

LUTHERAN HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

## NEWSLETTER

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Dr. Susan W. McArver was elected president of the Lutheran Historical Conference Board during the 2006 LHC biennial meeting, October 12-14, held on the campus of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C. Susan, Associate Professor of Christian Education and Church History at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, is also the director of the Center on Religion in the South. Susan's term on the LHC board will run until 2012. She previously served on the board from 1998-2004, and served as local arrangements chair for the 2006 meeting.

Elected vice president was Dr. Mark A. Granquist, visiting assistant professor of religion at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. Mark has served on the LHC board since 2004.

Also elected to the LHC board were John Daggan and Dr. David Settje. John, archivist for the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod, volunteered to serve as LHC treasurer. David is an assistant professor of history at Concordia University, Chicago.

Joel Thoreson continues to serve as LHC secretary. Other current board members are Jeanene Letcher, Kathryn Galchutt, Russell Kleckley, and Maria Erling. Completing their board service were President Mark Braun, Vice President Marvin Huggins, and Treasurer Carolyn Hoover Sung.

Among items discussed at the business meeting was a location for the 2008 biennial meeting. Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., intended to host the event, but had to withdraw their offer due to on-campus construction. One possibility suggested as a replacement was Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y. Wagner hosted the 1998 meeting.

Mark Granquist also presented for discussion some ideas on restructuring LHC publications and meeting schedule (see page 2 for more details).

Session papers on the topic *Lutheran Identity and Regional Distinctiveness* were presented at sessions held at the seminary and at St. John's Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C. The bus tour on Friday, October 13, included a guided tour of Charleston, a stop at the Charleston Museum, and a banquet at the Governor Thomas Bennett House.



*LHC President Susan McArver and Vice President Mark Granquist confer at the 2006 Biennial Meeting, Charleston, S.C.*

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## THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF THE LHC

By Mark Granquist

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As with any organization, the LHC, which is now over 40 years old, needs to think periodically about itself and its future. As well, time and technology march along, and ways of doing things that made sense 40 years ago no longer may be relevant. It seems likely that the LHC could use a restructuring of its organization and a rethinking of its approach in order to better fulfill its mission of promoting Lutheran History in the United States. Here are a few thoughts about the challenges facing LHC, and some possible way to meet these challenges.

### Problems facing LHC

**Continuity** - the essential problem of the LHC is its structure of biennial meetings. For most members the LHC doesn't really exist during the two years between meetings. Outside of the newsletter, website, and the executive committee, there is no public face of LHC in the intervening time. Formerly the LHC was a fairly tight-knit group of Seminary professors and denominational archivists who all traveled roughly in the same circles. This is no longer so much the case: so for LHC to continue to be strong, we need to gather together a more widely diverse group of individuals.

**Aging and static membership** - organizations often go through generational cycles, and LHC is no different. The generation that founded the LHC is now mostly gone, and we need to draw in new people who are interested in Lutheran History, but who may not be aware of this organization.

**Expanding our influence** - There are now probably less people who are doing American Lutheran history as their primary intellectual project, and many more who are drawn into this field of study by interest or happenstance. Many of these people might well be interested in joining LHC or supporting its mission, but they will not be found in the traditional areas from which we have drawn members.

**Loss of potential members** - Fewer American Lutheran institutions have a self-identified American Lutheran historian or archivist, including in our seminaries and colleges. We need to do what we can to encourage the teaching and study of American Lutheran history in our educational institutions.

**The Biennial Meetings** - Currently, to be active in the LHC, one almost has to attend the biennial meeting. This is where the papers are read (and from where they are published), and where the business of the Conference is transacted. The Biennial meeting is important, and should remain, but it cannot be the sole focus of the LHC in the future. If you miss one Biennial meeting, you've missed connecting with the LHC for 4 years! The only way to get a paper published through LHC is to attend. Going to conferences and meetings is an expensive proposition, and many professionals in our field have other meetings that they must attend, which might leave them without funds to attend the LHC Biennial meeting, and thus not be involved. There must be other, alternative ways for people to be involved in the LHC without attending the Biennial meeting.

### Ideas for the future of LHC

We can leverage the resources of the LHC to make a wider impact, especially by cooperating with other groups and institutions. These ways should not have too much of an impact on the budget of the LHC itself.

**More meetings to supplement the Biennial meeting** - if people aren't able to get to the Biennial meeting, we should develop other venues for them to participate, to read papers, to discuss the field with others, and generally to do American Lutheran history. We should sponsor sessions in cooperation with other scholarly and professional societies that might be meeting annually, such as the American Academy of Religion, the American Society of Church History, or the Society of American Archivists. These sessions might be as simple as a single session of 3-5 papers, meeting in conjunction with an established group. Then scholars and archivists who might already be attending these meetings (but not yet a part of LHC) might be exposed to the organization. The advantage is clear-- attracting some who wouldn't come to Biennial meeting, but might be moved into our organization in the future.

**Change publication process** - currently, most of our energy and funds go into the publication and distribution of *Essays and Reports*. This is not an efficient use of our resources. It comes out too infrequently to gain us attention, and frankly, not all the papers and materials at the Biennial meeting need to be put out in published form. Given web-based technology, we could put much of the

material from the Biennial meeting on the LHC web site.

This would mean

- a. Eliminate *Essays and Reports* as a vehicle for papers and reports given at the Biennial meeting
- b. put all meeting papers and reports on the website
- instantaneous, universally available
- don't need to wait for everything to come in to "publish"
- revisable
- not all papers are worthy of publication

Divert resources from E&R to new, annual publication:

*Yearbook (Annual) of the LHC* would be a journal/yearbook with papers to be published on American Lutheran history every year. It would be competitive; with perhaps 5-9 papers in each issue, selected from all applications for the year by an editorial committee. Papers that were presented at the Biennial meeting and additional meetings would be eligible, but so would outside papers, whether by LHC members or not. This would provide ANNUAL presence of LHC to all, especially a wider audience. A Yearbook Editor and small editorial committee would do the work. It could also include announcements and publicity for LHC so that the organization would have an annual presence in the larger Lutheran world. The Annual could also include a yearly prize competition for students or first-time submissions, in order to attract new people.

**Cooperate with publishers for occasional LHC publications** - currently LHC publishes its own occasional monograph series. The resources dedicated to this process could be stretched were LHC to use these funds to sponsor a publication series with a publisher. They would do more of the work, and the LHC would underwrite some publication expenses; could cooperate with Augsburg Fortress, Concordia Publishing House, Eerdmans, or the Lutheran University Press (Kirk House) to gain more readership and/or sales for LHC monographs. This has been very successful for the Lutheran Quarterly, which has brought out a line of "Lutheran Quarterly Books" with Eerdmans. Publishers are looking for arrangements like this.

These are just some thoughts, but as an organization we ought to consider some reorganization to make the LHC more effective in its core mission.

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This is the latest installment of the bibliography of items related to the history of Lutheranism in America. It covers items published in the calendar year 2005 and items from prior years which were missed in previous indexes. The 2005 and previous bibliographies are also available on the LHC Web Page: <http://luthhist.org>.

As in previous years, we once again appeal to LHC members for help in compiling next year's index. Although the tools of modern library research are excellent, such as searching World Cat, such searches are not, nor are they likely to become, exhaustive. Please send us citations of your own work as well as those of your colleagues. We are especially interested in local, private and unindexed theses of note. Send relevant citations to:

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- Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*
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- Cresset* <http://www.valpo.edu/cresset/>
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<http://www.lstc.edu/resources/publications.currents/>
- Dialog*
- Faith and Fellowship*
- Faith-Life*
- First Things*
- For the Record: The Newsletter of the Canadian Lutheran Historical Association*
- Forward in Christ: Northwestern Lutheran* <http://www.wels.net/sab/nl-page.html>
- JEPD*
- Journal of the New England Lutheran Historical Society*
- Logia*
- Lutheran Ambassador*
- Lutheran Education*
- Lutheran Forum*
- Lutheran Partners*
- Lutheran Quarterly* <http://www.lutheranquarterly.com>
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<http://www.wls.wels.net/Publications/Theologia/theoindex.htm>
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## GLORIA DEI RECORDS PROJECT: VOLUMES 1-2

The Swedish Colonial Society and Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church, Philadelphia, Pa., have collaborated to assemble, translate and publish the first two volumes in a series of eight, covering all of the colonial records of Gloria Dei Church. The project is managed by Dr. Peter S. Craig, historian and genealogist of the Swedish Colonial Society. Dr. Craig is editor of the project and LHC member Rev. Kim-Eric Williams is assistant editor. Dr. Richard H. Hulan and Rev. Williams translated the Gloria Dei records, and Professor Stellan Dahlgren of the University of Uppsala has supervised a team of translators who have translated most of the many records in that country. Rev. Williams has assisted in that endeavor. Translation of German documents is being handled by another LHC Member, Rev. Fred Weiser. Volume 1 is: *The Log Churches at Tinicum Island and Wicaco, 1646-1696*; and Volume 2 is: *The Rudman Years, 1897-1702*.

The Gloria Dei records include minutes of vestry meetings, appointments, church and parsonage building matters, disciplinary actions, marriage, baptism and burial records, lists of contributors, pew assignments, church censuses, etc. They are being supplemented by civil records relating to the church, such as land grants, deeds, petitions by the

congregation, lawsuits, probate records, and newspaper notices.

Supplementing the records at Gloria Dei are extensive records of Sweden's "American Mission" in the archives at Uppsala, Sweden, which include letters from the pastors of Gloria Dei and other congregations. The records show that the pastor and congregation at Gloria Dei were at odds with the Swedish Lutheran Consistory in Uppsala on such issues as the use of the English language and books for worship and the appointment or recall of ministers. Other records in Sweden include the papers of Bishop Jesper Svedberg, who supervised Sweden's American Mission in its early years and the diaries of several of the pastors.

The time span to be covered in the eight volume series is from the founding of the first Swedish Church at Tinicum Island in the 1640s to the year 1787 when the charter of the United Swedish Lutheran Churches of Pennsylvania was amended, terminating the authority of the Archbishop of Sweden to appoint pastors for the churches. Thereafter, the pastors were appointed by the church's vestrymen elected by the church members.

The project will cover not only the records of Gloria Dei Church but also its offshoots: St. Gabriel's Church in Douglassville, Berks County; Christ Church of Upper Merion, Montgomery County; and St. James Church of Kingsessing in West Philadelphia. The records also document the splitting off of New Jersey residents to establish their own church at Raccoon (now Swedesboro) as well some records that pertain to Holy Trinity Church in Wilmington and its offshoot, St. George's Church in Penn's Neck, Salem County, N.J.

The colonial records of Gloria Dei Church constitute the major "missing link" in chronicling the dramatic history of Swedish settlement and culture on the Delaware River in the 17th and 18th centuries. The records of Holy Trinity Church in Wilmington were translated and published in 1890. The records of the Swedish churches at Raccoon (now Swedesboro) and Penns Neck (Pennsville), edited by Dr. Amandus Johnson, were published in 1938.

The volumes are available for \$25 each, plus \$5 postage (international additional). Order from: Gloria Dei Church, 916 S. Swanson St. Philadelphia PA 19147; web: [www.ColonialSwedes.org](http://www.ColonialSwedes.org)

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who joined the LHC since the last issue of this *Newsletter*.

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100 Wartburg Blvd.  
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## BOOK REVIEWS

For those of you interested in contributing book reviews or wanting your book reviewed, please contact David Settje at [David.Settje@CUChicago.edu](mailto:David.Settje@CUChicago.edu). You may schedule a book that you already have and/or place your name on a list for future reviews. Each review should be between 500 and 750 words long, be sent as a MS Word document or in a compatible format, and evaluate specifically the book and its Lutheran content/context.

If you spoke with David about doing a book review, but have not yet received any information from him, please contact him again and he will add you to the list.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Joel Thoreson, Chief Archivist for Management, Reference Services, and Technology at the ELCA Archives, was named as the editor of the LHC Newsletter at the LHC Board meeting, October 12, 2006, in Columbia, S.C. Joel replaces Elisabeth Wittman, who served as the newsletter editor since February 1995, replacing James L. Schaaf.

Joel has served as an LHC board member since 2002 and served on the local arrangements committee for the 2004 biennial meeting in Chicago. He was named as assistant newsletter editor in January 2006.

Please contact Joel with comments on the newsletter and content for future issues at [Joel.Thoreson@elca.org](mailto:Joel.Thoreson@elca.org) or c/o the ELCA Archives, 321 Bonnie Lane, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

## Richard W. Solberg, 1917-2006

[As this issue was being prepared, news reached us of the death of long-time LHC member Richard Solberg. A more complete biography will be prepared for the next issue of the *Newsletter*.]

The Rev. Richard W. Solberg, an advisor, educator and retired pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America died Nov. 15 of a cerebral hemorrhage in Grass Valley, Calif. He was 89.

"He was the most remarkable man I have ever known -- incredibly accomplished, well-known and respected in church circles around the world, and yet humble and gentle in spirit. His love for his family was absolutely unconditional, but his heart was big enough to embrace the whole world," said Solberg's son-in-law, the Rev. Richard O. Johnson, Peace Lutheran Church, Grass Valley.

Solberg is survived by his wife of 64 years, June Nelson Solberg; his daugh-

ters Lois Johnson, Grass Valley, and Mary Solberg, St. Peter, Minn.; his sons David Soul, London, John Solberg, Rochester, N.Y., and the Rev. Daniel N. Solberg, St. Paulus Lutheran Church, San Francisco; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Nov. 20 at Peace Lutheran Church, Grass Valley, where Solberg was a member. Interment will take place in Madison, Wis.

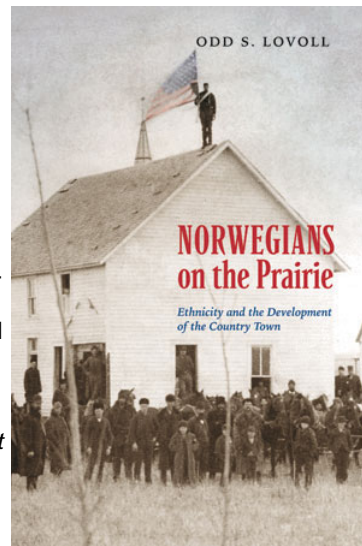
## NEW RESOURCES

*A Short History of the Lutheran Church in Western New York*, chronicles Lutheran branches active on the Niagara Frontier in the 1800s. Included in the volume is information on Prussian immigration and the creation of the Buffalo Synod and Missouri Synod, as well as information on Swedish Lutherans in Chautauqua County, N.Y. Written by the Rev. Charles G. Biegner, Jr., a retired pastor who served as inner city church in Buffalo for nearly thirty years, the booklet began as an adult education course created by Biegner for use in congregations in the Buffalo area.

Proceeds from the sale of the book benefit the Resurrection Health Center, a ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Buffalo. The cost of the volume is \$10 plus \$1 for shipping. Send orders

to: Rev. Charles Biegner Jr., 459 Washington Hwy, Buffalo, NY 14226.

The Norwegian American Historical Association (NAHA), along with the Minnesota Historical Society, recently released its annual publication. *Norwegians on the Prairie, Ethnicity and the Development of the Country Town*, written by Odd S. Lovoll, professor emeritus, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., uses "the lens of ethnicity" to tell the story of three

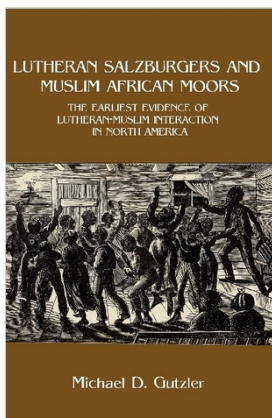


western Minnesota prairie towns: Benson, Madison, and Starbuck. This volume complements Lovoll's previous work, *A Century of Urban Life: the Norwegian in Chicago Before 1930*, published by NAHA in 1988.

NAHA members, who receive the annual publication a part of their membership, receive a 25% discount on orders of additional titles. For price and ordering information, contact: NAHA, 1510 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN, 55057; naha@stolaf.edu.

## NEWS BY/FOR/ABOUT MEMBERS

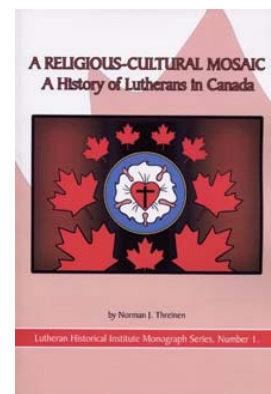
**Michael D. Gutzler**, 1250 Easton Rd., Roslyn, PA 19001, a new LHC member, is the author of *Lutheran Salzburger and Muslim African Moors: The Earliest Evidence of Lutheran-Muslim Interaction in North America*, Berkeley, Calif.: Three Trees Press, 2006. His presentation at the 2006 meeting of LHC in Columbia, explaining his research into colonial-era American Lutheran interaction with Islamic African slaves in Georgia in the 1730s, was extracted from the book. First-hand accounts of the Lutheran-Muslim interac-



tions were recorded in the daily journal of Salzburger pastors John Martin Boltzius and Israel Christian Gronau. Gutzler analyzes journal entries to show the presence of Muslims around the Salzburgers and to reveal the differentiation made by the pastors between non-Muslim and Muslim African slaves. The book is available for \$12.50, plus shipping, through the Three Tree Press web site at: <http://www.threetreespress.com/>.

**Norman Threinen**, 6108 Austin St., RR 1, Summerland, British Columbia, V0H 1Z1, Canada, has written, *A Religious-Cultural Mosaic, A History of Lutherans in Canada*. The book is Lutheran Historical Institute Monograph Series, Number 1. The history empha-

sizes the nature and location of Lutheran ethnic groupings as well as their early struggles to maintain their identity. Norman has been teaching and writing Canadian Lutheran history for his entire career, bringing focus to an otherwise



overlooked aspect of Canadian history. The book is \$24.95, plus \$4 shipping, from Sperlings Church Supply, toll free number: 888-838-6626.

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## WHAT WILL THE NEXT LHC NEWSLETTER CONTAIN?

This newsletter will be able to fulfill its intended purpose of being a clearinghouse of information for archivists, historians and librarians only if **you** provide material for it.

Please send material for publication to the editor. Items of interest to readers will include notice of research in progress, new appointments, publications,

meetings and celebrations planned or held, bibliographical materials and generally anything of interest to LHC members.

The editor cannot promise to print everything received, although all submissions are welcomed. The LHC Newsletter is issued four times a year: February, May, August and November. The November issue includes the annual

"Index of Writings in the Field of American Lutheranism." The deadline for each issue is the 15th of the month prior to each issue. Please send items to:

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