

"We live in a new and exceptional age. America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of the Divine Providence in behalf of the human race."—Emerson

Subject Board Meeting etc. Written by _____

A.R. Wentz Library
Lutheran Theological Seminary
66 Seminary Ridge
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Board of Home Missions,

General Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in U. S.

REV. CHARLES S. ALBERT, D. D., President,
667 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md.
REV. JACOB A. CLUTZ, General Secretary,
916 N. Carrollton Ave., Baltimore, Md.
REV. S. B. BARNITZ, Western Secretary,
722 Eighteenth St., Des Moines, Iowa.
LEMUEL T. APPOLD, ESQ., Treasurer,
225 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.

REV. M. W. HAMMA, D. D.,
729 N. Fremont Ave., Baltimore, Md.
REV. A. S. HARTMAN,
Chambersburg, Pa.
REV. J. C. KOLLER, D. D.,
Hanover, Pa.
REV. W. E. PARSON,
309 N. Jersey Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

MR. E. D. MILLER,
Fremont St., Baltimore, Md.
MR. JOHN W. RICE,
Carrollton Ave., Baltimore, Md.
MR. A. F. FOX,
Washington, D. C.

Regular Meetings the Second Thursday of Each Month.

DEPARTMENT OF THE WEST, NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary.

5 FACTS

ABOUT
Lutheran Home Missions.

1 **T**HAT our Home Mission work is of vital importance to every phase of Church life and activity. To push Home Missions is to stimulate and advance every other form of beneficence. To neglect Home Missions is to let every Christian activity wither and die. So true is this that it has been said recently, that if the present generation of Americans would thoroughly evangelize America, they would be doing their full share towards the saving of the world.

2 **T**HAT no other Protestant denomination in America has so large, and so important and promising a Home Mission field as we have. Many of our old churches need Mission help to nurse them into vigorous life and strength. Tens of thousands of our people, both east and west, are still without churches or pastors of their own faith. On an average, enough Lutheran immigrants come to America, every day of the year, to make a congregation of 500 souls.

3 **T**HAT owing to the extent of our field and the abundance of our material, we secure from two to five times the results, for the same money and labor, secured by most of the other great denominations. This is not a cause for boasting, but for devout gratitude to God, and increased consecration and activity in the work. It gives a new and louder emphasis to the many calls for help that come to us from all over the land.

4 **T**HAT the sum of \$35,000 a year, called for by the General Synod's apportionment for Home Missions, is wholly inadequate for the doing of our share of this great work. And the fact that this is only an average of about twenty-five cents per member, or less than half a cent a week, shows that it is very far below the ability of our people to give. Yet, sad to say, even this amount is not raised by about \$10,000.

5 **T**HAT if we are to do our duty as a church, to our own scattered and needy people, and to our country and the world, and meet our responsibility to God, we must labor and pray for more consecration and enlarged liberality. More information among the people, more system in making collections, and a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost, would swell our regular contributions, multiply and enlarge our special gifts and greatly increase the number and amount of our legacies.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 9th 1889

My dear Mr. C.
Am just home from Sioux City, Omaha and Atchison - five days of very hard work, with the weather almost intolerable. Excepting at "Idleland" - "Highland Park". For four days we have had "sand storms" with intense heat. The rain has ^{now} come, and we have relief, and are thankful, very thankful. As it will be impossible for me to make out a regular report of work of Western Secy. since April 9th. for Board Meeting next Tuesday, I will send you the enclosed correspondence - Have you select such parts of it for Meeting, as you deem wise, and will in addition make such notes as I can get written before starting for Warrenport, Iowa

tomorrow. II. My Bill of Expenses. My California part
of it foots up more than yours, which I cannot
understand. You told me your bill up to Co-
lumbus, Ohio, would exceed \$25⁰⁰, and how
you made the rest of the trip for less than
\$45⁰⁰ I cannot understand, unless you paid
some of the Board's bills out of your own pocket.
If you did not charge at all for Salt-Sale
Hotel bill, of course I will not. It was work
for the Board - hard solid work for me, from
Saturday night to Tuesday A.M. Had he not spent
that Sunday at Salt-Sale, he would have been
obliged to travel, and had he not met Krantz,
he would not have been posted and prepared for
the work at Portland &c. &c. he would not have
known the Council's action. If you paid that
bill, I will of course, donate a like amount,
or any other part of expenses you think he
ought to bear for the Board. Look over my bill
carefully, and report any amt. you think I
ought to pay. I have not, as you will see, put
into anything that could in justice be left out,
unless the Salt-Sale bill for Monday's delay.

III. Printing or Publications. 1. A demand for 5

J. A. C. 2

Committee on Transportation:

REV. S. B. BARNITZ, Chairman,
722 Eighteenth Street,
DES MOINES, IA.

FRED. W. KIEFFER,
67 Fourth Avenue,
PITTSBURGH, PA.

REV. J. H. MENGES,
3510 Spring Garden Street,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Thirty-fourth Convention

OF THE

General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN THE UNITED STATES,

TO BE HELD AT

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Stockton Avenue, ALLEGHENY CITY, PENNA.,

(Rev. J. G. GOETTMAN, D.D., Pastor,)

From June 12th to 24th, 1889.

Rooms Committee  on Transportation,

722 Eighteenth Street, Des Moines, Ia.

"Tracts": the splendid tract of General Secy. led me to issue a new edition for Missionary Meetings. A copy enclosed. Board will see the attractive form in which it has been brought out. 2. "Mission for Millions". A small edition of this inspiring song has also been published. at the request of societies & others desiring whole public Missionary Meetings. Sample herewith. 3. "Aunt Parson's Story". An edition of 5000 of this tract has been printed, and is being sent to our Missions, in the hope of availing to the work of self-support. The tract has been regarded as of great power by other Mission Boards - notably the Presbyterians. It has never been as handsomely published. "The needs of the hour", and the "power of the press in Mission work", are my excuse, if excuse is needed - for issuing the above without special action of the Board. IV. Sincere Ver. Letters - marked A. - from E. J. Ernst of Sincere Ver. may interest the Board. I met Bro. C.

by appointment. at Omaha on Monday last & had a pleasant interview with him. He was delighted with the action of the Bd. of Ph. Return-
sin, and delighted at the prospect of having the
work re-opened. He thinks the leaders of present
organization will not submit to decision very
tame. In case they do not fight it, they will
surely leave the Lutheran Church. ~~IV~~ Omaha.

A. South-Western Mission. Letters marked B -
from Rev. Suther M. Kuhns, will interest you,
though he has, no doubt, written officially. I
had a conference with him on Monday last,
and found him "a little discouraged". His greatest
fear seems to be the name mentioned in the
 deed - "Shull Memorial". He thinks, as others
of us think - that this must be changed. I
told him to have Bd. of Ph. buy it all.
He is also very anxious about his salary, as is
also his father. He has written you fully on this
subject, and I need not repeat. B. St. Marks
The enclosed letter - marked C - from Rev. G. W. Schum Sr.
as well as some other information, led me to have
a conference with him. His son - Pastor of St. Marks,
and Bro. Wilhelm, one of the elders of St. Marks -
at Omaha on Monday last. After a free & frank
inter-change of views, I am convinced that a
change of Missionary will be an advantage at
St. Marks. A few months, however, will enable

J. A. C. B.



us to determine as to what is best to be done. My own conviction is that there ought to be a change of Missionary. Many would rejoice in a change, and none would leave in case a change is made. VI Emporia, Kas. Spent Easter with the Mission. A great & blessed day. You have no doubt had full report. VII Cedar-Rapids, Ia. Spent Sunday, April 28th with the Missionary Society of the Church. A good day & offering. Rev. A. F. Schroeder of Grand-Island Neb. is about to be called to this Ch. A good man for the field, I think, and a good field for the right man. VIII Simp-City, Iowa. "Great was the day, the joy was great" at the Simp-City Dedication. May 5th. "Having faithfully endured he obtained the promise". The Church is a very gem in its furniture and appointments. Raised all the money needed to pay all indebtedness & a little over. Think of the change in Sutherlands in Simp-City since August 1885. You have no doubt received full account of dedication from Mr. M, or from Simp-City Journal. Praise the Lord for results at Simp-City!

VIII. Davenport, Iowa. Letters - marked D.
Show the anxiety, persistency, and desire of
Missionary G. W. Snyder. Will spend Sunday May
12th with him and try to do all(?) he asks in
his letter of May 6th. Am not sure that I can
do all his bidding, but will do the best I can
to bring the people up. IX. Wayne, Neb. & adja-
cent parts. Letter - marked E. - from Rev. M. S.

Melick of Wayne, Neb. speaks for itself. I will try
to visit Wayne after General synod. It was im-
possible to go this week, because of preparing work
at Mt. Education Meeting, and preparing work in
connection with General synod transportation.

X. California. A. Los Angeles. B. San Diego.

Letters F & G. speak of the food issues of
the visit of the Secys, and bring food tidings.

I have arranged half-fare for Bro. Weisler
through to New York. He is now on his way
East, and will, I trust, be greatly advantaged
by his visit. He needs the change.

XI. Title Page of Program. I have cut of Mt of Holy
Cross, if that will answer. It would certainly be
new. Can secure any Rio-France or U. P. or S. P.
cut in the books you have. And now, Dear Co. I
must stop. Will try to reply fully to your food letter
on my return from Davenport, and fully also on Mt-
land & Mt. Education Meeting. Congratulations

J. A. L. 4

to you in advance, Mr. President - and encloses
to me. What will be the date of next Bd
of W. U. meeting? A peculiar day would be
June 11th - day ^{before} of Pres's synod opening.
I will (D. V.) be at Convention of W. U. of
W. Pres. and may start for the East May
28th. Cannot tell exactly. Our head-
quarters in Balt. are to be at 667 West
Franklin St. Glad for card from Bro. A.
telling us Mrs. A's wish. It's nearly train
time. Must be off for Davenport & back to
my desk - if possible, on Monday A.M.

With love to all the members of the
Board & all the C's & S's, in which
the S's & S's join - as ever

Very gratefully
Yours.

Saml. J. Garnitz
W. Secy.

BOARD OF EDUCATIONOF THE
GENERAL SYNOD
OF THE**Lutheran Church.**

REV. M. RHODES, D. D., President,
St. Louis, Mo.
REV. S. B. BARNITZ, Vice Pres.,
Des Moines, Iowa.
JNO. E. HERBST, M. D., Treasurer,
513 East 14th St., Kansas City, Mo.
Rev. J. S. Detweiler, Omaha, Neb.
Rev. F. D. Altman, Emporia Kas
Augustus Kountze, New York, N. Y.
Amos Miller, Hillsboro, Ills.
Robert Weidensall, Chicago, Ills.
J. H. Lyday, Newton, Iowa.



Requests to the Board Should Include Exact Incorporated Title, Thus:
"The Board of Education of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in the United States of America."

Subject.....

To

REV. M. F. TROXELL, GENERAL SECRETARY,

[REDACTED] O.

3036 EASTON AVENUE.

..... St. Louis, Mo., January 15th, 1889.....

Dear Brother:—The day of prayer for Colleges is near at hand. The General Synod requests all our pastors and churches to observe the last Sunday in January as such day. The date will be January 27th. It has become the custom for the morning offerings of that day to be devoted to the contingent funds of our respective institutions of learning. No doubt this custom will obtain this year with regard to Gettysburg, Springfield, Hartwick, etc. Without withdrawing any measure of help which these institutions should have from their territory, we make an urgent appeal upon the territory of Carthage and Midland for our younger colleges. These institutions are needy, and they are worthy. Let the people now come to their help with their prayers and their offerings. The Board of Education endorses the appeal of these colleges in behalf of their contingent funds, and unites with them in asking for a liberal offering on the day of prayer. The Board would also ask the brethren who are pastors, to preach on the subject of Christian Education on the day named, or at least have some part of the day's services bear upon the important work of our Christian Colleges.

The needs of both Carthage and Midland just now are pressing and urgent.

President Dysinger, of Carthage, writes thus:—"This institution charges no incidental fees, and must depend upon tuition and interest from endowment to keep the buildings in repair, as well as pay the salaries of the professors. The income from these sources is not sufficient to meet the additional expenses incurred in making the extra repairs necessary at this time. The citizens of Carthage have generously contributed two hundred dollars to repair the Ladies' Dormitory and paint the President's house. But other repairs must be made at an early day. The main building needs a new roof, the grounds a new fence, the library needs shelves, the museum needs cases, etc. A generous contribution from the churches will aid much in increasing confidence at home and receiving support from abroad."

Acting President Wynn, of Midland, has taken his meager equipment into the new building erected by the citizens of Atchison, and of course there is needed here everything necessary to furnish and equip a new institution. The building, and the surroundings of the building, needs and must have means in order to put the college and grounds in a shape presentable and pleasing to visitors, students and patrons. We must depend upon the church for money to do this. There are no luxuries proposed, only things absolutely necessary.

The appeal is now before the church and people. May the response be quick and worthy of the church, and equal to the needs of these two struggling colleges. Each pastor is respectfully and earnestly urged to announce the day of prayer and the collection a week in advance. *A unanimous co-operation* is prayerfully asked. If every congregation should give ten dollars, the Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas synods would contribute funds sufficient to relieve Carthage and Midland of great anxiety and to put them in a desirable condition. A sister denomination raises thousands of dollars annually now on this day for the extension of college work in the West.

Let pastors see that the offering, no matter how small it may be, is remitted at once, *before February 1st*, to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, J. E. Herbst, M. D., 513 East 14th Street, Kansas City, Mo. Each pastor may designate a division of his fund, or state whether for Carthage or Midland. All undesignated funds will be divided equally between the two colleges.

Looking for the Divine favor upon the day, with its prayers and offerings,

In behalf of Carthage and Midland, and for the Board of Education,

M. RHODES,

President.

M. F. TROXELL,

General Secretary.

N. B.—Please send Postal Card Report of amount of collection at once to the General Secretary.