

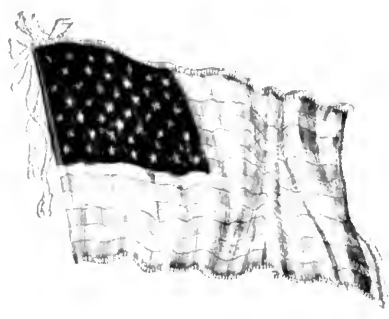
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Thirty-sixth Convention
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OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America
AT
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
October 24th to 31st, 1917

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
QUADRI-CENTENNIAL OF THE REFORMATION AND THE
FOUNDING OF PROTESTANTISM
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ARRIVAL OF MUHLENBERG
(The Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America)
AND
PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



A Mighty Fortress is our God,
A Trusty Shield and Weapon . . .
God Bless our Native Land,
Firm May She ever Stand,
Through Storm and Night.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS



PROVISIONAL

The Convention will meet at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. It will adjourn at 12 M. and at 5 P. M.

For the various services, Anniversary and Quadri-Centennial Festival events, see program of Festival Events.



WEDNESDAY MORNING

OPENING COMMUNION SERVICE, Zion's Church, Franklin Square.

Civic Welcome of the General Council to the City of Philadelphia, extended by representatives of the City and its great institutions, 9.45 A. M.

Confessional Service, 10.30 A. M.

The Service, 10.45 A. M.

Sermon by the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., President of the General Council.

The Holy Communion will be administered by the Officers and Vice-Presidents of the General Council.



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

OPENING of the Convention, in Witherspoon Hall, according to the Order of the Church.

Presentation of Credentials (to the President).

Organization of the Convention by President's Approval of Credentials and transmissal to Secretary.

Application for Admission of New Synods.

Appointment of Committee to Examine Applications.

ROLL CALL of Convention by Synods.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Appointment of Committees on President's Report.



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—[Continued]

Report of Committee on Plan for Holding Elections.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Reception of RESOLUTIONS from Synods, or any documents intended for the General Council.

Reception of ABSTRACTS of Minutes.

Appointment of Committee on Documents and Papers presented. (This Committee is to Examine Matters in Abstracts of Synodical Minutes referred to the General Council, and to present them with suitable recommendations.)

Appointment of Committee on Unfinished Business of 1915.

Recognition of Official Visitors or Representatives from Synods and giving them the Privilege of Debate.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Report of the TREASURER of the General Council.

Appointment of Auditing Committee for Treasurer's Account.

Report of the TRUSTEES of the General Council and their Treasurer.

Report of Committee on FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the General Council.

Report of QUADRI-CENTENNIAL JUBILEE FUND Committee.

Report of Committee on WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

Report of Committee on INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.

Report of Quadri-Centennial Committee of Presidents on CONSTITUTION OF UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

Report of PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION Committee.

Report of General Council Committee on LUTHERAN UNITY.

Prayer.

Greetings to the General Council from the *Official Visitor* of the United Synod in the South.

Greetings from the *Official Visitor* of the General Synod.

Consideration of sections in the President's Report dealing with the proposed MERGER of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod in the South, and with the proposed CONSTITUTION for the United Lutheran Church in America.

THURSDAY MORNING

Opening Service, in charge of Chaplain.

ROLL CALL of Delegates to the General Council.

Reception of VISITING COMMISSIONS of the General Synod and of the United Synod of the South.

Addresses from the Commission of the United Synod.

Addresses from the Commission of the General Synod.

Addresses from the Commission of the General Council.

Reading of the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America and of the Sections of the President's Report dealing with the Uniting of General Bodies.

Discussion.



THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Action on UNITING OF GENERAL BODIES and on the proposed UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH CONSTITUTION.

Report of Committee on General Council MINISTERIAL PENSION FUND.

Reception and Address of Pastor Helweg-Larsen, Provost of the Lutheran Church in the Virgin Islands.

Report of the Committee on the VIRGIN ISLANDS.

Report of General Council FINANCE AND BUDGET Committee.

Report of General Council Members of JOINT QUADRI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

Address by Rev. Howard R. Gold, Executive Secretary.

Appointment of Committees.

Prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING

Opening Service, in charge of Chaplain.

Report of Committees on PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Report of AUDITING COMMITTEE on Treasurer's Accounts.

Report of FOREIGN MISSION Board.

Appointment of Nominating Committees and Tellers.

Report of ENGLISH HOME MISSION Board.

Report of The Lutheran Church Extension Society.

Report of Committee to confer with Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

Report of PORTO RICO MISSION Board.

Report of Board of SLAV MISSIONS.

Report of Board of SWEDISH MISSIONS.

Prayer.



FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Report of Committee on NECROLOGY.

Report of Board of GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

Report of KROPP COMMISSION.

Report of Board of PUBLICATION.

Report of Committee to EXAMINE MATTERS IN MINUTES OF SYNODS referring to General Council.

Report of Committees on ENGLISH and GERMAN CONFERENCES.

Brief Address of Dr. Parkin, Representative of American Bible Study.

Report of Editor of THE LUTHERAN.

Report of Editor of LUTHERANER.

Report of IMMIGRANT MISSION BOARD.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opening Service, in charge of Chaplain.

Report of STATISTICIAN.

Report of Committee on UNIFORM STATISTICS.

Report of Committee to Co-operate with Similar Committees from other
General Bodies on LUTHERAN YEAR BOOK.

Report of Committee on BUDGET.

Report of Committee on LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

Report of Laymen's Committee for Program and Consultation.

Report of Committee on Laymen's Organization.

Report of Committee on RULES FOR FUTURE INCORPORATION AND EXAMI-
NATION OF CHARTERS.

Report of Committee on WOMAN'S VOTE.

Report of CHURCH BOOK Committee.

Report of Committee on LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSIC.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Addresses of OFFICIAL VISITORS from other General Bodies to the General
Council.

Unfinished Reports of General Council Boards.

Report of Committees Appointed during the Convention.

New Business.



MONDAY MORNING

Opening Service, in charge of Chaplain.

New Business.

Report of Committee on ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS.

Report of General Lutheran Committee on ARMY AND NAVY Work.

Report of Committee on RELIGIOUS WORK IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

Report of Board of EDUCATION.

Report of Committees Appointed during the Convention.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Report of Committee on EVANGELISM.

Report of Committee to EXAMINE BOARD RELATIONS to Non-Lutheran Bodies.

Report of Commission on ARBITRATION.

Report of INNER MISSION COMMITTEE.

Report of Committee on JEWISH MISSIONS.

Report of Committee on DEACONESS Work.



MONDAY EVENING

Business Session.



TUESDAY MORNING

Opening Service, in charge of Chaplain.

New Business.

Reports of Committees Appointed during the Convention.

Report of Committee on CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.

Report of ARCHIVIST.

Report of Press Committee.

Report of Committee on GERMAN PARISH PAPERS.

Report of Committee on LITERATURE FOR MEN'S ORGANIZATIONS.

Report of LUTHERAN CHURCH BOOK AND LITERATURE SOCIETY.

General Business.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Adjournment.

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FOURTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Women's Missionary Society

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN NORTH AMERICA



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

FIFTH AND RACE STREETS, PHILADELPHIA

October 25-29, 1917

FIRST SESSION

THURSDAY, 10 O'CLOCK

HYMN

CONFESSIONAL SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION

Administrant—Dr. E. E. Sibole, Pastor.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION

(Service on page 419 of the Church Book)

GREETINGS

Mrs. Lewis K. Sandford, President Penna. Synodical Society;

Mrs. Adolph Woll, President Phila. Conference Society.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

RULES OF ORDER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Miss Zoe I. Hirt

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

President's Report

Auditing Committee

Resolutions

Nominating

CLOSING PRAYER

Luncheon served first floor of the Church, 12.30 to 2 o'clock



THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK

DEVOTIONS

Mrs. T. H. Dahl, President of the Norwegian Federation of Women's Societies

REPORTS

Executive Committee—Mrs. Walter C. Weier

Treasurer—Miss Laura V. Keck

Statistician—Mrs. Frank E. Jensen

Life Memberships and "In Memoriam"—Mrs. Lewis K. Sandford

Committee on President's Report

4.15 Mission Study Class on "Missionary Milestones"

Conducted by the author, Mrs. J. F. Seebach, Editor *Lutheran Woman's Work*

CLOSING PRAYER



THURSDAY EVENING, 8.15 O'CLOCK

THE QUADRI-CENTENNIAL MUSICAL EVENT. Grand Concert in the Academy of Music.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK

DEVOTIONS—Mrs. Emmy Evald, President Augustana Synodical Society

10.15 MISSION STUDY—Mrs. F. A. Kaehler

10.30 HOME MISSIONS—Mrs. Geo. H. Schuur

10.45 FOREIGN MISSIONS—Miss Mary A. Miller

11.15 INDIA LACE—Mrs. Adolph Woll

11.30 MISSIONARY EXHIBIT—Mrs. S. G. Weiskotten

11.40 STUDENT SECRETARY—Miss Annette Kaehler

12.00 ADDRESS, "A WOMAN OF THE REFORMATION PERIOD"—Mrs. J. F. Seebach

CLOSING PRAYER

Luncheon, 12.30 to 2 o'clock



FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK

DEVOTIONS—Miss Louise Kaehler, Supt. Old People's Home, Buffalo

2.10 SLAV MISSIONS—Miss Laura R. Swope

2.30 PORTO RICO—Mrs. J. Mellander

2.45 PORTO RICO LACE—Mrs. John A. Linn

3.00 REPORTS OF OFFICIAL DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS
United Synod South—Miss Annette M. Kaehler
General Synod—Mrs. Lewis K. Sandford

3.10 GREETINGS FROM OFFICIAL VISITORS
Norwegian Federation—Mrs. T. H. Dahl
General Synod—Mrs. J. F. Hartman
United Synod South—Mrs. W. F. Morehead

3.40 ADDRESS, "THE WORK OF A FIELD SECRETARY"—Miss Jessie Brewer,
Guntur, India, followed by an open Conference conducted by Miss
Brewer.

4.15 CONFERENCE WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS in charge of Miss Annette
Kaehler.

CLOSING PRAYER

WOMEN'S MASS MEETING

Attended by the delegates of the General Council, which holds no session
on this night.

FRIDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK

Miss Zoe I. Hirt presiding

OPENING SERVICE—Conducted by Mrs. W. F. Morehead, United Synod South

GREETINGS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL—Pres. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.

ANTHEM—Deaconess Quartette.

ADDRESS—Miss May Mellander

OFFERING

ANTHEM—Deaconess Quartette.

ADDRESS, "JAPAN'S MACEDONIAN CRY TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA"—Mr. Hayime Inadomi

ADDRESS, "THE PRICE OF MISSIONARY ADVANCE"—Mrs. E. C. Cronk

CLOSING SERVICE—Dr. E. E. Sibole



SATURDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK

DEVOTIONS—Mrs. W. A. Beates, District Synod of Ohio Society.

10.10 REPORT OF LITERATURE AND MISSION WORKER—Mrs. Chas. L. Fry

11.00 REVIEW, "PROTEST AND PROGRESS"—Rev. Carolus P. Harry, Lutheran Student Pastor, University of Pennsylvania

11.30 JUNIOR MISSION STUDY CONFERENCE ON "AFRICAN ADVENTURERS," "BEARERS OF THE CROSS"—Mrs. E. C. Cronk

CLOSING PRAYER

Luncheon



MONDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK

DEVOTIONS—Mrs. C. Herbster, President Pittsburgh Synodical Society

10.15 ORGANIZING—Mrs. M. J. Bieber

10.30 JUNIOR—Mrs. R. B. Fenner

10.45 DEACONESS WORK—Mrs. W. P. M. Braun

11.15 INNER MISSIONS—Mrs. M. M. Deck

11.30 ITALIAN MISSIONS—Mrs. J. W. Richards

CLOSING PRAYER

Luncheon

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK

DEVOTIONS—Mrs. Wm. Eckert, President Lutheran Woman's League,
Chicago

REPORT ON WOMEN'S FEDERATED WORK

Council of Women for Home Missions

Women's Foreign Mission Federation—Mrs. C. L. Fry

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING OF CONVENTION

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Wittenberg and Philadelphia



The posting of the theses by Luther is historic as marking the blows which echoed around the world proclaiming spiritual liberty. The seed sown at Wittenberg in the Protestant hearts of Europe's people sent them to America, where they shared in the joy which proclaimed civil liberty at Philadelphia when the Liberty Bell rang out from Independence Hall. Our forefathers who laid the Lutheran foundations in this country shared in those stirring events, even as we in these days of national trial and testing are standing for all that is truly American and every right of our democratic government, not the least of which is the exercise of our personal liberty in faith and worship.



ROOM WHERE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
WAS SIGNED

Officers and Delegates



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<i>Porto Rico Lace Industry</i>	MRS. JOHN A. LINN
<i>Deaconess Work</i>	MRS. W. P. M. BRAUN
<i>Missionary Exhibit</i>	MRS. S. G. WEISKOTTEN
<i>Italian Work</i>	MRS. J. W. RICHARDS
<i>Secretary Student Summer Conferences</i>	MISS ANNETTE M. KAEHLER

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Philadelphia's Welcome to the General Council

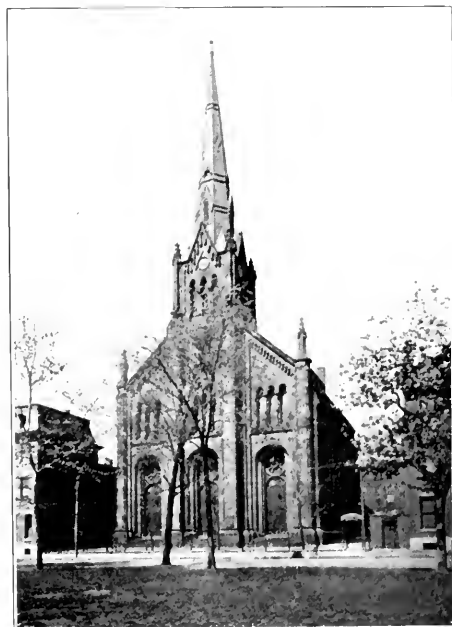


OPENING SERVICE

Wednesday, October 24th

ZION'S CHURCH

Franklin Square, Philadelphia, Pa.



The Hon. John Wanamaker and Provost Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, will make brief addresses of welcome in Zion's Parish Hall at 9.45 A. M.

The Confessional Service, at 10.30 A. M., and the Chief Service, with Sermon by the President and Administration of the Holy Communion by the Officers.

A Festival Choir, under the leadership of Prof. Karl Schneider, will render the chorus, "O welch eine Tiefe," from St. Paul, by Mendelssohn. Mrs. Julius Plantholz-Orr will be the soloist. Mr. Herman Haverkamp, organist.

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REFORMATION MUSICAL FESTIVAL

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

BROAD AND LOCUST STS.

Thursday, October 25, 1917

at 8.15 P. M.

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI, *Conductor*

CHORUS—Four Hundred Voices

H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS, *Director*

SOLOISTS:

MILDRED FAAS, *Soprano*

NICHOLAS DOUTY, *Tenor*

HORATIO CONNELL, *Baritone*

PROGRAM

Symphony (Reformation) *Mendelssohn*
Suite No. 2—B Minor *Bach*
Cantata—"City of God" *H. Alexander Matthews*

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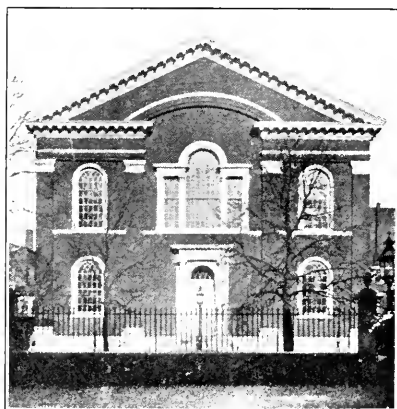
Women's Missionary Rally and Mass Meeting



OLD ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Race Street (near 6th Street)

Friday Evening, October 26th, 8 o'clock



Speakers.

The REV. T. E. SCHMAUK, D.D., LL.D., President of General Council.

MISS MAY MELLANDER, from Porto Rico.

MR. HAYIMI INADOMI, from Japan.

MRS. E. C. CRONK, Columbia, S. C.

The Music at this service will be furnished by the Choir of Deaconesses from the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses.

The General Council will hold no session, but unite in this Women's Missionary Rally.

UNVEILING
OF THE
Muhlenberg Memorial Monument

This monument is erected by the authority of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and is the gift of the children of the Church as a memorial to the Patriarch of American Lutheranism.



The unveiling will take place on the grounds of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, Mount Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Saturday, October 27th, at 3.30 P. M.

Speakers.

REV. PROF. H. E. JACOBS, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D.

REV. H. A. WELLER, D.D., President of the Min. of Pa.

Music by the students, under direction of REV. PROF. LUTHER D. REED, D.D.

INFORMAL DINNER AND RECEPTION

Saturday at 7 P. M. there will be an informal dinner and reception at the City Club, on South Broad Street.

Reformation Festival Services

Sunday Morning, October 28th

Philadelphia Churches will observe the Reformation Festival at the morning service with visiting delegates preaching the festival sermons. Services mostly at 10.45 A. M.

One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Muhlenberg's Arrival in America

at Old Zion's Church
Franklin Square, 10.30 A. M.

Sermons by

REV. G. C. F. HAAS, D.D., New York City.
REV. THEODORE E. SCHMAUK, D.D., LL.D., Lebanon, Pa.



HENRY MELCHOIR MUELLENBERG, D. D.

1717 DEDICATION OF A TABLET 1917

In Memory of REV. ANTHONY JACOB HENKEL and WIFE
in St Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Germantown, Philadelphia, Sunday, October 28th, at 3.30 P. M.

The Rev. Anthony Jacob Henkel was descended from Dr. Johann Henkel, Chaplain to Queen Marie of Hungary, a friend of Erasmus, and recommended by Luther himself as "a man of great learning and piety." The Rev. Anthony Jacob Henkel emigrated from Germany in 1717 and settled in Falkner's Swamp, or what is now called New Hanover, Montgomery Co., Pa. Exiled for conscience's sake, this earnest and forceful pioneer immediately occupied himself with the establishment of Protestantism in America, founding a Lutheran Church in New Hanover, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Germantown, and aiding in the organization of the Church in Philadelphia. After an active and useful career, Rev. Henkel died from a fall from his horse in 1728, and was buried in St. Michael's Graveyard, his wife dying 16 years later and being interred in the same grave. They were survived by seven children. The pious and industrious lives of the parents have been transmitted through these to numerous descendants, who now, by the erection of this tablet, do honor to the memory of their illustrious ancestors.



Presentation of Tablet in behalf of the Henkel Family

DR. CASPAR O. MILLER, New Market, Virginia.

Response—REV. STEPHEN M. PAULSON, Pastor of St. Michael's Church.

Address of Dedication

REV. WILLIAM J. FINCK, D.D., New Market, Virginia.

The Committee on the Memorial:

DR. WILLIAM C. POSEY, President, Philadelphia, Pa.

MR. ELON O. HENKEL, Secretary, New Market, Virginia.

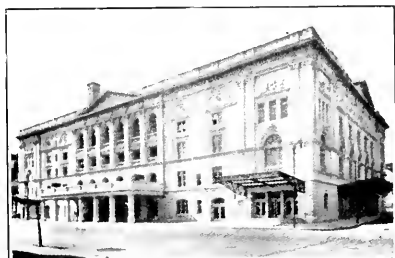
DR. CASPAR O. MILLER, Treasurer, New Market, Virginia.

MR. WILLIAM H. HINKLE, Cincinnati, Ohio.

United Lutheran Service
Commemorative
of
THE GOLDEN JUBILEE

of the
General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America
and the
Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation

METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE
Broad and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.



Sunday Evening, October 28th, 8.00 P. M.

THE SERVICE is in charge of the President of the General Council.

THE MUSIC is in charge of Prof. Nassau, Choirmaster of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia.

THE OFFICERS of the General Council and Chairmen of its Committees, with the Speakers, will be seated on the stage.

ANTHEM—By Male Voices.

OPENING HYMN—"God Bless Our Native Land."

PRAYER.

GENERAL THEME: THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

ITS PRINCIPLES AND THE WORK IT HAS ACCOMPLISHED,
Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.

ITS CONSTITUENT SYNODS

THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA,
President H. A. Weller, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

THE PITTSBURG SYNOD,
President G. F. Gehr, D.D., Wilkinsburg, Pa.

THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD,
Ohio, Chicago, the Northwest and the Pacific Coast,
Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D., Maywood, Ill.

THE FOUR CANADA SYNODS,
President Emil Hoffmann, D.D., Toronto, Can.

THE NEW YORK SYNODS,
President F. F. Fry, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

HYMN—"I Love Thy Zion Lord."

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL,
President Zoe Hirt, Erie, Pa.

THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES,
President V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., Springfield, Ohio.

THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH,
President M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Charleston, S. C.

THE FOREIGN MISSION RESULTS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL,
President L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., LL.D., Rock Island, Ill.

HYMN—"THOU WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD."

THE ENDOWMENTS, FINANCES AND PUBLICATION WORK OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION RESULTS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL,
President J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

THE PORTO RICO, LATIN AMERICA, AND SLAV WORK OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

THE INNER MISSION RESULTS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL (INCLUDING DEACONESS),
Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

HYMN—"SPREAD, O SPREAD, THOU MIGHTY WORD."

THE QUADRI-CENTENNIAL OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
Rev. Howard R. Gold, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE FUTURE OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA,
Rev. L. H. Larimer, D.D.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

LORD'S PRAYER.

HYMN—"ZION STANDS WITH HILLS SURROUNDED."

BENEDICTION.

DOXOLOGY.



Community Reformation Festival

Wednesday, October 31st, 1917

8 P. M.



MASS MEETINGS

to be held at

The Academy of Music and at The Temple



SPEAKERS

At the Academy: The REV. S. P. LONG, D.D., of Mansfield, O.
The REV. J. A. W. HAAS, D.D., LL.D.

At the Temple: The REV. H. A. WELLER, D.D.
The REV. M. H. VALENTINE, D.D., of Gettysburg, Pa.

MUSIC

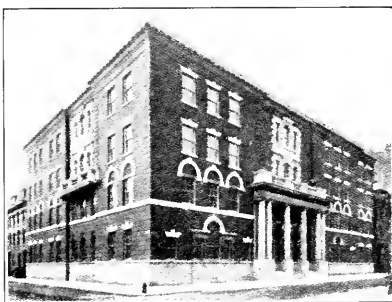
At the Academy: The Choruses from the Reformation Prize Cantata, "The City of God," will be sung by a chorus of 300, directed by the composer, H. Alexander Matthews, and accompanied by the 35 pieces from the Philadelphia Orchestra.

At the Temple: The Reformation Jubilee Chorus of 300 voices, under the direction of Prof. Hans Dedekind, will render a selected program of Reformation music, accompanied by the Great Organ of the Temple, which is considered one of the marvels of the musical world.

Lutheran Historical Exhibit

In the Building of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania
13th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia

October 24—31, 1916



Pennsylvania
Historical Society
Building

A notable Historical Exhibit will be held in the building of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 13th and Locust Sts., October 24-31. Original manuscripts and documents, first and rare editions of books of the Sixteenth Century, diaries and personal belongings of well-known men, oil portraits, photographs, engravings, Church records, vessels, etc., of our earliest congregations will be displayed on the second floor of the Society's building, the use of which has been most generously offered by the Society.

The scope of the Exhibit will include material relating to the Reformation and the Reformers, early American Lutheran history and the early history of the General Council. The rarities in the collections of the Krauth Memorial Library, the Lutheran Historical Society at Gettysburg, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and many colleges, universities and other institutions will be exhibited, while many of the most important collectors in the country will loan valuable material, and many of the earliest Lutheran congregations in America will be represented by documents and relics. Altogether, the Exhibit promises to bring together the most important and interesting collection of Lutheran material which has ever been assembled in any one place. It will be open from 9-6 every day, except Sunday, October 24-31.

THE ALDINE HOTEL

Chestnut St. at 19th St.

The Lutheran proprietor, Mr. Otto E. Hansen, is showing special courtesy, and for this reason this hotel, with its 300 outside rooms and unusually fine equipment, has been made the "Official Hotel Headquarters," where the officers and many delegates and guests will live during the convention.



Fifty Years of the General Council

The General Council is the result of a revival of Church life in the Lutheran Church of America, which began about the middle of the Nineteenth Century. Under the stress of pioneer work, without theological schools to teach the lessons of the Church's past experience, and with a ministry largely trained in schools of other denominations, very serious departures from the faith, spirit and practice of the Reformation were inevitable.

The movement proceeded from within the portion of the Church organized on a clear confessional basis in the preceding century by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. In its beginnings and impulse it was not the fruit of any contemporary movement in Germany, or from the waves of immigration that were settling the Mississippi valley; but rather from leaders who arose among the second generation of ministers within the General Synod. These were men who were diligent students and faithful advocates of historical Lutheranism.

The chief motive in the organization of the Council was constructive. Weary of controversy following every effort to rouse the Church as then organized to a correct self-constructiveness, the General Council was organized in order that the faith of the Lutheran Church might be maintained and its practical life in all forms of activity developed, in accordance with its pure scriptural principles. The aim was to provide for the expression of this life on its theological, liturgical and ecclesiastical sides. The movement was continental in its scope and sought to bring together in harmonious co-operation all Lutherans in America who had a clear understanding of the Confessions and who were ready to adjust all external matters according to circumstances in the spirit of those confessions.

In the fifty years of its history the Council has had many conflicts both within and without. Ideals have not been realized; there have been many disappointments. The lot has been that of the Church of God as a whole.

The institutions which it has founded and fostered have sent forth thousands of men grounded in the faith. Many active, zealous and efficient pastors and scholarly teachers have been trained and have made their influence felt from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The Council has laid the foundations for a distinctive Lutheran literature in the English language. Through friendly discussion of the Lutheran faith a better understanding of the faith has been promoted among the people within the Council and in ever-widening circles.

The General Council has provided for the public worship of the Church a service in the use of which the spiritual life of her people has been deepened and the truths of the Gospel in all their relations proclaimed with living power. The principles of Church organization, expressive of interrelation between Christian freedom and Christian service, between the independence of the individual believer and his proper place in the communion of saints have been set forth.

The work of Home Missions has been organized and carried on with great diligence both under synodical and general administration, thus multiplying congregations and communicants.

A Foreign Mission field in India was adopted by the General Council. This field, under its care, has grown from almost nothing to a strong and influential mission having 25,000 converts. Meanwhile the Council has undertaken work in Burmah and has added also a mission in Japan which promises splendid success.

In the instruction and the worship of the Sunday Schools, according to correct scriptural and pedagogical principles, strong foundations have been laid upon which a splendid superstructure has risen.

The General Council has never been exclusive. It has not existed solely for itself, but has provided for the interests of the entire Lutheran Church. The invitation to join in its organization was sent to every Lutheran Synod in America. Its official representatives have been sent to Lutheran organizations in Germany and in Sweden. It has cordially responded to invitations looking toward closer relations with other Lutheran general bodies in America and in some form or other has successfully co-operated with them in almost every sphere of its activity. In Home, Foreign and Inner Missions, in Deaconess work and in Publication interests, there has been a growing manifestation of the inner unity which it has recognized.

Its aim being not to form an external body of imposing proportions and influence which shall adjust and modify its principles as the majority may decide, but to stand by and apply to present relations certain fixed and eternal principles the General Council has always been ready to acknowledge these principles wherever truthfully confessed and even to surrender its own name and existence for their perpetuation and further diffusion.

The fifty years of the separate existence of the General Council will not be in vain, if its faith is confessed and its manifold work continued in a wider organization.



Philadelphia Historical Notes

GLORIA DEI, Old Swedes' Church, is the oldest Lutheran Church building in Philadelphia. It replaced a church built in 1669, and was dedicated in 1700. Although no longer controlled by the Lutheran Church, all its historical associations are Lutheran. Five generations of Lutheran pastors and people worshipped there. In this church the first Lutheran and probably the first Protestant pastor, Justus Falckner, was ordained in 1703. Here also, forty years later, Muhlenberg was inducted into office.



OLD SWEDES' CHURCH

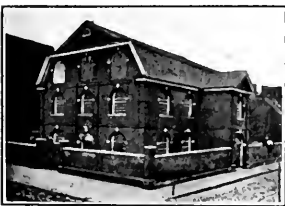
ST. MICHAEL'S, Germantown, vies with Zion's for the honor of historical precedence. Just two hundred years ago the Rev. Anthony Henkel did pioneer work here. The corner-stone of the first of the four churches for this congregation was laid in 1730.

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA used a barn as its first place of worship. John Casper Stoeber was the predecessor of Muhlenberg. St. Michael's, 5th and Appletree Alley, begun in 1743, was dedicated in 1748 in connection with the organization of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the first Lutheran Synod in America. Zion's Church, 4th and Cherry Streets, built near St. Michael's to accommodate the large number of worshippers, dedicated in 1769, was the largest and the handsomest church building in the city. Whitefield preached in it in 1770. By resolution of congress, Washington's funeral was held in this church, December 26th, 1799; also a month later, a memorial service. In these churches Muhlenberg, Kunze, Helmuth, Schmidt, F. D. Schaeffer, Demme, Mann and Spaeth ministered. In the parsonage the three eminent sons of Muhlenberg, the Schaeffers, Lochman, Schmucker, J. C. Baker, Dr. Krotel and Rev. Schmauk, father of President Schmauk, were directed toward the ministry.

THE ORIGINAL ENGLISH CHURCH, St. John's, on Race Street, built in 1806, is a monument to General Peter Muhlenberg, through whose efforts it was founded. Here the first faculty of the Philadelphia Seminary was inaugurated. In its more than a century, St. John's has had three pastors, Drs. Mayer, Seiss and Sibole.

ST. MATTHEWS, organized in 1815, counted among its earliest pastors Dr. Charles Philip Krauth and his eminent son, Charles Porterfield Krauth, as among its children.

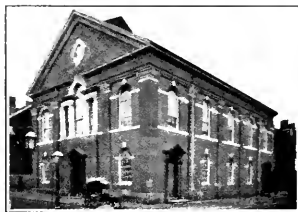
ST. MARK'S, founded in 1850, furnished, through Mr. Charles D. Norton, the first endowed Professorship in any Lutheran Theological Seminary in America.



OLD ST. MICHAEL'S

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, formerly at Broad and Arch Streets, distinguished as the congregation of which Dr. Seiss was the pastor for years, in 1877 was the place in which the sessions of the General Council were held. Probably the most brilliant discussion in the history of our Church in America occurred here, in which Dr. Krauth expounded and defended a series of theses on the question of church fellowship.

OTHER CHURCHES of interest are Trinity, 18th and Wolf, where Dr. Krotel began his ministry; St. Johannes, 15th and Ogden, associated with the name of Dr. Spaeth, who served it for forty years; St. Luke's, founded by Dr. J. C. Baker and the first pastorate of Dr. Samuel Laird, and St. Stephen's, associated with the names of Dr. Krauth and William Ashmead Schaeffer.

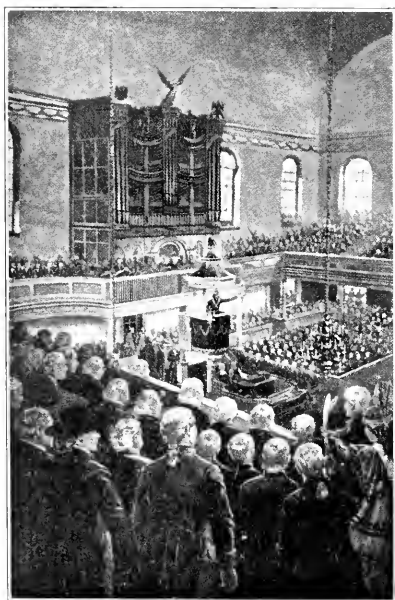


OLD ZION'S

Philadelphia is a center for the general work of the Church. In 1749 Muhlenberg bought ground for a seminary. His thought was not realized until 1864. Until 1889 it was located on Franklin Square, near the present Zion's Church. In 1889 the Seminary was removed to its present commodious grounds in Mount Airy. Nearly 1000 men have gone from this school into the ministry. A number of theological seminaries have been offshoots, or drawn professors from the Philadelphia Seminary. Its first faculty included Dr. C. F. Schaeffer, Dr. Mann, Dr. Charles Porterfield Krauth, Dr. C. W. Schaeffer and Dr. Krotel. Drs. Spaeth, Spieker and Horn have also been in the faculty, and Drs. Seiss and Schmucker, President and Secretary of the Board of Directors.

An orphans' home was a dream of Muhlenberg. It took form through the efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth Ashmead Schaeffer at the suggestion of the late Dr. W. A. Passavant, being started in the parsonage of St. Michael's Church, Germantown, just prior to the Civil War.

In the parsonage of St. Michael's Church, Germantown, shortly before the Civil War, the Conference was held that resulted in the founding of The Lutheran Publication Society, which afterwards came under the control of the General Synod. The General Council's Board of Publication, which is of much more recent date, is also a child of Philadelphia Lutheran enterprise.



WASHINGTON'S FUNERAL IN OLD ZION'S CHURCH

The Lutheran, the successor of a paper of the same name founded nearly sixty years ago, associated with the memorable editorship of Dr. Krauth, had much to do with the founding of the General Council. Dr. Seiss and Dr. Krotel were also the editors, the latter being the first editor-in-chief after it became an official paper in 1896.

The Foreign Mission Work of the Lutheran Church was started by the Rev. C. F. Heyer, D.D., a child of Zion's Church. He was set apart for his work in St. Paul's Church, October 3d, 1841. Father Heyer was the founder of both the General Synod and the General Council work in India.

The English Home Mission Work of the General Council has had its center in Philadelphia, as well as the work of Church Extension, which was directly inspired by a group of Philadelphia laymen. The present offices of these activities are in the Drexel Building.

The Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses, while not under a Church Board, is, through its administrative officers and its deaconesses, associated closely with the work of the General Council. Its handsome building and its endowment came from the princely generosity of Mr. John D. Lankenau, acting under the advice and encouragement especially of Drs. Spaeth and Mann.

Philadelphia Institutions and Inner Mission Activities



THE PHILADELPHIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Founded 1864 in a room over a store, 42 N. 9th St. Now at Germantown Ave. and Gowan Ave., Mount Airy, Philadelphia. Nearly ten acres of campus, twelve fine buildings and a property and endowment value of more than half a million dollars. Has educated nearly 1,000 ministers.

THE ORPHANS' HOME AND ASYLUM FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM, 6950 Germantown Ave., Mount Airy, Phila. Founded 1859.

Affiliated Institutions:

Memorial Home for Infants.

Mary Tryon Memorial Home for the Aged, Glenwood Ave. and 28th St.

THE MARY J. DREXEL HOME AND PHILADELPHIA MOTHERHOUSE OF DEACONESSES, 2100 S. College Ave. 1887.

Five Affiliated Institutions:

Training School for Deaconesses.

An Old People's Home.

Children's Hospital and Dispensary.

Lankenau School for Girls.

The Christian Kindergarten, with Kindergarten Training School.

THE CITY MISSION

Established by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania; furnishes missionaries for charitable, reformatory and penal institutions and provides for private ministrations for those without spiritual care, especially for those who have been identified with the Lutheran Church. The following institutions are reached: Hospitals—German (Lankenau), Philadelphia, Lying In; Eastern Penitentiary, Moyamensing and Holmesburg prisons, Almshouse, Northern Home for Friendless Children, Home for Aged Colored People, Home for Indigent Widows and Single Women, Home for Incurables (Children), Nazarene Home, Wissinoming Old Ladies' Home, Franklin Home (Inebriates), Western Temporary Home, Hayes' Mechanics' Home, Home for Aged Veterans and Wives, Old Man's Home, Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men.

THE SEAMEN'S AND IMMIGRANT MISSION, 1402 E. Moyamensing Avenue.

Supported by the Board of Missions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. In charge of a seaman's pastor and a housefather.

NORWEGIAN SEAMEN'S MISSION, 262 S. 4th Street.

A Norwegian Church Institution.

THE INNER MISSION SOCIETY

Organized in 1902. Incorporated 1911. Conducts:

The Luther Hospice for Young Men, 20th and Race Streets.

The Settlement, 1331-33 Frankford Avenue.

The Neighborhood House, 1333 S. 9th Street.

THE KENSINGTON DISPENSARY FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS, Hancock Street and Susquehanna Avenue. 1907.

River Crest, near Phoenixville, Pa., for children suffering from incipient tuberculosis, is affiliated.

THE TABOR HOME

A Philadelphia Institution, with its grounds near Doylestown, Pa. Incorporated 1908. Home for neglected and destitute children and half-orphans.

THE ARTMAN HOME

A 506-acre tract near Sellersville, Pa. Incorporated 1917. A charity and philanthropy with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL PUBLICATION HOUSE

Temporarily located at 1716 Arch Street. Owns a magnificent site for a future Lutheran Publication Building and Headquarters at 17th Street and the new Parkway, within a stone's throw of the Pennsylvania Railroad main terminal, as planned.

Lutheran Churches in Philadelphia



GENERAL COUNCIL

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St. Marcus	Twenty seventh and Cumberland,	REV. H. D. E. SIEBOTT

ITALIAN

St. Peter's	Reed near Ninth..	REV. AUGUSTO DE BENEDETTO, D.D.
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LETTISH

Trinity	Franklin, above Green.....	REV. P. E. STEIK
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SLOVAK

Holy Trinity	Franklin, above Green.....	REV. LOUIS SANJEK
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SWEDISH

Gustavus Adolphus	Sixteenth and McKean.....	REV. C. A. BERGENDOFF
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Muhlenberg Memorial	N. Thirteenth and Ruscomb.	REV. J. M. GUSS
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Constituent Elements of the Lutheran Church in America

The Oldest Synod in America, organized in Philadelphia in 1748, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which entertains the Golden Jubilee Convention of the General Council, was the prime mover in the organization of this body fifty years ago.

The United Lutheran Church of America, which is now contemplated, will include in its organization the General Synod, organized in 1820 and reporting 1450 pastors, 375,000 communicants; the General Council, organized fifty years ago and numbering at this time about 525,000 communicants, served by 1750 ministers; also the United Synod in the South, with 275 ministers and 55,000 communicants. The combined strength will be about 3600 ministers and nearly 900,000 communicants. This would then be the largest single body of Lutherans in the country. With its polyglot constituency and varied interests and activities, it promises to make the history of the Lutheran Church in America one of achievement and progress.

Mergers in the West. The Norwegians have consolidated their three large synods and formed a body under the name of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America, which in its united strength is a factor to be reckoned with, while the Germans in the Northwest have also combined for greater efficiency. These synods, together with a number of independent bodies, comprise a large percentage of aggressive and potent Lutheran energy.

The Synodical Conference, organized in 1872, and up to this time the largest numerically of the Lutheran general bodies, ever firm in its maintenance of that which, from its viewpoint, is purest Lutheranism, is more and more recognizing other sections of our Church.

In Increasing Co-operation there is promise of that gradual fusing of these elements, which promises that for which all devoutly pray—a United Lutheran Church in America.



What the Figures Say

Lutheran Churches. There are eighty-six Lutheran Churches in the City of Philadelphia. These congregations have a membership of about 25,000 and maintain services in a dozen different languages. Approximately 75 per cent. of these congregations are connected with the General Council. Within thirty miles of Philadelphia there are nearly fifty more congregations which are connected with the Philadelphia Conferences, so that the combined strength of our churches in and near Philadelphia is greater than that of any one of ten of the Synods connected with the General Council.

Missions in Philadelphia. Within the city at the present time the General Council has nine mission congregations, the youngest of which restores in this Jubilee year to the Lutheran parish list the name of the oldest Church in Philadelphia, namely, "Gloria Dei." The immediate suburbs add as many more missions, chiefly the work of the Field Missionary. Our old Eastern cities are still ripe for missionary harvests.

Inner Mission Activity. There are twenty inner mission agencies maintained through the Lutherans of Philadelphia. A number of these are grouped under one management. Together they represent about as complete and thorough work in the spirit of Christ in the work of the Good Samaritan as can possibly be found in any city on the continent. Chief among these agencies is the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses, which is the finest institution of its kind in existence. It should appeal strongly to our Lutheran young women to enlist for Christian service. This institution, the princely gift of the late John D. Lankenau, is the largest single gift the Lutheran Church has ever received.



THE PHILADELPHIA MOTHERHOUSE OF DEACONESSES



Historic Points of Interest

Valley Forge, which is famous in Revolutionary history, is 19 miles distant from Philadelphia. It is a public park of 450 acres, beautiful for situation, in the Schuylkill Valley. Here Washington, with his little army, spent the winter of 1777-78. It is a delightful trip to visit Valley Forge.

The Old Trappe Church. On the way to Valley Forge is the Old Trappe Church, in a perfect state of preservation. It is well worth a visit. This church is quaint, and associated as it is with the Patriarch Muhlenberg, who built it and lies buried under its shadow, it is a proper mecca for Lutheran pilgrimages.



THE OLD TRAPPE CHURCH

The site of the Penn Treaty Tree, where William Penn concluded a treaty of amity with the Indians in 1683 is in a small park near the Delaware River above Shackamaxon Street. The old tree was blown down in 1810 but the place where it stood is marked by a monument. It is in Kensington, the busiest factory section not only in Philadelphia, but of the world.

Old Swedes' Church, Wilmington, Del., situated on a slight bluff overlooking the Delaware River, located very much like Old Swedes' Church of Philadelphia, is quaint and very attractive, due to its architecture and historic associations. In the graveyard are many tombstones preserving the memory of the colonial Lutherans who worshiped in this building. Now, like all Swedish churches along the Delaware, it is lost to our Lutheran Church.



OLD SWEDES' CHURCH
WILMINGTON, DEL.

at public worship, plainly marked. This old church is regularly used for worship.

Where the Declaration of Independence was written is plainly indicated by a tablet on the bank building at the southwest corner of Seventh and Market Streets. The bank is known as the Penn National Bank.



A Few Philadelphia Facts

The City of Philadelphia has a population of 1,549,008. The corporate limits include 129 square miles. It is the third city in the United States and the ninth in the world. Of its buildings, 365,000 are dwellings, the city being noted for its single houses for families, more than any other city in America.

The World's Greatest Workshop. In the 8379 manufacturing plants in the city, both as to variety and as to quantity of manufactured articles, Philadelphia leads the world. The daily output is over \$3,000,000.

Fairmount Park, created September 28, 1855, today contains 3526 acres, covering high ground on both sides of the Schuylkill River, and is one of the largest city parks in the world.

Philadelphia's Churches number 805, valued at \$55,340,000. There is a total of 2000 ministers of all denominations.

The City Hall, built a generation ago at a cost of \$25,000,000, with its tower 548 feet high, is one of the highest structures in the world.

The University of Pennsylvania, in the founding of which Lutherans had an active part, and of which Dr. Krauth was for a number of years the Vice Provost, is located at Spruce and 34th Streets.

The Commercial Museums, established in 1897 at 34th Street south of the University, are unique in that they set forth the business of the world in a way that is found nowhere else.

The United States Mint, built of marine granite, is the finest mint building in the world. It was erected in 1901 at a cost of \$2,400,000. Two-thirds of our entire coinage is made here. The first United States Mint stood on 7th Street south of Arch Street. This was the first ground owned and used for government purposes by the United States.

The Philadelphia Navy Yard, occupying League Island, is one of the most important United States marine stations. This suggests the fact also that Philadelphia and the Delaware River today lead the world as a shipbuilding center.

The United States Arsenal, located in Frankford, was established in 1816. A large part of the rifle ammunition of our government is manufactured in this arsenal.

Atlantic City, the "playground of the world," is only an hour's ride from the Philadelphia ferries. It is Philadelphia's chief seashore resort.

Horticultural Building, Fairmount Park, was the chief building of "The Centennial in 1876." It is a Moresque structure of iron and glass, which is the Mecca of every lover of flowers who visits Philadelphia.

Germantown and Mount Airy, full of historic interest and of fine old colonial mansions, the scene of the Battle of Germantown, have added interest to Lutherans because here are located the Philadelphia Theological Seminary and the Lutheran Orphans' Home and Asylum for Aged, Old St. Michael's Church of Germantown, with its little schoolhouse, one of the oldest school buildings in Philadelphia, used today as a parish house, and the Krauth Memorial Library and Schaeffer-Ashmead Memorial Chapel, at the Seminary, are landmarks.

The Cradle of American Liberty. Philadelphia owns the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, in which the Declaration of Independence was signed. Here also is historic "Carpenter's Hall," where the First Continental Congress was presided over by the Lutheran Speaker, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg. Here also is the Betsy Ross House, on Arch Street near 3d, where the first American flag of stars and stripes was made.

The Grave of Benjamin Franklin is at 5th and Arch Streets, only two short squares from old St. John's Church.

The Religious Press. Philadelphia is the most important center of the religious press in the world. Twenty publishing houses issue 238 different papers and magazines, with an annual circulation of 139,000,000 copies.

How to See Philadelphia. We have merely begun the catalogue of the things of interest in the City of Brotherly Love. It would take a very large volume to complete the list. With the aid of a City Guide and the direction, which will be cheerfully given at the Bureau of Information, our delegates and visitors, after the business of the sessions has been completed, will find much pleasure and profit by seeing and learning to know Philadelphia.

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General Council Notes

Organized in Holy Trinity, Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 20, 1867. Twelve synods took part in the organization. They numbered 538 ministers, 556 parishes, 1030 congregations, 133,296 communicants.

Charter Members. Of those who took part in the organization of the General Council only two remain, namely, the first English Secretary, the Rev. H. W. Roth, D. D., LL. D., a delegate to this convention,

and the Rev. G. W. Mechling, D. D., who only once prior to the present convention was not one of the delegates representing his synod

Historic and Confessional Lutheranism, the preservation of which was the purpose of the organization, have throughout these fifty years, been defended and propagated by the General Council, which rests upon the foundation of the historic Symbolical Book and declares its distinctive principles in "The Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity."

Home Missions were planned at the first convention. The first endeavor of the committee charged with this work was in behalf of the Scandinavian and German Lutherans in the Northwest. The first purely English mission was Holy Trinity Church, Chicago. The work done by the District Synods in Home Missions has always been very great. This work has been more and more centralized until today nearly all the purely English work within the General Council is under one General Board, which has the work thoroughly organized and manned with Superintendent, District Superintendents and Field Missionaries.

A Home Mission Summary. Today, the General Council is conducting missions in the following languages: English, Swedish, German, Slovak, Magyar, Windish, Siebenbuerger-Saxon, Lettish, Italian and Spanish. During the past biennium it supported 855 missions and supported 372 missionaries, about 50% more missions than originally there were parishes in the entire General Council.

The Foreign Mission Work of the General Council was planned also at the very beginning of the General Council. "Father Heyer," who did pioneer work in the Home Field, was the founder of both the General Council and the General Synod Mission fields in India. Father Heyer began his Christian life in Old Zion's Church, Philadelphia. He ended his days as House Father in the old Seminary on Franklin Square, a few doors from the Church in which the Communion Service of the Jubilee Convention is held. This year is the Diamond Jubilee of his missionary work. Today, the General Council has its field in India and in Burmah and also in Japan. Through the Augustana Synod work is also done in China and determined upon for Africa. Porto Rico has since 1898 been a special field in which Lutherans were the first to enter, while South America also is today engaging the attention of the Mission Boards.

The General Council of Today. The General Council reports 14 synods, with 1753 ministers, 2606 congregations and a baptized membership of over 800,000. The Church property is worth in round numbers, \$35,000,000. The annual expenditure is for local purposes about \$5,000,000, while for missions and benevolence another \$1,000,000 is raised every year.

Works of Mercy. It was through the Rev. W. A. Passvant, D. D., one of the Founders of the General Council, that the Protestant Deaconess was brought to America. The throes of civil war developed the merciful heart and gave impetus to the Lutheran Orphan work, which is represented in the General Council today by some of the best and largest homes in our Church. The Inner Mission activities of the General Council are most varied and extensive, reaching thousands of people annually and raising vast sums of money.

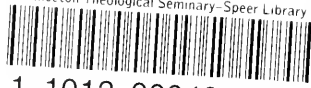
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