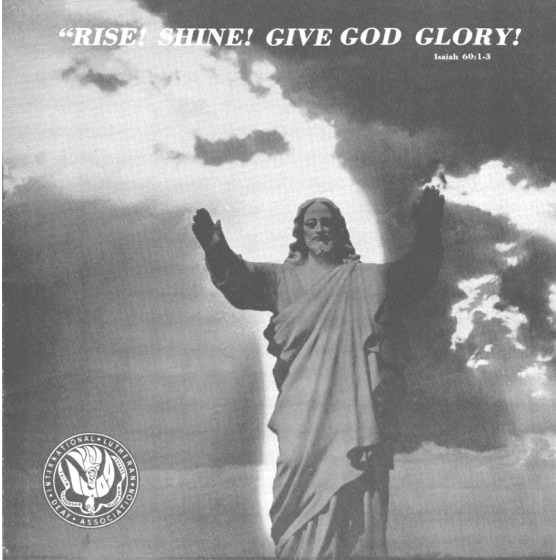




NATIONAL
CENTER INN

WASHINGTON, D.C. July 31- August 3, 1975

1977

"RISE! SHINE! GIVE GOD GLORY!"
Isaiah 60:1-3

Fourth Biennial Convention
of the

INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

Convention Headquarters
Ridpath Hotel-Motor Inn
Spokane, Washington
June 30 July 3, 1977

1971 Chicago, IL

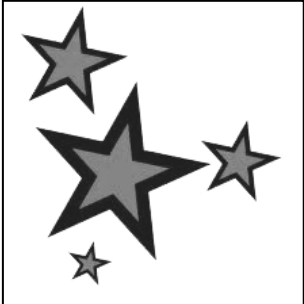


Worship Service



Banquet

1971



Choir



Convention in session.....note the banners in the background

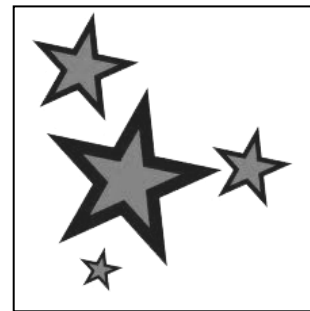
1971



Registration desk



Rev. Charles Jones and Rev. Rodney Rynearson projecting the constitution for the convention



Banquet attendees

1973 Kansas City, MO



Rock Gospel performance

1975 Washington, DC



Bus tour



Eugene Clupper (right) leads the convention in song



Host convention Chairman, Edward A. Trainor and Mrs. Ruth Peterson, Beltsville, MD, presented the convention with a beautiful replica of the official ILDA seal. She made it by hand and painted it on masonite board. This seal measured approximately four feet in diameter. On the right holding the seal is President Elmer Francisco.



A group of deaf Japanese Christians attended the convention. It was interesting to learn their sign language. Their pastor, Rev. Kojima, is second from the right.

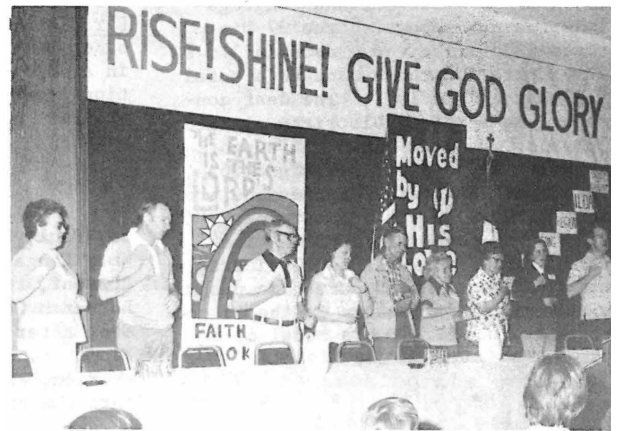
1977 Spokane, WA



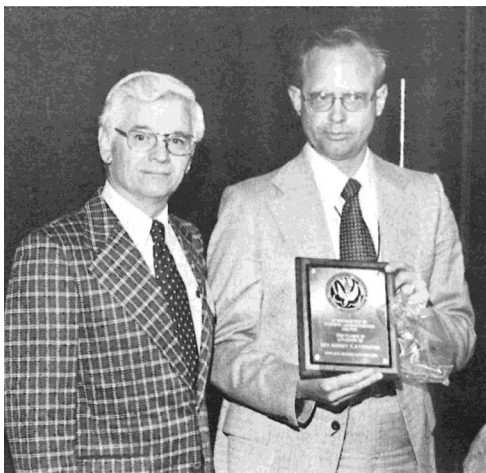
Picnic



Rev. Bob Bauer telling the convention about the Pax Natura Ranch



Deaf Canadians sign/singing their national anthem

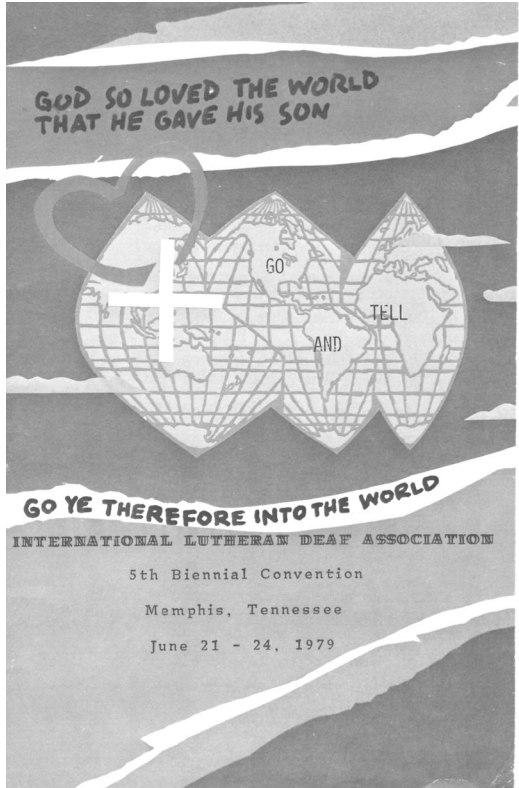


President Elmer Francisco (left) presented a plaque of appreciation to Rev. Rodney Rynearson, retiring ILDA Pastoral Advisor.

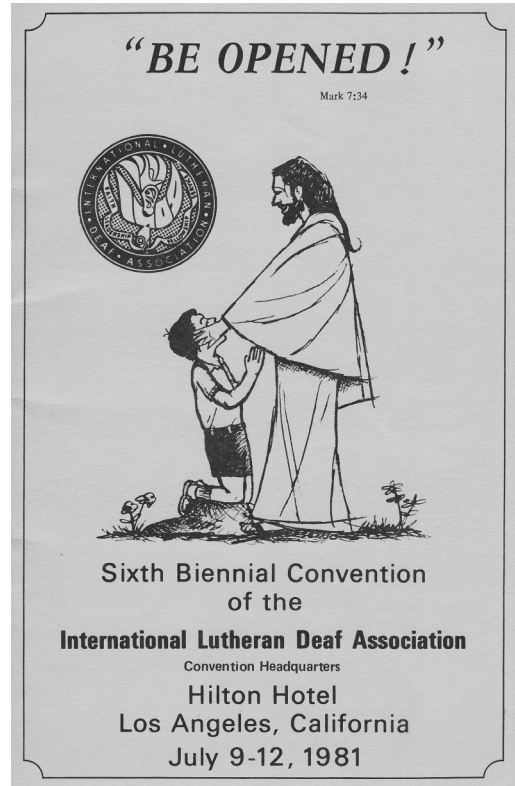


Some deaf magicians from Spokane decided to behead the Deaf Lutheran newsletter editor which is why it arrived late!

1979



1981



1983



1985



1979 Memphis, TN



Boat ride



Graceland tour



Opening worship



Convention attendees

1981 Los Angeles, CA



Tour

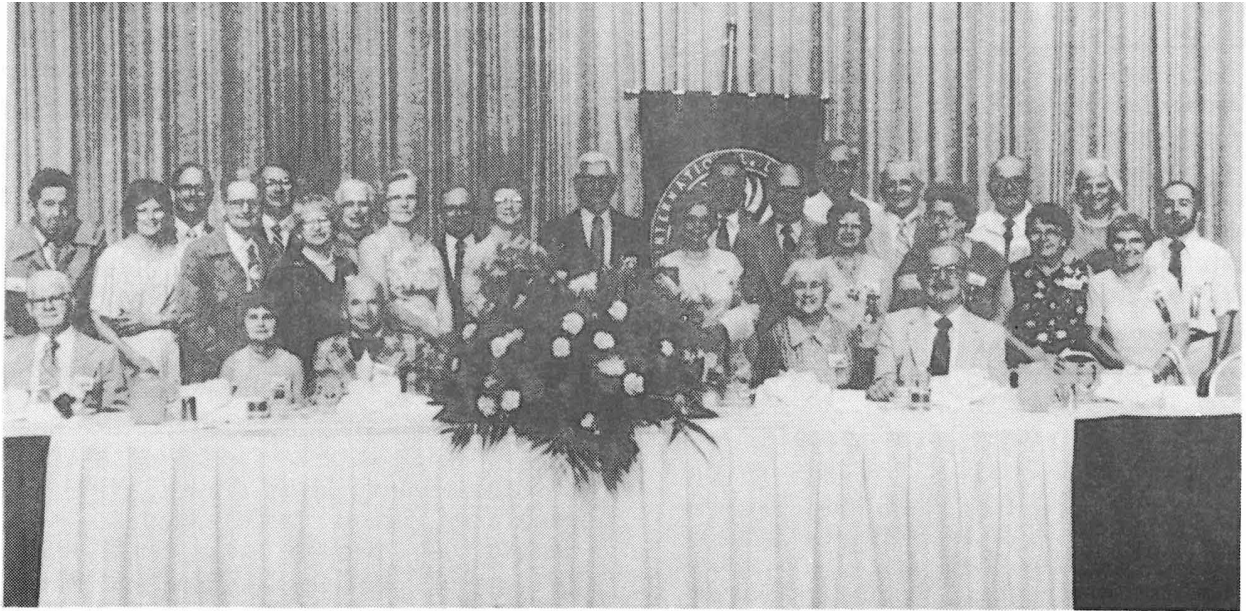


An overflow crowd in excess of 425 sat down to the festive board of roast hen and all the trimmings. An undetermined number of late, ticketless individuals were unable to be seated!

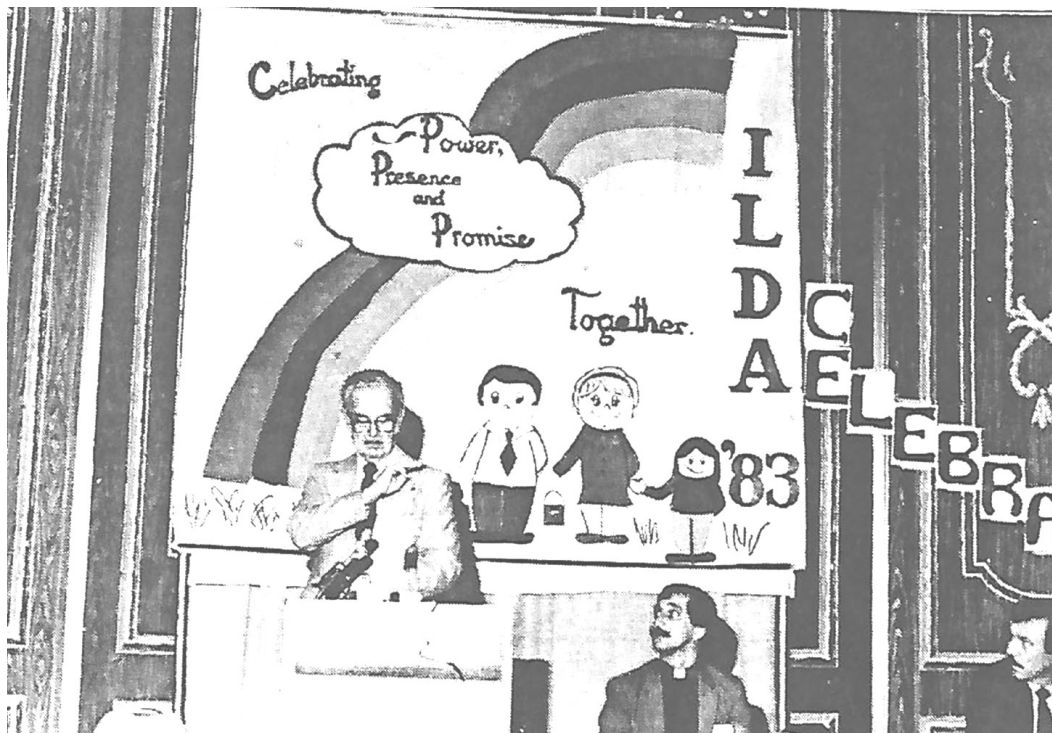


Over an hour of skits, plays and drama were presented and enjoyed by all!

1983 Pittsburgh, PA



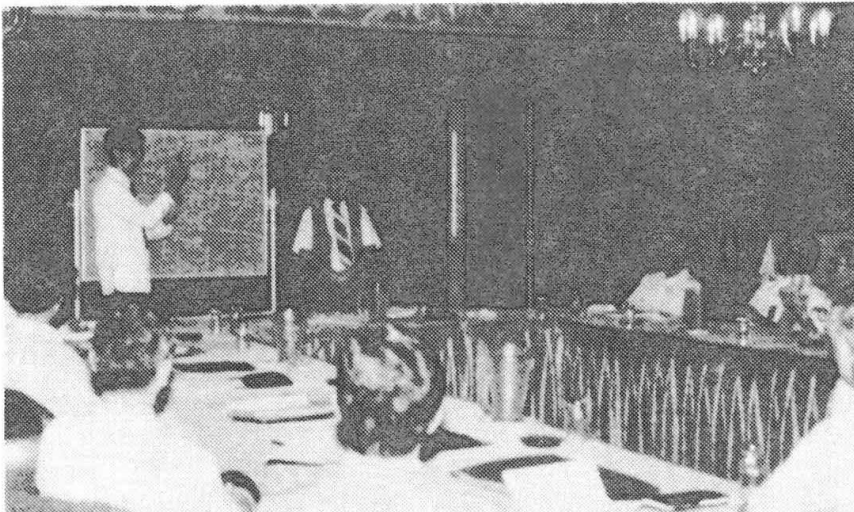
Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Pittsburgh, PA
1983 ILDA convention host committee



1985 Milwaukee, WI



"Make a Joyful Noise" cast presented an hour long drama




Rev. Ron Friedrich led a leadership training workshop



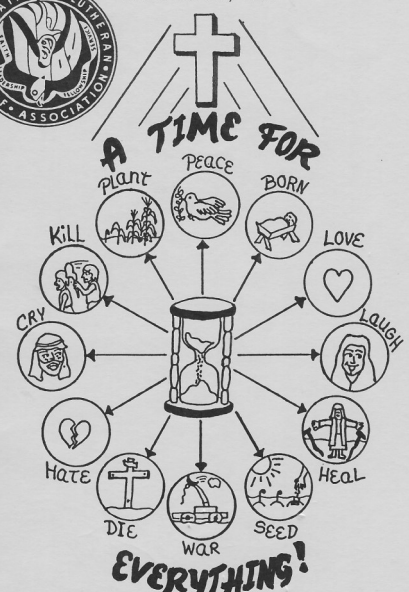
Skit

1987

International Lutheran Deaf Association
Ninth Biennial Convention
June 25-28, 1987



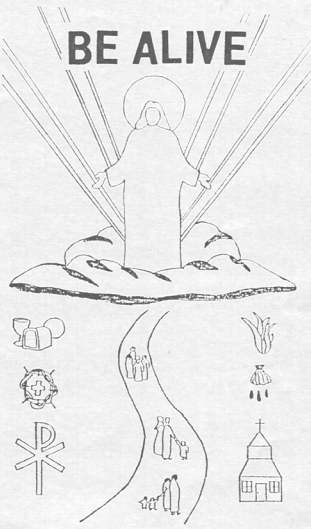
A TIME FOR EVERYTHING!



Stouffer Five Seasons Hotel 350 First Ave. N.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

1989

BE ALIVE



INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION
Tenth Biennial Convention
July 6-9, 1989


RED LION INN lutheran deaf association

1000 NE Multnomah
Portland, Oregon 97232

1991

"GOD, You are my: Shepherd, Teacher, Friend, Light and Rock"

The Eleventh Biennial
International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention

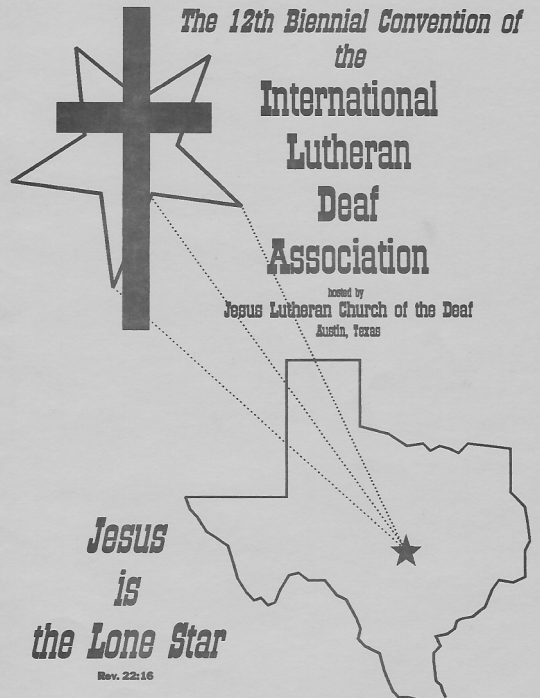


hosted by
Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church
5859 Elmer Drive, Toledo, OH 43615

August 1-2-3-4, 1991
Holiday Inn "French Quarter," Perrysburg, Ohio

1993

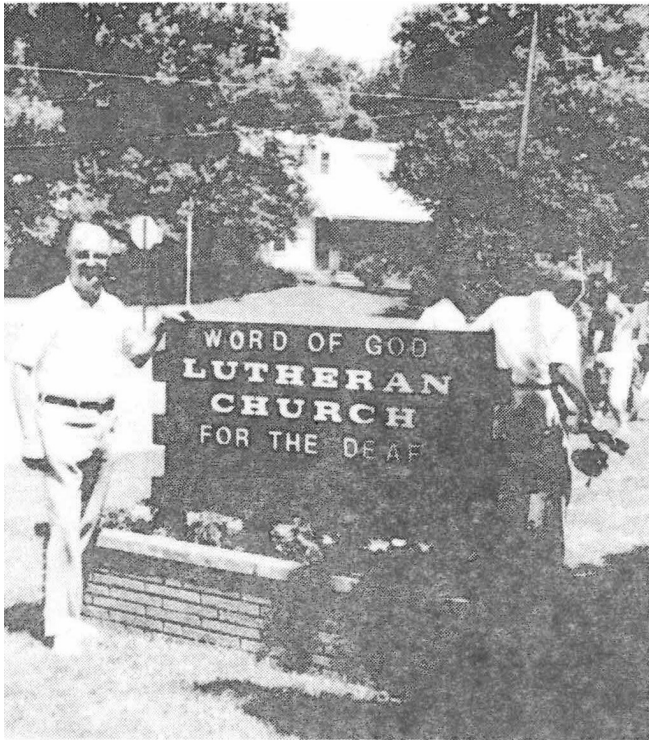
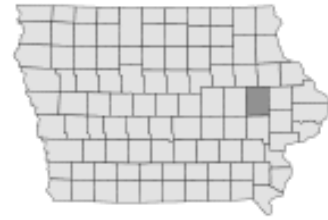
The 12th Biennial Convention of the
International Lutheran Deaf Association



hosted by
Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf
Austin, Texas

Jesus is the Lone Star
Rev. 22:16

1987 Cedar Rapids, IA



Tour of Word of God Lutheran Church

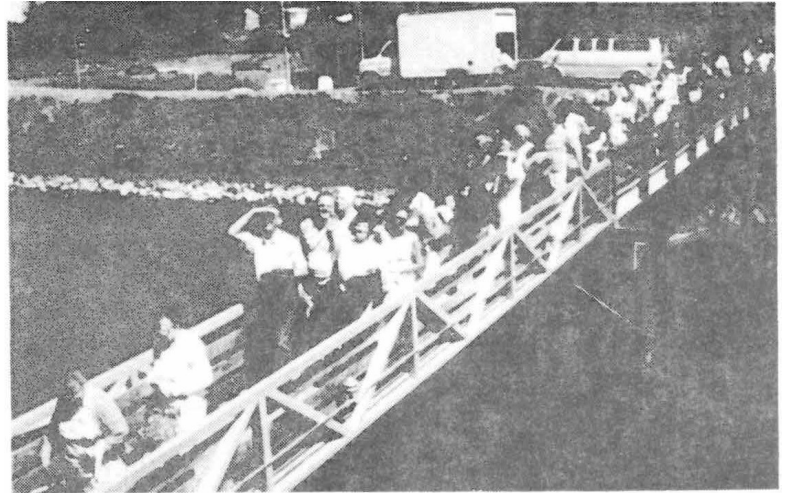


Convention headquarters



Convention attendees

1989 Portland, OR



Boat cruise



Junior ILDA receiving seed money



Sunday worship

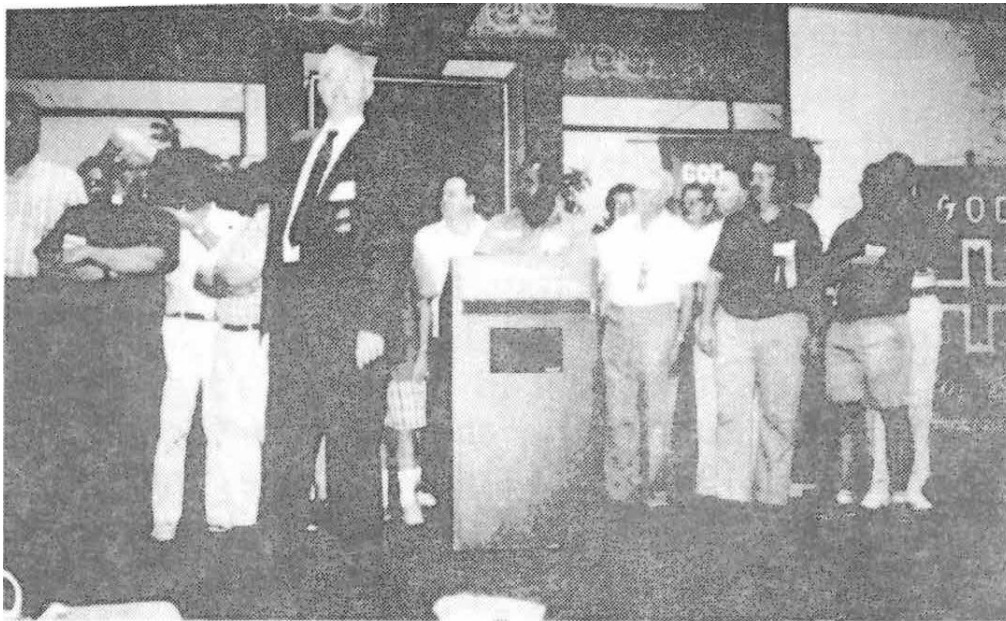


Bus tour

1991 Toledo, OH



Door prize drawing

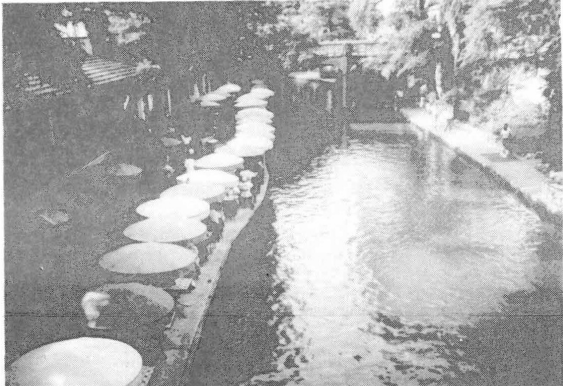


Introduction of pastors



Banners

1993 Austin, TX



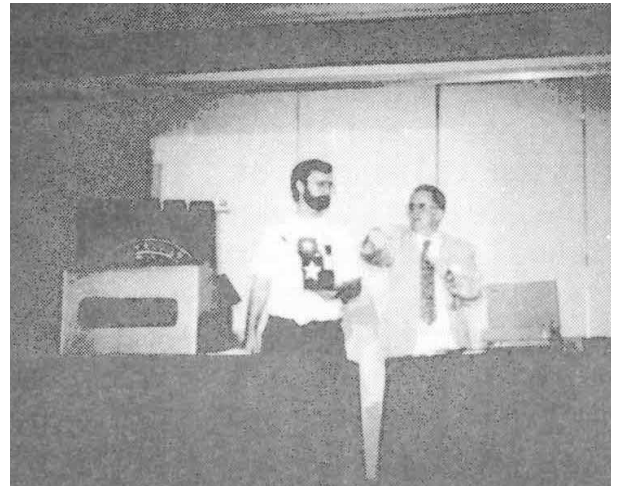
San Antonio Riverwalk



Enjoying lunch on the Riverwalk



Officer training

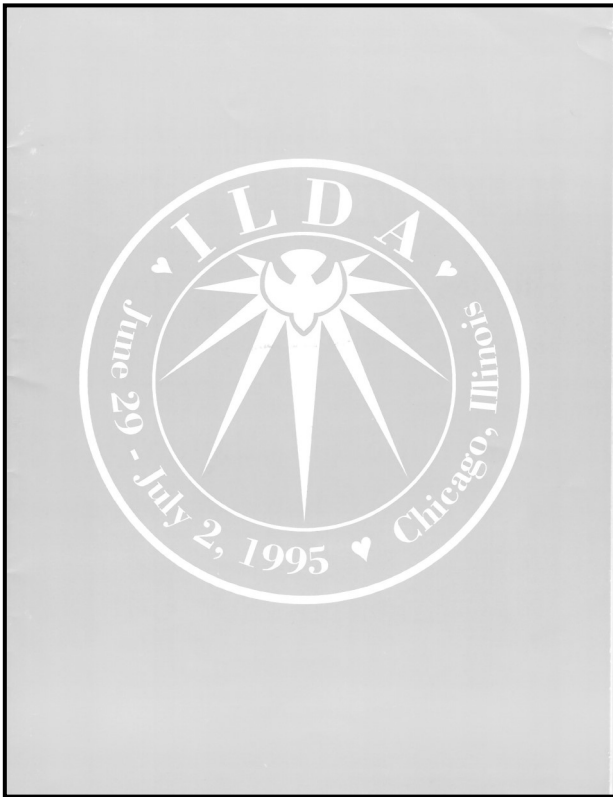


Discussion during the business meeting



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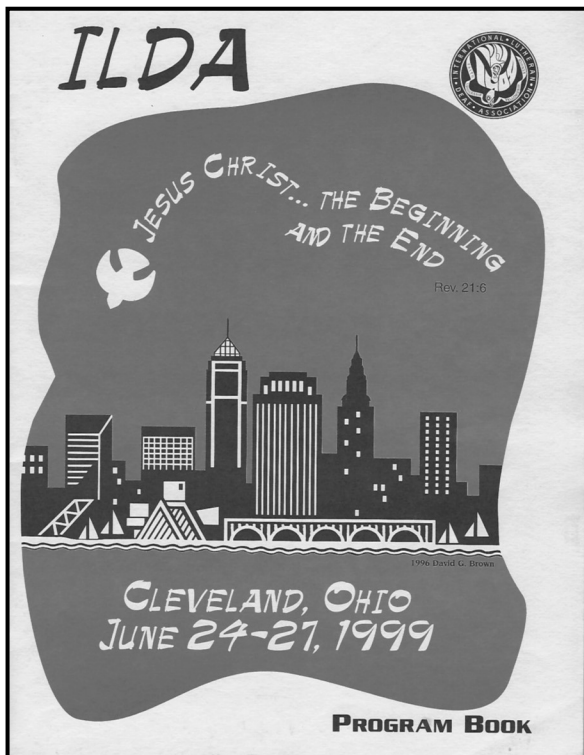
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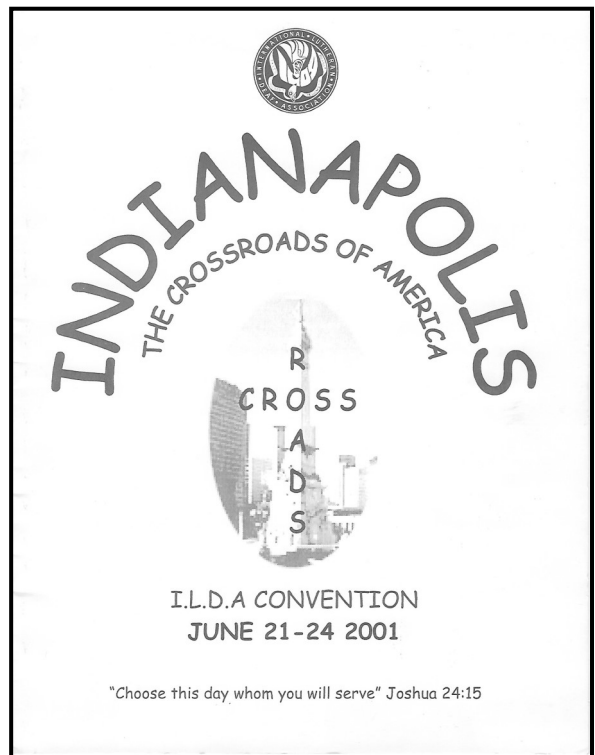
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1999



2001



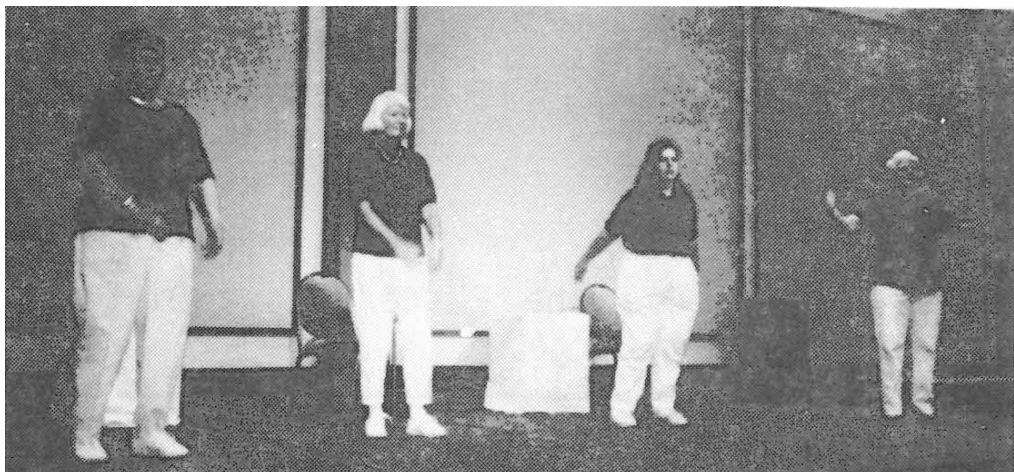
1995 Chicago, IL



Convention attendees

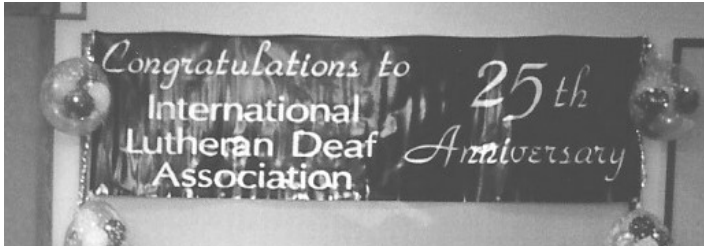


Representatives from 13 host cities of ILDA conventions from the past 25 years were recognized



Competition

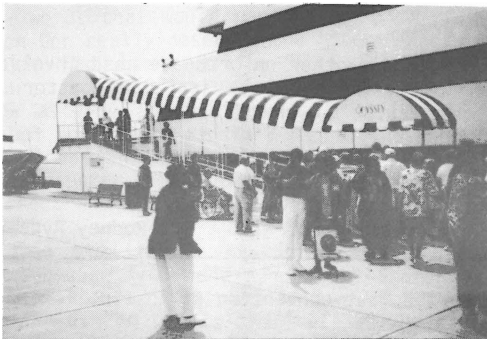
1995



Convention banner



Attendees enjoyed breakfast under the big tent which was also used for meetings and devotions



Cruise on Lake Michigan



Rev. Mark Anderson (left) holds up a prize given to the winners (Paul and Betty Jo Lucero) of the Bible Trivia game during the banquet. Assisting him are Carol Ann Pickell and Janice Mancil.



Lutheran School for the Deaf alumni attending the convention

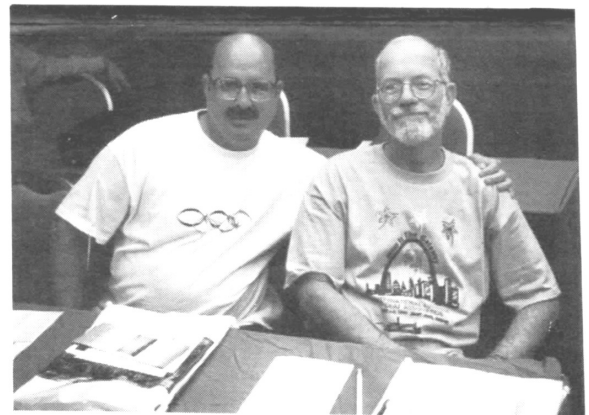
1997 St. Louis, MO



Audience lit candles as part of the Saturday night program giving off a beautiful view



Holy Cross choir performing during the banquet



**New Deaf Lutheran staff:
Larry Ginter, Business Manager and
David G. Brown, Editor**

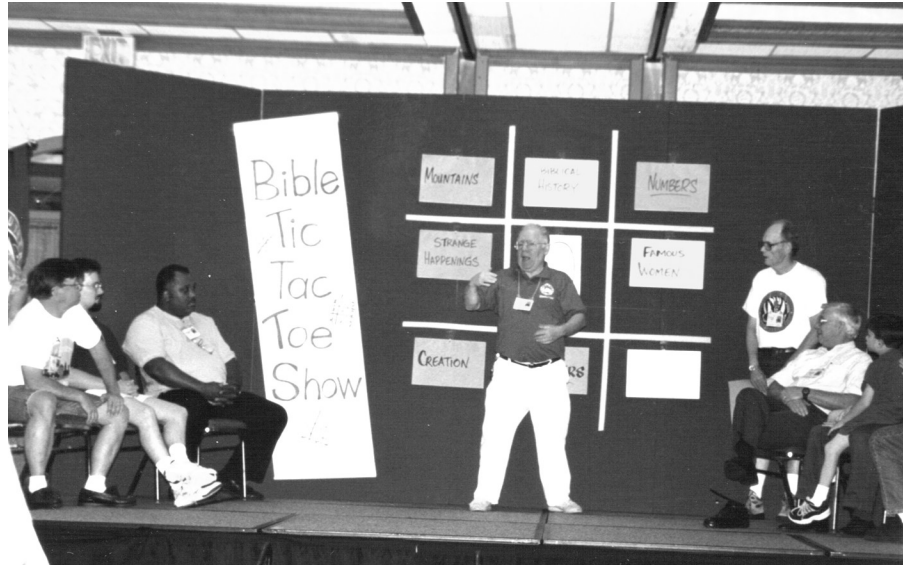


**Elmer Francisco, Business Manager, and Lester Ahls,
Deaf Lutheran Editor, were honored on their retirement**

1999 Cleveland, OH



2001 Indianapolis convention host committee members wearing checkered vests



Bible Tic Tac Toe Show



Trolley Tour



Elmer Francisco, Charles Kotal, Lester Ahls and David Brown listening carefully during the meeting

2001 Indianapolis, IN



Convention headquarters



Booths




Sunday morning Bible Study



ILDA Board and regional officers

2003

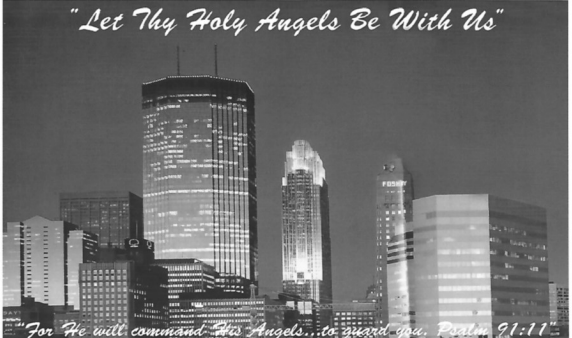


The 17th Biennial
Convention
of the
International Lutheran Deaf Association

JULY 3-6, 2003
At Hilton Hotel

Near the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport and Mall of America

"Let Thy Holy Angels Be With Us"



"For He will command His Angels...to guard you. Psalm 91:11"

Minneapolis, Minnesota
Hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf

2005



**2005 International
Lutheran Deaf Association
18th Biennial Convention**

Programme


Let us praise the Lord
from the Mountaintops
Isaiah 42:11-12



Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf of Vancouver, British Columbia,
welcomes you to the 2005 I.L.D.A. Convention.
August 4 - 7, 2005

2007


**ENCOURAGE
EACH OTHER
IN FAITH** COLOSSIANS 2:6-7



Christ
Lutheran
Church
of the
Deaf


welcomes you to the

2007 ILDA CONVENTION
June 21 - 24, 2007
Baltimore, Maryland



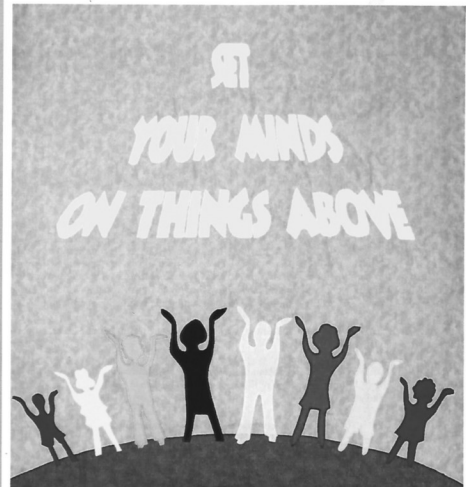
America in Miniature
<http://www.christdeaf.org/ilda2007>

2009



2009 International Lutheran Deaf Association
20th Biennial Convention

**RISE
YOUR MINDS
ON THINGS ABOVE**



COLOSSIANS 3:2

Alpha Lutheran Church for the Deaf • Rochester, NY
Welcomes You to the 2009 I.L.D.A. Convention
July 23-26, 2009

2003 Minneapolis, MN



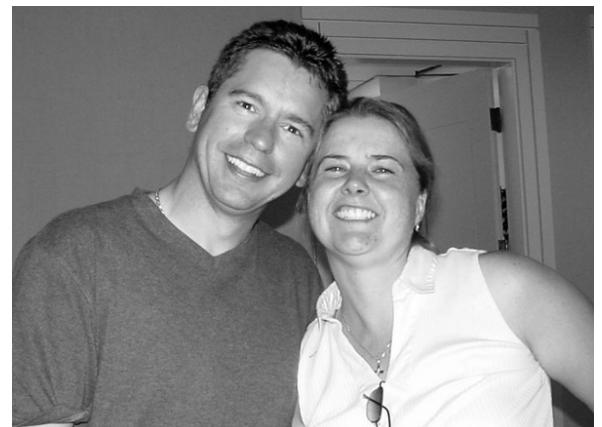
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Banquet



Kids attending with their parents



**We got engaged at the convention!
Ted and Denise (Manning) Pulfer**

2005 Vancouver, Canada



Suspension bridge tour



Rev. David Christudoss from India



ILDA members received gifts from Rev. Christudoss



Canadian Indians culture dancers provided entertainment

2007 Baltimore, MD



Professor Snip the clown (Paul Dymoke) does a magic trick with Mallory Teter



Service project at a low income apartment building

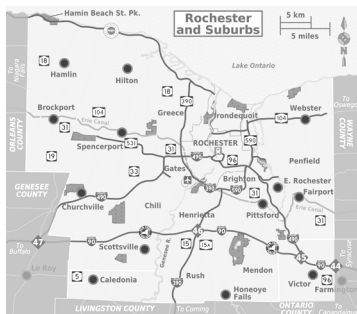


Service project participants



Rev. Chip Lawson leading the choir

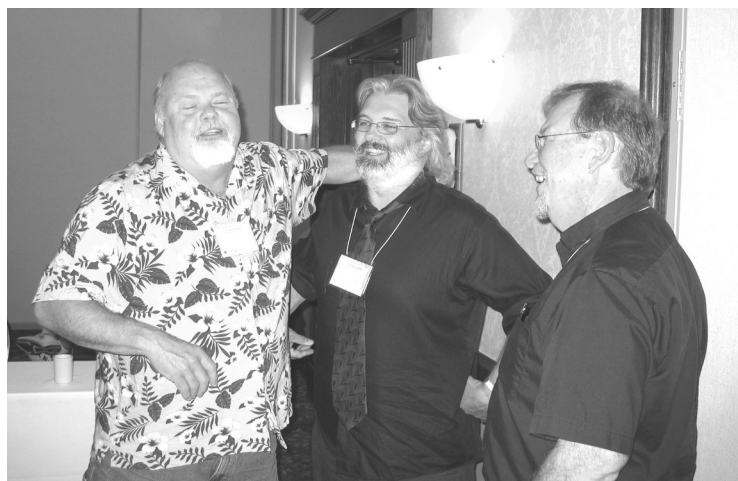
2009 Rochester, NY



Winery tour



Rev. Steven Schumacher presented a check for \$10,000 to ILDA on behalf of the Mill Neck Lutheran Friends of the Deaf



What's so funny?
Pictured: Rev. Mark Seeger, Rev. John Reinke and Rev. Alan Rork



At Alpha Lutheran Church there was a stained glass picture of Jesus holding a little girl

2011

Come Closer to Our God

James 4:8

I.L.D.A. 2011 Columbus, Ohio

2013

The 22nd Biennial Convention of
International Lutheran Deaf Association

Jesus is the Cornerstone

You also are like living stones. As you come to him you are being built into a house for worship. There you will be holy priests. You will offer spiritual sacrifices. God will accept them because of what Jesus Christ has done.
1 Peter 2:5 (NIRV)

July 18-21, 2013

Hosted by Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf

Convention Site

2015

The 23rd Biennial Convention of
International Lutheran Deaf Association

Hosted by
Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church

"I will meditate all day and all night"
I will spend time thinking about you, O Lord, all day long.
I will consider all of your mighty acts - Psalms 117-119

in
Madison, Wisconsin

July 23rd - 26th, 2015

2017

The 24th Biennial Convention
International Lutheran Deaf Association

"Focus on Jesus"

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14:27

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

Hosted by Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf
Hilton Garden Inn, Indianapolis, Indiana
July 13-16, 2017

2011 Columbus, OH



Banquet attendees



Banquet entertainment was an artist who drew pictures of Jesus



Lake view

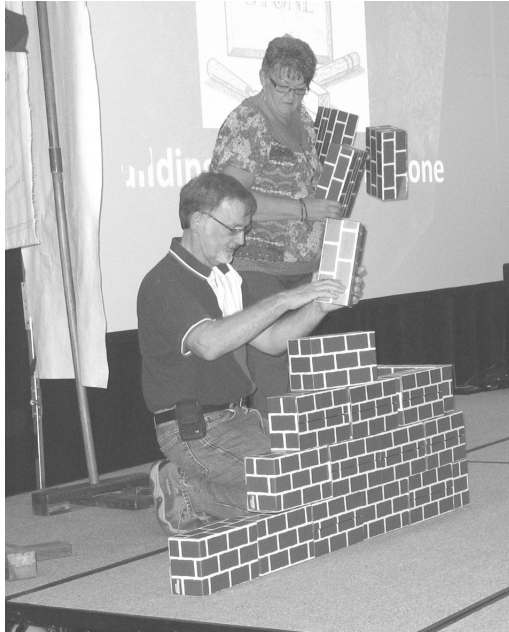


Free time at the pool



ILDA youth

2013 Austin, TX



Building a cornerstone



Convention attendees watching a workshop



Linsay Darnall Jr. was a convention and banquet speaker



Rev. Tim Eckert checking a rock for signs of life



Table decoration



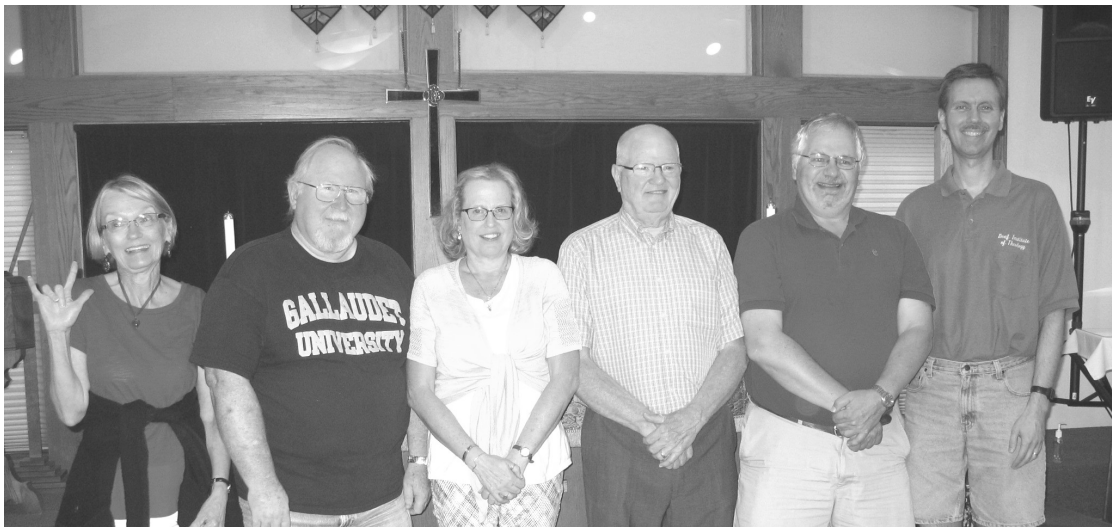
2015 Madison, WI



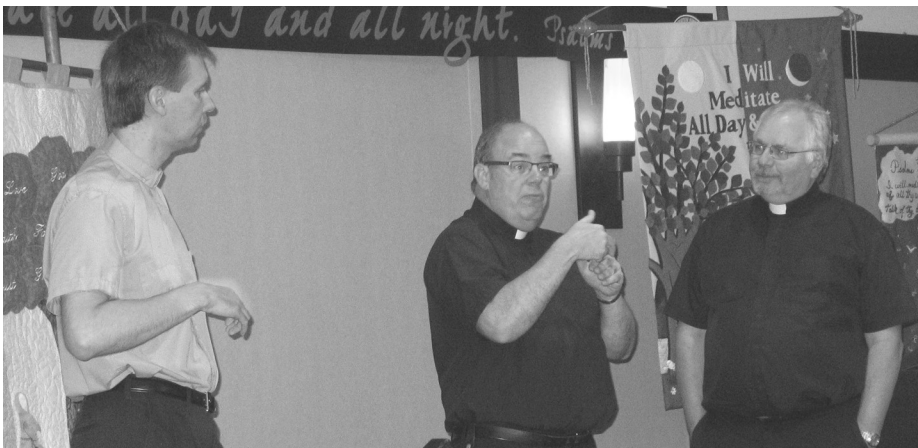
**Photo booth
Rev. Daryl and Janet Gehlbach**



Convention attendees



ILDA officers: Carol Seeger (President), John Mason (President-Elect), Becky Jungklaus (Secretary), Patrick Sell (Treasurer), Rev. Gregory Desrosiers (Pastoral Advisor), and Rev. Tim Eckert (LDMS Executive Director)



Rev. Tim Eckert, Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, and Rev. Gregory Desrosiers answering questions to the pastors during Sunday morning Bible Study



2017 Indianapolis, IN



Deaconesses Pat Hyncar, Linda Desrosiers, Diana Rice, Dawn Werth, and Rebecca Catchpole



Interpreted Ministry Conference attendees



David Hale doing double duty: taking photos while holding his sleeping son



Group photo of those who went to Noah's Ark



Panoramic view after Sunday worship

2019

WORKSHOPS
—
DEVOTIONS
—
FELLOWSHIP
—
PRAYERS
—
WORSHIP

JULY 18TH – 21ST, 2019
2019 ILDA CONVENTION
HOSTED BY: **KansaSEED**

God Above Gold
"Therefore I love your commandments above Gold, yes above fine gold." - Psalm 119:127

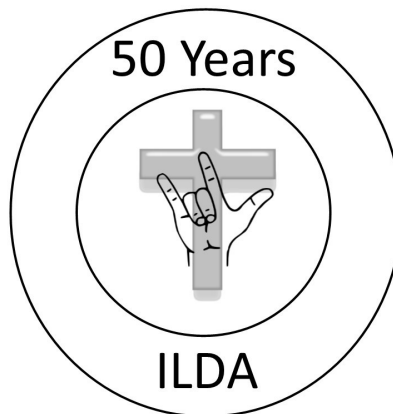
TIPPINA, MO
CAPITAL PLAZA HOTEL

2021

Remember - Celebrate - Proclaim

Psalm 89:15

"Blessed are the people who know the festival shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your face."



2019 Topeka, KS



Smile everyone!



Need a ride?



Enjoying a light hearted moment during the convention



Hand tying fleece blankets for the homeless

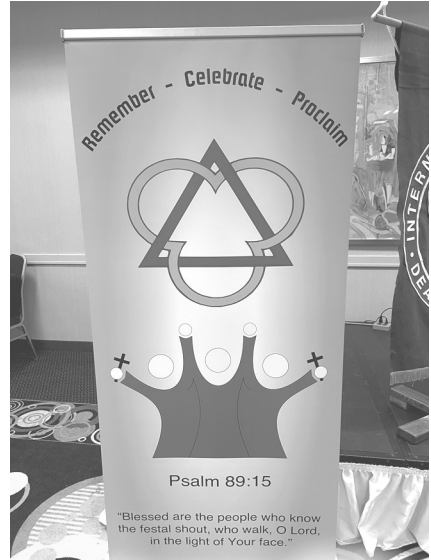


Cutting and measuring mesh material to make fruit bags for a food bank

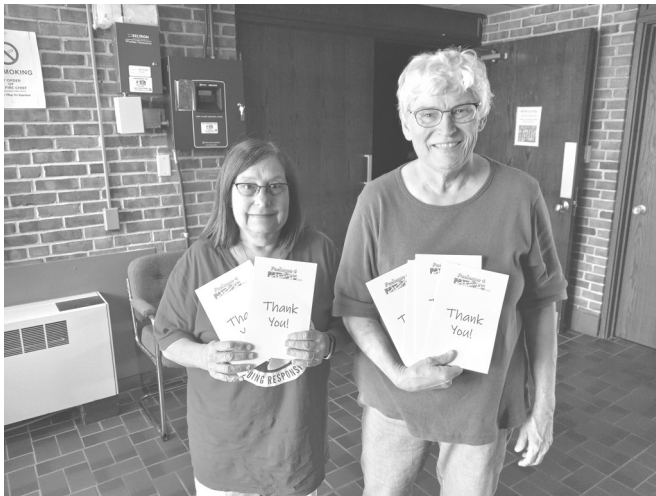
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Blessing bags service project for Chicago Hope Church



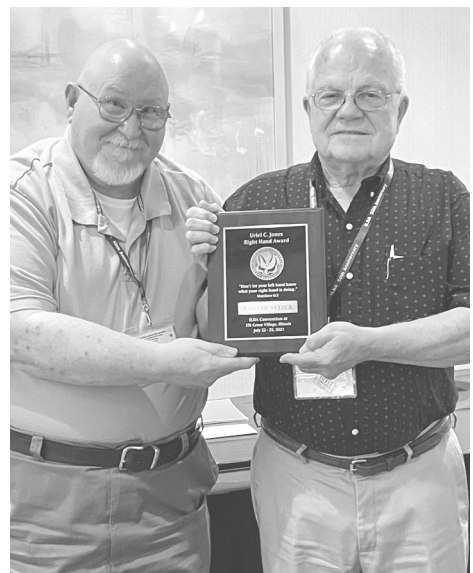
Convention banner



Wendy Sass (left) receiving "Thank You" cards from Janet Gehlbach that attendees wrote to military people on behalf of Packages 4 Patriots program (service project done during the convention).



Attendees at the convention



John Mason (left) presented to Howard Snyder the "Right Hand Award"



Holiday Inn, Elk Grove Village, convention headquarters

2021



Saturday evening entertainment was a magic show given by Matthew "Magic" Morgan and Lilians Morgan.



Past ILDA Officers



ILDA Convention Chairs



K-9 Comfort Dogs Presentation



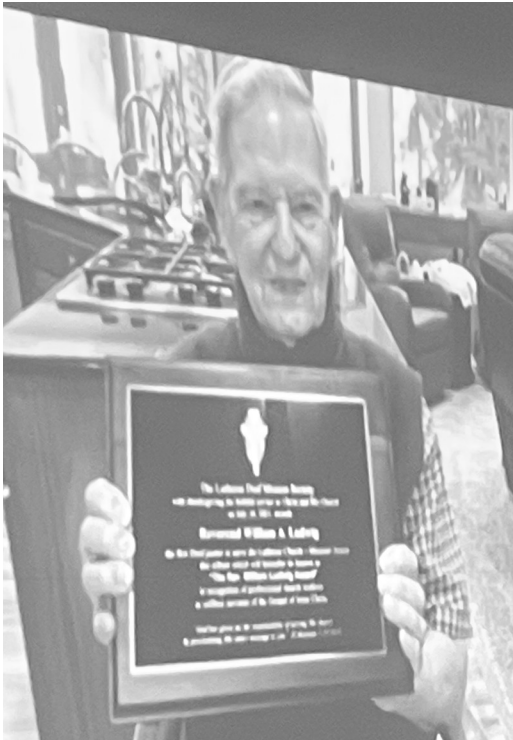
2021-2024 ILDA Officers

Carol Seeger (President), Brian Byer (President-Elect), Denise Pulfer (Secretary), John Mason (Treasurer), and Rev. Daryl Gehlbach (Pastoral Advisor)



John Mason enjoying a zoom meeting chat with Rev. Bill Ludwig

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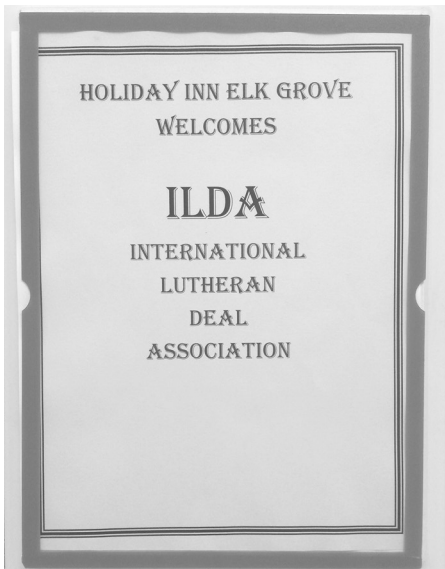
Rev. William Ludwig received an award from the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS). It was named as “The Rev. William Ludwig Award” and will be given hereafter in recognition of professional church workers as selfless servants of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Interpreted Ministry Conference Attendees



Rev. Theodore Frederking, Cleveland, OH
“Father” of ILDA



Can you spot the typo?



2021



Host Committee: Janet Gehlbach (chair), Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, Rev. Ron Friedrich, Rev. Mark Willig, John Mason, Carolyn Snyder-Mason, Paula Willig, Carissa Huffman, Lynda Nix, and Rev. Tim Eckert



A stemless wine glass with the 50th Anniversary logo on one side and the 2021 ILDA Convention logo on the reverse side were handed out at the Saturday evening banquet



Bags handed out at the registration desk with the 50th Anniversary logo



ILDA MINUTES

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ILDA 1971 Convention Minutes

The first International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) Convention opening service was held on Friday, July 16, 1971, at 8:30 p.m., United Room, Regency Hyatt House in Chicago Illinois. Rev. Russel Johnson of Detroit, Michigan led the opening worship service which included the commission of Wilhelm R. Wegner of Delavan, Wisconsin, and Robert Oettel of Chicago, Illinois as the Lay Ministers to the Deaf. The opening and closing hymns were given by Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere and Mrs. Genevieve Klein. The Scripture lessons, Mark 7:31-37 and Acts 16:105, were read by the Lay Ministers to the Deaf. The commissioning officials were Rev. William Bartling of Franklin Park, Illinois, and Rev. Martin Kosche of Delavan, Wisconsin. After the special service we had an informal fellowship.

The first bi-annual meeting of ILDA Convention session was held on Saturday, July 17, 1971, at 8:30 AM at the Rosemont Ballroom, Regency Hyatt House in Chicago.

The opening devotion was given by Rev. Myron Prok. His topic was "Has it happened to You," based on the Gospel of Matthew. The Ohio group choir sang a song, "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues."

Pro-tem President Clarence Schultz opened the meeting session with the comments and thanked to all the pastors and others for the help of getting the ILDA organized, and explained how the ILDA started.

The president introduced the keynote speaker, Rev. William Kohn, the chairman of Divisions of Missions, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and he challenged us to proclaim the Gospel, to share in the work of the church, to communicate Christ's love and forgiveness. The president thanked Rev. Kohn for the speech.

The business meeting opened with the revision of the 1971 ILDA Constitution. The President introduced the pro-tem officers: Vice President Ted Brighton; Secretary Robert Baker; Treasurer Warren Riege;

Chairman of Nominations Gary Schlub; Chairman of Displays Billy Fitzgerald; and the Parliamentarian Marion Van Manen. The President explained about the Rules of Order, and time; the Constitution should comply with the Handbook of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, as shown by Mr. Van Manen.

Mrs. Arneson moved that page 2, Line 42, under Article III, strike out the words, "Not conflict," and insert "ne in harmony." Seconded by Mrs. Lillian Long. Passed.

Mr. Archie Marshall moved that on Page 2, Line 55, under Article IV, strike out the word "individuals" and insert "active in deaf affairs." A. Arneson seconded. Passed.

Mr. Long moved that on Page 2, Line 6, "active in deaf affairs" be inserted between the words "Lutheran....of," and not to hold office," on Line 61, after "one vote." Seconded by Elise Berg. Passed.

The Resolution Committee was appointed by President Schulz. The names are Mrs.

Rae DeRose, Mr. Uriel Jones and Rev. W. O. Neisch, Chairman.

Adjourned for lunch.

The meeting was resumed after the lunch by the three songs given by Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere, Mrs. Julie Soncrant, and Mrs. Emma Mappes.

Rev. Charles Jones introduced Mrs. Warneck of Des Plaines, Illinois. She brought greetings from Mrs. Naomi Warth of Brazil. She worked with the deaf children there. President introduced Mr. Robert Lankenau, the President of N.A.D. and gave a short comment.

We started with the revising of ILDA Constitution on Page 3, Line 85. Mrs. DeRose moved that "deaf and shall be." Seconded by Arthur Anderson. Passed. Mr. Warren Riege moved that "the regional officers shall designate his alternate from among themselves" be inserted after Line 117, on Page 3, "at a meeting..." and strike out the words, "he shall...of his region: on lines 117 and 118. Bob Mercer seconded. Passed.

Rev. William Ludwig moved that in the last six (6) remaining pages and because of lack of time during the ILDA session,

that we tentatively adopt the rest of the Constitution and request the Board of Directors to study and revise it, and present it to the next ILDA Convention. Passed.

Mr. Warren Riege moved that at the next convention we are to have four (4) days of convention, instead of three (3) days, because lack of time and unable to finish our work. Harvey Boldt seconded. Passed.

Mr. Donald Mowl moved that the Nominating Committee be formed with Clarence Schulz as chairman with four (4) names now. Seconded by Richard Crossen. The four names are Dale Paden, Warren Riege, R. Crossen and Archie Marshall.

Kansas City, Missouri has volunteered to be the next host for the ILDA Convention in 1973.

Warren Riege moved that the host city be responsible for the preparation of the program for the next convention. Harvey Boldt seconded. Passed.

Mr. D. Mowl suggested us to have three (3) colors for the ILDA Banner. Ben Beaver moved that we have the ILDA banner of white and blue color with the red for border. Dale Paden seconded. Passed. This was with an understanding that

the Board of Directors will make the final decision on the colors of the ILDA banner.

President Schulz thanked the committee (Dixie Region) for the arrangement of the displays in the exhibition hall.

Warren Riege moved that each ILDA member pay one (1) dollar a year to help the ILDA treasury. Harvey Boldt seconded. Passed.

Archie Marshall amended that we raise the registration fee from one (1) to two (2) dollars. Passed.

Don Mowl moved that the ILDA is officially organized in the year of 1971 and recorded in the secretary book. D. Grossen seconded. Passed.

Mr. Gary Schlub was introduced as Chairman of Nominations for 1971 before voting for the new officers, Gary Schlub gave us the names of each office to vote on. The convention voted by secret ballot. The new officers will be announced at the banquet tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM. Rev. William Lange gave a closing prayer.

The banquet program was started at 7:30 PM with the dinner in the Rosemont Ballroom in Regency Hyatt

House. The Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Herbert Rohe, Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

With the recognition of pro-tem officers of ILDA, Rev. H. Rohe announced Mr. Marion Van Manen as new President, Mr. Uriel Jones as President-Elect, Robert Baker as Secretary, and Gary Schlub as Treasurer.

The banquet speaker, Robert O. Lankenau, President of the National Association of the Deaf, urged ILDA to take an active part in the future of the deaf world and to be active in behalf of the welfare of the deaf.

The musical painting was demonstrated by Mr. John Morsman, of Elgin, Illinois. Each guest received a serigraph print copy of this painting at the end of the banquet.

Rev. William Ludwig gave the opening prayer. President Clarence Schultz opened a short meeting on Sunday Morning, July 18, 1971 at United Room (?), Regency Hyatt House, Chicago. He announced the next convention will be at Kansas City, Missouri in 1973.

Rev. Herbert Rohe gave a comment about the Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf

(C.O.S.D.) and he thanked to Rev. Charles Jones and the Chicago host committees, laymen and officers for successful convention.

President Schulz wanted the Resolution Committee to give the resolution before church service:

Whereas, the smooth progress of an organizing convention requires the cooperation of many persons functioning in a variety of capacities, and

Whereas, the blessings of God have attended plans and sessions of ILDA's first convention, for which we give Him praise and thanks with joy:

THEREFORE be it resolved to thank also all persons who helped make this first convention of ILDA a success, namely Dr. J. A. Preus and Dr. William Kohn for taking time in their busy schedule of church work to be with us here, to the Convention Committee for detailed planning, to the temporary officers who served us well, to the members of the Constitution Committee who spent hours writing and rewriting the ILDA constitution, to the Regional committees, and other contributors as listed on page 16=5 of your convention booklet and to the staff of

Regency Hyatt House who made our stay a pleasant one.

WHEREAS, the first convention of ILDA has been a wonderful experience for the many person registered:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we accept the generous invitation to Kansas City, extended by Pastor Al Ferber and the deaf of that area, for the 2nd ILDA convention in that city in 1973.

Mrs. Rae DeRose, Uriel C. Jones, and Rev. W. O. Neisch, Chairman

The Convention Festival Rally service with the installation of new officers was held at Rosemont Ballroom at 10:30 AM. It began with the banner processional from each congregation.

Our guest pastor was Dr. J.A.O. Preus, President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. His sermon was based on Philippians 3:14.

Rev. William Ludwig was the liturgist, Rev. Rodney Rynearson was the interpreter, Mr. John Riddlebaugh was the Lay Leader, Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere was the choir director, choir was given by Great Lakes region members, and the installing official was Rev. Herbert Rohe.

ILDA 1995 Convention Minutes (ILDA 25th Anniversary)

Thursday, June 29

After an evening filled with registration, opening worship, skits, chorus competition and banner competition a delicious reception was given out.

Friday, June 30

The meeting was called to order by President Madding.

Opening prayer was led by Rev. Bergstresser.

Don Mowl gave the report (Necrology), listing all of the ILDA members, also the members of the Board of Directors who have passed away. Pastor names were also listed. Rev. Bergstresser gave the prayer for those in Remembrance.

President Madding introduced officers of committee who will do their duties during the business sessions this weekend. also the interpreters were introduced. President Madding introduced the Resolution Committee Ken Derby.

Minutes of the last Convention was moved and accepted.

Pastor Advisor Rev. Bergstresser gave his report.

Nominating Chairman Lester Ahls announced the nominations for 1995 to 1997. they are as follows: President-Elect: James-Swalley, and Dennis Konkell. Secretary: Alice Hagemeyer and James Swalley. Treasurer: Susan Konkell and Ken Norton. Pastor Advisor, Don Leber, John Reinke and George Natonick. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M. for the tour.

Saturday, July 1

Pastor Jerold Munz led the opening Devotion at 8:07 A.M.

Business session called to order at 8:25 A.M.

Lester Ahls, Chairman of Nominating took the floor. There was a problem that came up two candidates have asked to have their names removed from the nomination. It was asked the constitution be suspended and it was moved and carried.

Dr. Rynearson gave his Synodical report.

Treasurer report was given by Dennis Konkell. First, he gave the 1993 to 1995 financial report and then he gave his report on the four separate accounts we now have. It was moved and carried.

Nominating Committee Chairman Lester Ahls took the floor for the election. Each candidates gave their background before vote was taken place.

Law Committee Chairman Larry Gorton gave his report. He introduced the changes the term of President and President-Elect. The term for Pres.-Elect will be one term (Two Years).

Carol Seeger gave her 1993 ILDA convention report.

Treasurer Dennis Konkell gave his report and introduced the 1995-1997 Budget. It was moved and accepted.

Lester Ahls gave nomination ballot. Dennis Konkel is our new President-Elect. Alice Hagemeyer is our new Secretary, and Russel Healey is our new Treasurer. Rev. Don Leber is our new Pastor Advisor.

Deaf Lutheran Business Manager Elmer Francisco gave his report.

Scholarship Committee Lee Ann Kotal gave her report. There were two people who receive the scholarship is Brian Smith and Cory Eckstrom. Brian Smith took the floor and told his background.

Chairman of Gods 1000 Club Warren Buford could not be here and Pamela Kane took his place. She gave her report.

Roger Demeyer, Executive Director of Lutheran Schools gave his report regarding the Detroit Lutheran schools for the Deaf and also other Lutheran schools across the country.

1995 ILDA Convention Carol Pickell announced that there were 410 registrations, 180 boat trip, 97 1000 luncheon and 359 banquet.

ILDA Jr. Chairperson Erika Sipchen made her announcement.

Mission Project Chairperson Susan Konkel gave her report and the goal was over, reaching \$25,843.99. Also gave 1995-1997 ILDA Mission Project upped to 31,000.00. It was moved and accepted for the 1995-1997 Mission Project proposal.

Bids for the 1997 convention, St. Louis will be the host for the next convention in 1997. Bid for 1999 convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio by Pamela Kane and it was approved to accept. Carried.

Historian Don Mowl gave his report. The 25th Anniversary booklet was specially printed for this special occasion. The booklets are available for all delegates. The booklet covers all History of ILDA.

Unfinished Business—None

New Business: Bob Dunningham moved that ILDA Convention Committee are to set up captioned of the proceedings and that it is to be used for future conventions. Carried

Archie Marshall moved that Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Louis borrow 2,500.00 to be used for the 1997 convention in order to start the funds for the convention. Carried

Lester Ahls moved that we have 6 years planning for the next convention instead of 4 years. Mr. Herman Spencer from North Carolina would like to bid at Charlotte, No. Carolina for the year 2001 but needs to have his Church officer and his pastor to write a letter for their approval. Carried.

Irwin Bowlby from Pekin, Illinois announced he will donate \$500.00 to help the 1997 ILDA convention.

Resolution Committee Chairman Ken Derby took the floor.

Resolutions of Appreciation

95-1 Whereas, the 25th Anniversary Convention of International Lutheran Deaf Association and the 100th Anniversary of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod were held in Schaumburg, Illinois at the Hyatt Regency from June 29th to July 2, 1995. Passed.

95-2 Therefore, Be it Resolved, that we thank the convention assemble and commend Carol Pickell, 1995 ILDA convention Chair, Rev. Mark Anderson, Co-Chair and their committees for their enthusiastic effort in making this convention a successful one. Passed.

95-3 Be it Resolved that we thank the Drury Inn, Schaumburg, Illinois for providing the officers and the boards the meeting place fro June 27th to 29th, 1995. Passed.

95-4 Be it Resolved that we thank Ron Madding, ILDA President for his four years of presidency. Passed.

- 95-5 Be it Resolved we thank Larry Gorton, ILDA President-Elect for his four years of service. Passed.
- 95-6 Be it Resolved that we thank James Swalley, ILDA Secretary for his two years of service. Passed.
- 95-7 Be it Resolved that we thank Dennis Konkel, ILDA Treasurer for his four years of balancing the accounts. Passed.
- 95-8 Be it Resolved that we thank Don Mowl, ILDA Historian for his 12 years of researching to make these 25/100 years anniversaries a memorable one. Passed.
- 95-9 Be it Resolved that we thank Rev. Edwin Bergstresser, ILDA Pastoral Advisor for his four years of service. Passed.
- 95-10 Be it Resolved that we thank Rev. Rodney R. Rynearson for his 37 years of service. Passed.
- 95-11 Be it Resolved that we thank Dr. Preus III from St. Louis Concordia Seminary for a good sermon on July 2nd. Passed.
- 95-12 Be it Resolved that we thank silent word organization for providing Real Time Captioning. Passed.
- 95-13 Be it Resolved that we thank the Chicago area and the Deaf Churches of Ephphatha South Cross, Our Savior Lutheran of Chicago, Rockford Lutheran of Rockford and Holy Cross of Cary for their supports the past two years. Passed.
- 95-14 Be it Resolved that we pursue the theme: Behold, I make all things new. Passed.
- 95-15 Whereas, the Rev. Frederking (now deceased) is recognized as the father of ILDA at it early beginnings and meetings in place in places, for example Milwaukee before ILDA's 1st Convention and Passed.
- 95-16 Be it Resolved that we help educate the public about Edward Pahl and Rev. August Reinke in any existing deaf awareness activities whenever appropriate. Passed.
- 95-17 Be it Resolved that we thank this hotel, Hyatt Regency for their wonderful service and hospitality. Passed.
- 95-18 Whereas, however, the Rev. Herbert Rohe did the real hard groundwork and organizing and encouraging of ILDA since its first constitution as many know.
Therefore, be it Resolved that a plaque be made and personally given by a deaf officer(s) of ILDA within 2 months following this 1995 ILDA's 25th Anniversary Convention and
Further be it Resolved to mail a letter of appreciation signed by all of the ILDA Board members written by the Rev. Edwin Bergstresser as Pastoral Advisor to both Rev. Herb Rohe and to the family of the late Rev. Frederking.
And that we now stand to say Thank You, God for these men of leadership and faith. Passed.

Rev. Rynearson announced anniversary of pastors serving in the Deaf Ministry. Pastor Engel 10 years, Mr. E. Bush 15 years, Rev. Dahmann 15 years, Rev. Petzold 20 years, Rev. Carstens 25 years, Rev. Dorr 30 years, Rev. Leonhardt 35 years, Rev. O. Anderson 35 years, Rev. Gehrs 35 years, Rev. Rohe 50 years, Rev. Jonas 60 years. Introduce the pastors who are here, Revs. Marsh, Dorr, Leber, Nix, Petzoldt, Zuhn, Schlund, Rowland, MacDonald, Vicar Eckert, Vicar Unze, Vicar Eckstrom, Rev. Ludwig, Rev. Bergstresser.

George Daniels bring greetings from the first ILDA president Clarence Schultz.

Loretta Derby that we form a workshop committee for future ILDA convention. Passed.

New Business moved to be closed and passed.

New President Larry Gorton announced the names of people who will be serving in the committee during the next two years, 1995-1997:

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| Scholarship | Lee Ann Kotal |
| Nomination | Ronald Madding |
| Mission Project | Pamela Kane |
| Right Hand Award | Carol Seeger |
| Gods 1000 Club | Irwin Bowlby |
| Resolution | Charles Kotal |
| Parliamentarian | David Naumann |
| Head Teller | Gerald Ahrens |

President Madding officially adjourned the meeting at 4:25 P.M.

Banquet was held later that evening and Russel Healey was the Master of the Ceremony. Right Hand award was awarded to John Middlebaugh of Columbus, Ohio. Prizes, Awards and plaques were given out to the winners.

Sunday, July 2

A beautiful worship led by Rev. Mark Anderson and the sermon was given by Rev. Preus of St. Louis Concordia Seminary.

The new 1995-1997 ILDA officers was installed. The co-chairman, Rev. Mark Anderson presented the ILDA banner to our next Convention Committee Archie Marshall of St. Louis. The convention was then officially over at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by
James G. Swalley, Secretary
International Lutheran Deaf Association

ILDA 2021 Convention Minutes (ILDA 50th Anniversary)

26th Biennial Business Meeting
Friday, July 23, 2021

1. Welcome

President John Mason welcomed everyone to the 26th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA). President Mason thanked Janet Gehlbach for hosting this convention in Chicago. He also welcomed a new pastor from Austin, TX, Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller.

2. Necrology (Diane Francisco)

Diane signed a poem that she had written. A power point presentation, created by Rev. Daryl and Janet Gehlbach, was shown with photos of those ILDA members who passed away since the 2019 ILDA convention. Rev. Tyler Walworth said a prayer for those members.

3. Invocation

Rev. Tyler Walworth gave the opening prayer.

4. Call to Order

The business meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by President John Mason.

5. Introductions

Parliamentarian—Carol Seeger

Assistant to the Secretary—Carolyn Snyder-Mason

Tellers—volunteers from those in attendance

6. Introduction of Interpreters

Rev. Ron Friedrich and Rev. Tim Eckert

7. Resolutions Committee—none

8. Nominating Committee's Report (Carol Seeger)

a. Introduction of candidates for offices: President-Elect (Brian Byer), Secretary (Denise Pulfer), Treasurer (John Mason), Pastoral Advisor (Rev. Daryl Gehlbach)

b. Election of officers:

The following slate of officers for 2021-2024 were elected by acclamation. Passed.

President—Carol Seeger

President-Elect—Brian Byer

Secretary—Denise Pulfer

Treasurer—John Mason

Pastoral Advisor—Rev. Daryl Gehlbach

9. Minutes of the previous convention

Carol Seeger (David Brown) moved to accept the minutes of the 2019 ILDA Topeka, Kansas convention (July 19, 2019) as written. Passed.

10. Treasurer's Report (David G. Brown)

A one page report is inserted into the registration folder. Membership dues letters were mailed out for 2020-2022 last year. Current membership is 116. \$3,460.71 were collected from the dues. Checking account balance on 7/1/2019 is \$16,878.81. Ending balance on 6/30/2021 is \$24,754.88. Deposits: \$41,952.74 and expenses: \$34,076.67. Savings account balance on 7/1/2019 is \$150,009.21. Ending balance on 6/30/2021 is \$142,800.99. Mission projects donations is \$12,223.83. As of July 1, 2021 there is \$3,223.83 left to pay out to WLDO. Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry forfeited their \$1,000 due to COVID reasons. ELCG Deaf Mission Ghana was paid \$1,000. Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas was paid \$5,000 but the balance of \$5,000 was forfeited. David Bush was paid \$2,000. Ryan McDermott (Togo) forfeited \$2,000 because he is no longer serving Togo. WLDO (Reinke) has not been paid prior to the 2021 Chicago convention. The ILDA Board voted to give \$5,000 to WLDO during its Board meeting on July 22, 2021. Auditors of the treasurer's report are Ron Grapatin and Rev. Edwin Bergstresser. The auditors will audit after the convention.

Joy Rader (Cynthia Smith-Byer) moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Passed.

11. President's Report (John Mason)

- President Mason welcomed everyone to the 26th Biennial convention.
- He thanked Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Spring Lake Park, MN, and the chair, Janet Gehlbach, for hosting the convention in Chicago.
- He encouraged everyone to show up for the workshop presentations.
- He also wanted everyone to go home safely after the convention.

12. Pastoral Advisor's Report (Rev. Tyler Walworth)

Now that the year of COVID fear has gone by, we look back with much important reflection. Many abandoned church. Many stayed home in fear. Many did not fill their vocations of mother, father, son, daughter, friend or worker. As we look back, we have a great reason for repentance. We should have run to the Lord of life located in the office of the ministry and offered to us in His church, instead of run away from him. We should only fear the Lord. We should always go about our vocations as the very commands and desires of God. Therefore, let us bring our petitions of sorrow over our sins to the Lord. Then, we should cling to the good news that Christ never abandoned us. He pursued and pursues us still when we ignore him and he perfectly pays attention to the word of His Father. Jesus only fears His Father and trusts Him completely. Jesus always fills His vocation of Savior, even when He must die on the cross. This is the great and shining light in the midst of the gloom of the last year. We have Christ among us still who forgives our sins by taking them upon himself and receiving their full punishment. Then He gives us His righteous life instead of our sin. Now let us go back to church where this same Christ pours out these gifts to us continually by the Office of the Ministry in Word and Sacrament. Let us throw away, by the power of the Spirit of God, all fear of any other thing or person. Let us look to our heavenly Father alone with the fear that He alone is God and makes and does all things well. Let us go to our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends and work with the joy and confidence of those who have all things in Christ. May the Lord grant you this continual repentance and faith so that you may be ready for the day when Christ returns and we will no longer walk by faith alone, but will also see with our eyes in the great resurrection the glory of our greatest treasure, Jesus Christ, the Father and the Holy Spirit. It has been a joy to be your pastoral advisor at ILDA and I will continue to bring you before our Father in heaven in prayer and thanksgiving.

13. Synodical Representative Report (Rev. Ron Friedrich, Lutheran Deaf Mission Society Executive Director)

- COVID has forced us to learn new technologies.
- Several pastors have retired (Rev. Steve Schlund, Rev. Richard Moody, and Rev. Gary Lawson).
- Concordia Seminary in St. Louis has DIT and EIIT (Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology) training and SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) training program. The EIIT program is used by other countries and perfect for the deaf because it works and has online studies.

- World missions has been hit hard all over the world due to COVID, especially Kenya and India.
- Technology—the website deafjesus.org has a directory printed there of congregation worship sites and online worship sites and a resource list.

14. The Deaf Lutheran publication report

- A. Editor (Janet Gehlbach): Janet explained that when she was researching printing costs related to the 2021 convention she was given a discount card from Office Depot. This greatly reduced the cost of printing the convention book and will do the same for the history book. Also, she compared prices for printing the Deaf Lutheran newsletter and found it is way cheaper to use the discount card. She discussed this with Carolyn Snyder-Mason, Deaf Lutheran Business Manager, and we both agreed to switch printing companies.
- B. Business Manager (Carolyn Snyder-Mason): Carolyn explained she takes care of the money related to printing and postage costs of the Deaf Lutheran newsletter. There are about 50 paid subscribers.

15. Finance Committee Report (none)

16. Adoption of new budget (none)

17. Law Committee

Three (3) people were appointed for the Law Committee (John Mason, Rev. Ron Friedrich and Gregory Werth) to discuss future ILDA conventions. It was proposed to do a one time delay of one year to 2024. ILDA conventions conflict with Deaf Seniors of America and Lutheran Women’s Missionary League conventions during the same odd-numbered year. People would tend to go to those conventions rather than coming to the ILDA convention. This proposed change hopefully will improve attendance at ILDA conventions. The proposed change to the Constitution was published twice in the Deaf Lutheran newsletter. The Constitution requires a two-thirds vote to approve. If approved the next ILDA convention will be in 2024.

18. Voting on proposed changes

Carolyn Snyder-Mason (Tim Kearney) moved to accept the proposed Constitution change that “ILDA shall hold conventions every two (2) years in even-numbered years. Regional branches are encouraged to meet in odd-numbered years. The conduct as well as all plans, conditions and provisions shall be set forth in this Constitution and its Handbook. All of the ILDA conventions shall be self-supporting. And be it finally RESOLVED that this change in the ILDA convention schedule begin three (3) years following the ratification of this amendment.” Passed.

19. Introduction of Mission Projects (Carolyn Snyder-Mason)

A. Carolyn received the following requests and they are listed in order received:

- Youth Ministry of Texas \$7,000
- Kenya \$1,000
- India \$ 4,931 The ILDA Board approved increasing this amount to \$ 6,000

TOTAL amount requested: \$14,000

B. Voting on mission projects: Carolyn Snyder-Mason (Pam Kane) moved to accept the above mission projects for 2021-2024. Passed.

20. Other Committee’s Report

Previous convention committee chairperson: 2019 Topeka, KS, convention report by Sara Hale

- KansaSEED hosted the convention at the Capital Plaza Hotel. It was a joint conference with the Interpreted Ministry Conferene (IMC).
- There were 53 registered ILDA attendees and 18 registered IMC attendees.

- Fundraising was done by doing butter braid sales, dinners, silent auction, garage sale. Letters were mailed to various churches asking for donations.
- ILDA/IMC was a lot of fun and received positive feedback. Service events were well received and ten tied warm blankets were donated to Silverback KS and the food harvester benefited from our making mesh fruit bags.
- Convention opened on Thursday evening with an ice breaker, banner display, song contest and refreshments. Friday was ILDA Business Meeting and IMC workshops and some free time. Saturday was joint workshops, service project and banquet with keynote speaker, Rev. Bill Wrede giving a presentation on his experience with the World Trade Center collapse. Sunday concluded with communion/worship.
- KansaSEED provided 100% free childcare program. It was well received.
- Lynda Nix and Paula Willig were contacted about interpreter suggestions and were able to save some money in paying for interpreters.
- Childcare workers and volunteer interpreters were paid an honorarium as thank you for their service. Michelle Tessaro was photographer at the photo booth and making copies of photos. David Hale also took photos and prepared a slide show of the Kansas convention that was shared at the banquet.

21. ILDA convention bids presented by future host congregations

A bid was received by Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Beverly Hills, Michigan. Brian Byer said the dates for the 2024 convention will be announced in the Deaf Lutheran newsletter. He discussed what the Detroit area offers to convention goers. Theme is “Defending the Faith.”

22. Introduction of pastors and church workers in attendance

Pastors: Rev. Edwin Bergstresser, Rev. Tim Eckert, Rev. Ron Friedrich, Rev. Daryl Gehlbach, Rev. Ryan McDermott, Rev. Matthew Nix, Rev. Dr. John Reinke, Rev. Mark Seeger, Rev. Tyler Walworth, Rev. Mark Willig, and Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller

Church workers: Becky Catchpole, Becky Jungklaus, Denise Pulfer, Ted Pulfer, and Diana Rice

23. Resolution Committee’s Report—none

24. Unfinished business—none

25. New Business

Motion #1: Jeff Padon (Jennifer Bonura) moved to develop a task group to research and contact with deaf churches all over the world. Passed. President Mason will put this task to an ad hoc committee.

26. Voting on Resolutions—none

27. Announcements—none

28. Adjournment

The Business Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m. with a closing prayer by Rev. Tyler Walworth.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gehlbach, ILDA Secretary Pro Tem, 2019-2021

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It is always appropriate at every International Lutheran Deaf Association convention to remind ourselves of those servants of Christ who have come to the “CROWN OF LIFE” with Christ in heaven. Here is the list of names of all deceased: former ILDA officers, ILDA members, pastors, pastors wives and workers among the deaf and special friends. NOTE: Our apologies if any names are missing from this list.

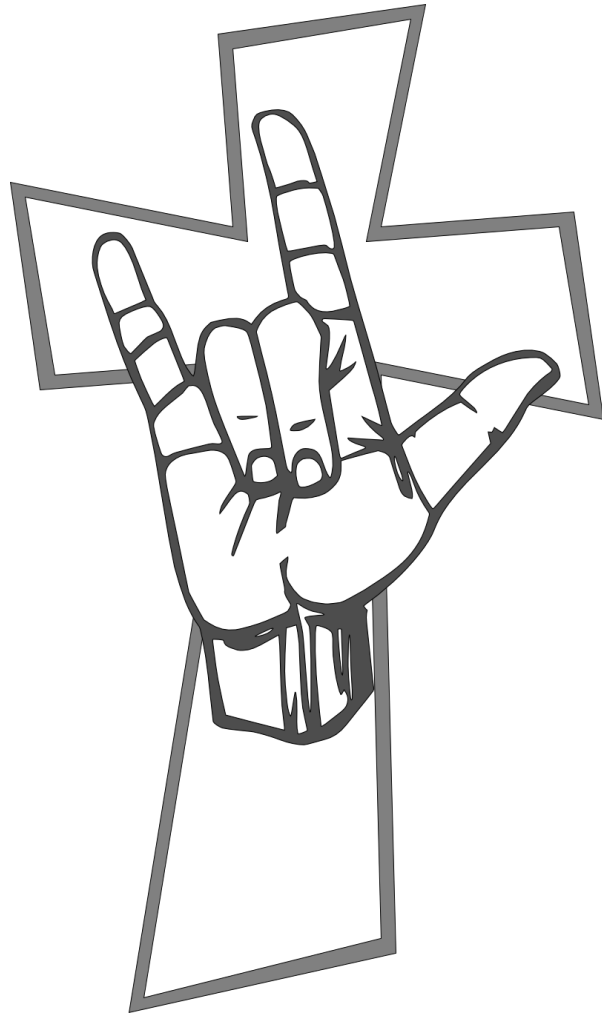
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| 1971 | Rev. Quintin Quade Evelyn Jones | 1987 | Rev. Theo. Delaney Mabel Gaertner (PW) Earl Peterson Rev. Floyd Possehl N. Fern Rife Dale Van Hemert | 1994 | Ted Brighton Francis Burgess Evelyn DeMeyere Rev. G. W. Gaertner Rev. LaVerne Mass Anna J. Walls |
| 1974 | Rev. Hugo A. Gamber Walter Viets | | | 1995 | Rev. George Winkler |
| 1975 | Rev. John A. Beyer Eugene Clupper Rae DeRose Rev. Erich Eichmann Bobby E. Kosanovich Rev. Elmer Luessenhop | 1988 | Cleo Gunderson | 1996 | Rev. Herman Graef Florence Peterson |
| 1976 | Rev. Norbert Borchardt Alex Brodie Rev./Mrs. Robert Cordes Dr. Martin Franzmann | 1989 | George H. Dietz Dr. George Kraus Cecil Schladetzy Harry C. Searles Irene Searles Mildred Petrowske | 1997 | Gladys Krohn Victor Krohn John Riddlebaugh Rhoda Rynearson (PW) Keith Stinger |
| 1977 | Rev. Edward B. Fox Uriel C. Jones Dr. Herman Kopplemann Rev. E. Schiebert | 1990 | James Drake Leo Goll Mary Lowell Nadeen Nord Rev. Daniel Pokorny Harold Thuve | 2001 | Arthur Anderson Ruth Cupps Lynn Frey Sr. Patsy Nadler Harold Nord Sam Riege |
| 1978 | Rev. Hugh Ferber Rev. Walter A. Westermann | 1991 | Rev. Clarence C. Bremer Rev. Waldemar O. Ferber Marilyn Gehrs (PW) Roy Klein James Lowell Rev. Arnold Lutz | 2002 | Rev. Arnold Jonas Rev. Herbert W. Rohe Lydia Waters |
| 1980 | Rev. William Reinking | | | 2003 | Rev. C. Roland Gerhold Julia Hefley Rev. Don Leber Emma Mappes Neil Shockman Mina Stinger |
| 1981 | Rev. Carl Baringer Margaret Borgstrand Rev. Theodore Frederking Rev. Frederick Goos Rev. Martin G. Kosche | 1992 | Benjamin Beaver Rev. Alvin Ferber Millie Francisco Marilyn Gehrs Ruth D. Ludovico Doris Myhre Arthur Nyquist | 2004 | Gloria E. Marshall Rev. George Ring Clarence Schulz Rev. Walter D. Uhlig Rev. Don Winkler |
| 1983 | Lydia Boll (PW) | | | 2005 | Rev. Clark Bailey Bernice Bottlinger (PW) Rev. Wayne Bottlinger Robert Gore Rev. Bruce Hein William Kautzky Archie Marshall |
| 1984 | Dr. John Klein | | | | |
| 1985 | Rev. Michael J. Hayes Viola Paden | 1993 | Viola Gerhold (PW) Hilda Kaercher Lillian H. Long Marvin Rood Rev. Delbert Thies Rev. Frank Wagenknecht | | |
| 1986 | Rev. Robert Blakely Werner D. Hoewisch Robert Munz Betty Oermann (PW) Dale D. Paden Warren Riege Robert Schneider | | | | |

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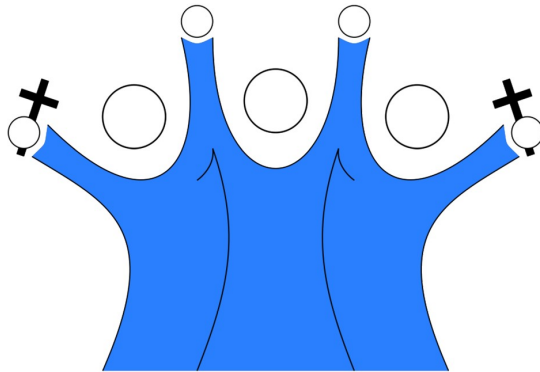
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| <p>2005 Ruth Ann Nester Judith Plyles Sarah Riddlebaugh James Swalley</p> | <p>2013 Maureen Woods Rev. Don Zuhn</p> | <p>2019 Shirley Mayberry Elaine Neisch (PW) Marilyn Owens Mary Schleicher (PW) Arlene Van Hemert Rev. Eric Ziegler</p> |
| <p>2006 Genevieve M. Klein Bill Schwarz</p> | <p>2014 Rev. Fred Leighty Ruth Schnepf (PW) Bertha Sweezo</p> | <p>2020 Rev. Robert Bauer Rev. David Carstens Richard Crossen Rev. August Hauptman Betty Jo Healey Russel Healey Richard Heckle Robert Kane Joan Mass (PW) Kathryn Murphy Paul Myers Rev. Waldemar Neisch Russell Rains Richard Stelzer Marion Wright</p> |
| <p>2007 Rev William Lange Sheryl Rowland (PW)</p> | <p>2015 Lester Ahls Lee Ann Kotal Duane Peterson Rev. Martin Sampson</p> | <p>2021 Rev. Gary Bell Helen Dalton David Mills Rev. Richard Reinap David Williams</p> |
| <p>2008 Shirley Blaney Dan Glenney Joe Kindred Jacqueline Kissel Carl Munz Ruby Munz Patricia Pokorny (PW) Effie Rohe (PW) Margaret Shockman</p> | <p>2016 Agatha Chizek Earnestine Harris Curtis Ketelsen Donald Mowl Ruth Peterson Katherine Thies (PW)</p> | |
| <p>2009 Rev. Robert Bremer Charles Kotal</p> | <p>2017 Winona Alter Marlys Aspnes Rev. Mike Busby Martha Frye Joan Jasper (PW) Arvin Massey Darlene Meier Donald Peterson Irene Possehl (PW) Doris Ring (PW) William Zimmerman Sr.</p> | |
| <p>2010 Ferol Hauptman (PW) Ethel Kosche (PW) Fred Waltz Janice Wilson</p> | <p>2018 Ruth Fangmaier Ted Hagemeyer Jeff McGuire David Naumann Wilma Phillips Sandra Schultz</p> | <p>(PW) = Pastor's Wife</p> |
| <p>2011 Gary Anderson John Woods</p> | | |
| <p>2012 Louise Bailey (PW) Edward Blaney Elmer Francisco Rev. Darrell Haug Betty Swalley</p> | | |
| <p>2013 Rev. Orlin Anderson Rev. Gilbert Berninghaus Liv Gustafson Glenda Haefner Rev. Don Haug Dr. Harry Hoemann Donald Kissel Sr. Marion Van Manen Betty Mowl Francis VanAken</p> | <p>2019 Pamela Anderson (PW) Gayle Berninghaus (PW) Rev. Gerhard Gehrs Jr. Ted Hines Helen Kraus (PW) Alma Ruth Laing Rev. Roger Leonhardt Sonja Leonhardt (PW) Sigrid Ludwig (PW) Neil Mayberry</p> | <p>Other (year unknown) Edna Alder Arthur Braun Phyllis Crossen Arthur C. Green</p> |

NOTES



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Psalm 89:15

"Blessed are the people who know the
festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the
light of Your face."

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