

LUTHERAN HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

## NEWSLETTER

### ESSAYS & REPORTS, VOLUME 22

Earlier this year, volume 22 of *Essays and Reports of the 23rd Biennial Meeting of the Lutheran Historical Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, October 12-14, 2006*, was issued. This final volume of the *Essays and Reports* series should have been received by all members of the Conference.

Papers from the 24th biennial meeting, held in 2008 at Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y., and from later meetings, will be presented within the new *Journal of the Lutheran Historical Conference*. The *Journal* also welcomes other articles and papers on Lutheran history, in addition to those presented at the biennial conferences.

Most previous volumes in the *Essays and Reports* series, as well as LHC monograph publications, are still available. They can be ordered from:

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Detailed listings of the contents of each volume may be found on the LHC web site (luthhist.org). Additional copies of Volume 22 may be ordered for \$20 plus \$3 for shipping and handling. For questions about publications, please contact Marvin A. Huggins, publications coordinator, at the above CHI address or at mhuggins@lutheranhistory.org.

Volume 22 contents:

- "German Lutheran Identity in Eastern Pennsylvania and the First Chorale Book" by Daniel J. Grimminger
- "Lutherans in Brooklyn" by Kathryn M. Galchutt
- "The Merger of the Gettysburg Seminary in Abdel Ross Wentz's Day (1916-1966)" by Frederick K. Wentz
- "Lutheran Salzburgers and Muslim African Moors" by Michael D. Gutzler
- "Evangelical Directions in American Lutheranism: A First Look" by James Burkee
- "In a Region of Their Own: Scholarly Refugees from American Lutheranism" by Mark Granquist
- "'All Is under the Direction of His Wisdom': John Bachman and Southeastern Lutheranism in the Antebellum Era" by Susan Wilds McArver
- "Augsburg Confession War: Lutheran Confessional Beliefs, Rev. David Henkel, and Creation of the Tennessee Synod" by Robert C. Carpenter
- "Teaching the Pure Gospel: The Missionary Work of Rosa Jinsey Young" by Julieanna Frost
- "An Analysis of the Changing View of the Relationship of Doctrine and Liturgy within the WELS or The Black Geneva Piety of the Wisconsin Synod" by Mark Braun
- "Texas Lutheran President Carl Weeber: Denied His Promised Land" by Luther Oelke
- "'A Most Difficult Office': Establishing Lutheran Congregations in Early San Francisco" by Richard O. Johnson

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## BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The board of the Lutheran Historical Conference met by conference call, Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Plans continue for the 2012 conference to be held at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, with tentative dates to be Thursday, October 11 to Saturday, October 13, 2012. The board decided to alternate a Thursday-Saturday schedule with a Friday-Sunday schedule every other conference meeting. Among the events being discussed for Philadelphia is a presentation on the Muhlenberg journals restoration project being conducted by the Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia, with attendance at the LHC banquet by the major donors to that project.

In April 2010 the LHC had contributed \$1000 toward the Muhlenberg

journal restoration project. At that time, the board expressed its interest in having a formal procedure for awarding grants. Julieanna Frost distributed a draft of a grant proposal application process, with the possibility of awards up to \$1000 for projects and activities that promote the documentation and preservation of the resources dealing with Lutheranism in North America.

At a previous meeting, the board had also approved funds to hire a student assistant to scan past issues of the *LHC Essays & Reports* for inclusion on the LHC web site. Susan McArver indicated that she had a student available for work this summer at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C. The board gave approval for her to proceed with the project.

An invitation from the Wisconsin Lutheran College of Milwaukee, Wis., to host the 2014 LHC biennial meeting was received, with tentative dates for that meeting to be October 10-12. Joel Pless and Mark Braun are excited about hosting the meeting again and have been discussing several bus tour and restaurant possibilities.

The LHC board will meet in person at the ELCA Archives in Elk Grove Village, Ill., on September 24, 2011. The board welcomes any suggestions on any business to be taken up or any comments or concerns. Visitors are also welcome.

## MUHLENBERG TRAVELING EXHIBIT

A traveling exhibit, **Henry Melchior Mühlenberg (1711 - 1787), Patriarch of the North American Lutheran Church**, is being hosted at various sites for the Muhlenberg 300 celebration. The exhibit just finished a stay at the Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis and will begin a stay at Emory University, Pitts Theological Library, in Atlanta, Ga., on June 5. After June 29, it is tentatively scheduled to be in Washington, D.C., followed by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, Fla., on August 15-19.

For current locations and changes in the calendar, visit <http://lts.edu/MuhlenbergDisplayCalendar>.

The exhibit, made up of 20 illustrated panels, was developed by The Francke Foundations, Halle, Germany ([www.francke-halle.de](http://www.francke-halle.de)).

Additional locations are still being added. If you represent a museum, church or other institution that



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would like to stage the exhibit, please contact Carrie Schwab, [cschwab@lts.edu](mailto:cschwab@lts.edu), for details. The exhibit is available for use by

qualified institutions for the cost of round trip shipping.

## NEW RESOURCES

### *A Journey of Grace*

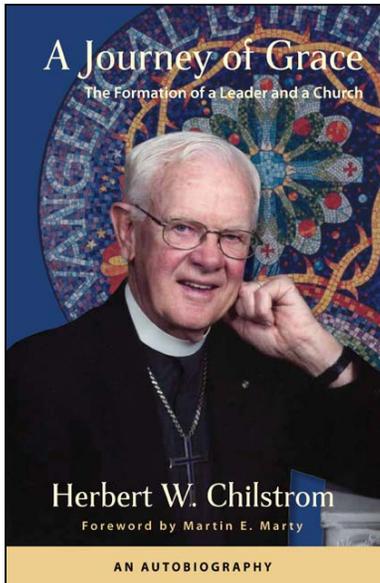
#### *The Formation of a Leader and a Church*

By **Herbert W. Chilstrom**

This autobiography of the Rev. Dr. Herbert W. Chilstrom, the first presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

(ELCA), is the story of his life as it intertwines with the church from baptism to the present day.

The book begins with a reflective account of his family roots, childhood, education, pastoral and teaching career. The subsequent narrative includes his life as a synod bishop, his role in the formation of the ELCA and his ministry as the first ELCA presiding bishop. His focus on leadership, while central to this narrative, is told in the context of the larger scene of the major historical events that were happening



at the time.

Embedded in his story are deeply personal accounts of his family experience, including the role of his wife, Corinne, the trauma of the death of their son, Andrew, and the impact of his developmentally challenged brother David.

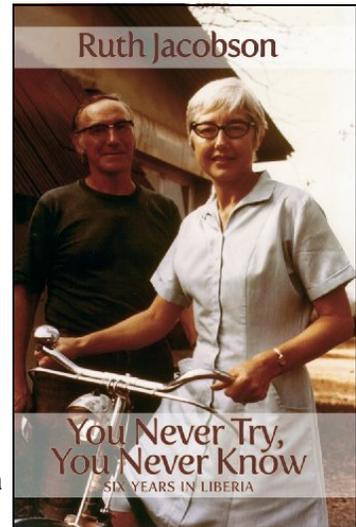
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Hardbound • 600 pages • 6 x 9  
\$28.00 (Pre-publication price is \$25.00 until August 1, 2011)  
[www.lutheranupress.org](http://www.lutheranupress.org)

### *You Never Try, You Never Know: Six Years in Liberia*

By **Ruth Jacobson**  
In 1971, Ruth and Harold Jacobson — a registered nurse and a maintenance mechanic in their 50s— joined the Peace Corps and went to Liberia. During their three years as volunteers and three more years as staff at a mission hospital, Ruth chronicled their experiences in weekly letters to her mother and family.

From the mundane to hair-raising, she described the details of their life and work, the events of the times,

the everyday life in the villages where they lived, and people's customs.



This compilation of Ruth's letters offers a portrait of the Liberian people in pre-war (and pre-cell phone) Liberia. In the end, the letters also paint a portrait of Ruth herself, and reveal a strength of character and approach to life instructive to anyone who is thinking about or planning to work in a developing country.

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## SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE

As you may have noticed, this issue of the LHC Newsletter is a double issue, combining the February and May issues. This was done primarily for lack of news. If you have anything of interest for fellow LHC members, please send it along to the newsletter editor. Note the standard requests for information and for book reviews on the back page of this newsletter.

## LUTHERAN HERALD INDEX

An online index for the *Lutheran Herald*, official newspaper of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, later Evangelical Lutheran Church, has been created by the Norwegian-American Historical Association at St. Olaf College. The database can be found at: <http://www.naha.stolaf.edu/archives/data/lutheranherald/index.cfm>

The search will provide only the finding aid/pdf of the annual index in which the search term appears, after which the patron will need to reference hard copy within a library setting.

Data entry of the 60,000+ items was done by Dale Haaland, NAHA volunteer.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

Those interested in contributing book reviews or wishing to suggest a book, please contact David Settje at [David.Settje@CUChicago.edu](mailto:David.Settje@CUChicago.edu).

Each review should be between 500 and 750 words long, be sent as a MS Word document or in a compatible format, and specifically evaluate the book and its Lutheran content/context.

## NEEDED: YOUR NEWS!

This newsletter is intended as a clearing-house of information for archivists, historians and librarians. It needs **you** to provide material for it.

Please send material for publication to the editor. Items of interest include notice of research in progress, new appointments, publications, meetings and celebrations planned or held, bibliographical materials, and anything of general interest to LHC members.

The LHC Newsletter is issued four times a year: February, May, August and November.

Please send items to  
[Joel.Thoreson@elca.org](mailto:Joel.Thoreson@elca.org).

## Have You Renewed Your Membership?

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