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Dear Pastor Lokies:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which you requested that I write on your behalf to Mrs. S. J. Hamilton, the administratrix of the London Mission Trust.

In our conference at Breklum you raised the question whether the $500.- which we assigned to your Society for a bungalow at Kalunga on the supposition that your Society would be making a similar grant and that the GELC would provide the equivalent of $1,000.- might be available for use at Baripada or at Barkot. I have discussed this with our executive committee and they have approved the use of this rent at Baripada or Barkot, but contingent on the same conditions that were to have obtained at Kalunga.

It was my understanding when we talked at Breklum that you would be notifying me whether or not Leipzig and Breklum would be providing any personnel for these fields. If you have any definite information about this, then I would appreciate getting it in time to place it before our Commission when it has its fall meeting, September 26.

If the stipulations for the $500.- gift are met, do you want the money remitted directly to the GELC or is it to be sent directly to Missionary Klimkeit?

With cordial greetings, I remain,

Sincerely,

Fredrik A. Schiotz

Fredrik A. Schiotz

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Gespräch mit Herrn Dr. S c h i o t z

You are sure to have heard that on the last synod of the Gossner Church the resolution was formed to found a mission committee in which the Gossner Kuratorium was to be represented by two missionaries, and the Gossner Church by two Indian brothers. The Secretary of the Church sent me the organisation and work plan. I would be glad if you would see it through. If the Church and the Mission Committee shoild ask us to-day to send out missionaries we would be rather in a fix. We have missionary-students who are studying, but have not yet passed their exams. We would then have to try to win a young theologian who, instead of taking over a parish in Germany would be willig to serve as missionary in India.

We are delighted that the Gossner Church has selected two students to come to Germany. Pastor Symanowski bids them a hearty welcome. Blease let us know in time when these two young brothers will arrive.

Missionary Borutta is going on furlough next year. The two sisters have not yet been able to reach a decision. They want to stay till the Tabita-School which has been moved to Gowindpur has found secure footing. (woman-missionary)

We have one fully trained Mission-nurse who is now going in for her mid-wifery exam in England. It is Sister Ilse Martin. President Lakra has already made her acquaintance, and we hope that he will ask her very soon. She could be well employed in the hospital - work. We would have to look for some one else to replace ~~xxxxx~~ Sister Anni Diller and Sister Hedwig Schmidt.

We are now going to Ostfriesland and then on to Westphalia. In Ostfriesland there will be several missin festivals and we shall visit a number of clergymen, and minister to the communities which congregations have invited us.

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In Westphalia there is to be a large clergy-conference where Pres. Lakra and I are to speak. So I am accompanying Joel Lakra on his journey- I must, however, return to Berlin earlier than he comes there. He will then be brought to Brother Symanowski in Mainz and will later come to the Kirchentag (Church Festival) in Berlin. After the Kirchentag he will go to Geneva via South Germany. We beg President Lakra to stay in South Germany for at least 3 days (in Bavaria and Würtemberg. Pastor Schiebe will accompany him there. In Ostfriesland Brother Radsich will do the interpreting. Later on in Westphalia also Sister Irene Storim.

We are very glad that Joel Lakra is coming to Berlin to join in the activities of the Kirchentag. All Mission friends are looking forward to this and our Kuratorium welcomes him heartily.

The Mundas are having their centenary festival and have invited me and my wife. But unfortunately it is impossible for us to come to India, though (I) we would love to do so.

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A v s k r i f t.

Dear Pastor Dahlberg,

I am grateful for your letter to me dated April 20th, and the information which reached me a little earlier from Bishop Sandegren ~~these~~ through my son. I have to thank you most warmly for your friendship and for all your friendly wholehearted cooperation. I quite realize that to send a missionary and provide a bungalow, motorcar etc. may be too great a strain on your resources, but even the assignment of one of your pastors, and providing for the budget of a certain number of Oraon evangelists may be very timely help. In case you cannot provide a pastor from the M.P.E.L.C., could you kindly provide the budget for a Gossner pastor in addition to the budget for 4 to 10 evangelists. This is emergency help to handle the forward movement in E. Surguja.

But apart from this emergency help my suggestion for a more permanent participation in the work of Rewa(part of ~~Madhya~~ Vindhya Pradesh, whose chief Commissioner is friendly to us) of Korea and W. Surguja both of which are now included in the Surguja District of Madhya Pradesh. I would suggest that you consider the possibility of making Sahdol, an important Railway town on the B.N. Ry from Katni to Bilaspur, your centre. Sahdol is the headquarters for the Commissioner of the Sahdol DL. Sahdol is connected by a good motor road with Rewa Town. The N.M.S. can confine its activities to the east of Anuppur - unless you wish to work the whole Ry line from Anuppur to Chirimiri Coal mines. We shall still have large areas to take care of. But there is no urgency regarding your cooperation in Rewa work. We request you to give us as much help as you can reasonably manage - in the ~~request~~ regard to the emergency help in E. Surguja's hill tribe work.

With cordial greetings, my good friend, and with thankful rememberance of good fellowship in the past in Sweden and in India, and with earnest request for some measure of cooperation in this emergency situation, ,

Yours very sincerely,
J.D. Asirvadam

2.5.51.

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The Rev. J.D. Asirvadam,

"Arulagam", Tambaram,
1st May 1951.

The Rev. Fredrik A. Schiotz, D.D.,
Executive Secretary,
L.W.F. Commission on World Missions,
Camp: Stockholm.

Dear Dr. Schiotz,

I am grateful to you for prompt action on my letter of March 11th and the supporting letters of the Federation President, Dr.C.W. Oberdorfer and President Joel Lakra of the Gossner Church. Under the circumstances you have done the best that has been possible.

I have already sent copies of my letter to President Lakra to the Executive Secretary of Fosterland Stiftelsen, Pastor Nils Dahlberg so that he may hand over to you one copy for your information.

The situation in India is such that it appears to me to be the most prudent thing under the circumstances to work under the auspices of the National Missionary Society which is widely known throughout India and which commands the confidence of all the sections of the Protestant Church in India. Those who hold office in the National Missionary Society in the various Provinces are men of outstanding ability and influence and the Society recognises that this area was assigned by it to the Lutheran NMS in 1913. Till now we were only working from the borders. Whereas one or two Missions which attempted to enter Rewa gave up their efforts, our missionaries have stuck to their posts and have achieved marvellous results with the result that now that the doors are open we have a real foothold in the area and what is more important is the hold in the hearts of the people who have known the work of the Mission.

The opportunity if not thwarted by opposition from the Roman Catholics would lead to large accessions. The Gossner Church personnel have in similar areas carried on a successful evangelistic work and it is our hope that in the next fifteen years we could build up such a strong Church that we could turn over the whole Church to form a new Synod of the Gossner Church and we shall be free to turn to other parts of the same area in mid-India where the population is predominently Hindu and not hill tribe.

Our plan is to carry on the hill tribe work in close co-operation with the Gossner Church and at the same time to carry on that work among the Hindus as a definite project. It is our hope that any accession in the non-tribal area especially in Rewa and Korea will be related to the Madhya Pradesh Evangelical Lutheran Church which works in close partnership with Fosterland Stiftelsen. Gossner missionaries for hill tribe work in the east and Swedish and other missionaries for the non-tribal work in the west of our Lutheran N.M.S. area would be welcome.

From a recent letter received from Mr. Nils Dahlberg I understand the prospects of any appreciable help from Fosterland Stiftelsen seems to be remote. More and more we are beginning to recognise that the Church is central in all Christian activities and therefore whether the missionaries come from Fosterland Stiftelsen or any other Missionary Society that would be working as partners of the Church. The Lutheran NMS field stretching from Saugor on the one hand to Ranchi on the other is the field for the evangelistic action of all the Lutheran Churches in India. But the goal is to bring into existence Churches which would be ultimately integrated with the Churches in the neighbourhood. The Church in the western part of our area will be integrated with the Madhya Pradesh Church of which Rev. Emmanuel Raman is the President and the Church in the eastern part of our area, viz. East Surguja will be integrated with the Gossner Church. But before this integration can take place, the Lutheran NMS with the co-operation of any Missions from abroad can set up a missionary conference consisting of missionaries from all the Lutheran Churches of India and missionaries from abroad to have a common budget and to enunciate a common policy and direct the work in a common council.

One of the missionaries of the Disciples Mission tried to persuade the National Christian Council at Nagpur that the Surguja area should be cut up among various Missions. The Rev. R.W. Scott met the General Secretary of the National Missionary Society and myself, as the President of the Lutheran N.M.S. when he came to Madras for a conference with

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Dr. Kraemer on 8th April and he agreed that the claim of the NMS to work it as a Lutheran area was very strong and he recognized that the former proposal to have a missionary council consisting of representatives of Lutherans, British Baptists, Mennonites, Disciples Mission, etc. was thoroughly unworkable and that if the Lutherans can evolve a plan and can go ahead and occupy this area in full force that would receive the backing of all the Christian forces within India.

Prof. Sundkler was present at the discussion at Guntur and he felt that this was a very good field for common action by representatives of the older and the younger Churches. If this principle of partnership can be implemented, it would mean that we shall be taking hold of a real opportunity and turning it to the best advantage of the Kingdom of Christ. The other alternative that may be possible is that a foreign Mission takes responsibility for a particular area in this Lutheran field but in present day India it would be infinitely better for any new Mission to operate within the orbit either of a Church like the Gossner Church or the Madhya Pradesh E.L.C. or under the auspices of an Indian Missionary Society like the Lutheran NMS which works under the auspices of the National Missionary Society of India.

I do not think that this project should be treated only as a temporary help to the Gossner Church. It would be an ultimate accession to the Gossner Church but in the meanwhile it would be more effective to work it under the auspices of the Lutheran National Missionary Society in which the Gossner Church has the fullest confidence, as the NMS stands for the principle of mobilising resources for missionary task in new areas integrating the Church which is the outcome of missionary action with the neighbouring well established Church of the same communion. The NMS will welcome direct help to the Lutheran NMS through a special committe of the Lutheran Federation in India.

On behalf of the Lutheran NMS I have already requested President Oberdorfer and Dr. Wood to act for CYCOM and the first meeting of the newly formed Executive of the FELC for this triennium I shall request that a Surguja Committee be appointed to act for the LWF Commission on World Missions. If however the help could come only as a temporary help to the Gossner Church we shall have to explore a suitable machinery to handle the funds on behalf of CYCOM given through the Gossner Church. In the meanwhile we in India are agreed that the work in Surguja should be the work of the Lutheran NMS in close co-operation with the Gossner Church, the President of the Gossner Church being a member of the Lutheran NMS Executive.

From Rev. Dahlberg's letter I understand that some of our LWF leaders will be meeting at Stockholm to arrange for the future of the work in Tanganyika and that would be an appropiate time for a wider group to consider these matters. Probably Dr. Sundkler will be there and possibly Bishop Sandgren unless for medical reasons he cannot be present. Soliciting earnestly your interest and wholehearted support in this very hopeful forward movement,

I remain, Yours in Christ's
Service
J.D.A.

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The Rev. J.D. Asirvadam,

"Arulgam", Tambaram,
23rd April 1951.

The Rev. Nils Dahlberg.

Dear Dr. Dahlberg,

You have been exceedingly kind to me and to the National Missionary Society in carrying out my wish to duplicate a statement on the new developments in Surguja. The real trouble will be on account of competition from the Roman Catholics. Wherever we go they seem to be quite alert and create difficulties. Still we have for a long time desired that this area should be evangelised by the Lutherans and we shall value your prayers and co-operation.

Dr. Schiotz thinks that it might be possible to interest some Continental Missions to enter this area. It would be far better that any new missionary society comes in in co-operation with the existing Church. There are two churches that definitely belong to the Lutheran Church, viz. your Church in M.P. and the Church in Chhota Nagpur. Whereas East Surguja with its strong hill tribe population could be better worked with the personnel of the Gossner Church our work in Rewa and also Korea and possibly West Surguja could be better worked in cooperation with your own Church. The NMS of India will be willing to handle the work on behalf of the Lutheran Churches and hand over any congregations that may be formed in due time to these two Churches.

On this understanding it may be quite possible to think of other Missions being invited to share the work in this area. The question is still in a state of fluss and we have to consider it very carefully in India in consultation with Rev. E. Raman and Rev. J. Lakra before any clear proposals can be made. Our desire was that pending more permanent arrangements it may be possible for your Mission to place at the disposal of the NMS one ordained missionary and possibly two women missionaries. We shall have then to consider the places where they should be located. It may be more convenient for them to be located at one centre say in Chirimiri or Manindragarh in Korea from which West Surguja could be reached. Regarding this we shall be consulting Rev. Raman and the missionaries in the CP before any definite proposals are made.

Thanking you for your warmhearted co-operation,

I remain,
Yours sincerely
J.D. Asirvadam

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April 6, 1951

The Reverend J. D. Asirvadam
"Arulagam", Tambaram
S O U T H I N D I A

Dear Pastor Asirvadam:

Thank you for your letter of March 11, with its detailed explanation of the history and work of the National Missionary Society and the Lutheran National Missionary Committee, along with a statement of the urgency of the opportunity which exists in South Rewa, in Dorea, and in Surguja. Shortly after your letter arrived, I received a letter from President Oberdorfer of the F.E.L.C., and President Lakra of the G.E.L.C., strongly endorsing the need for early action if the work in the Surguja District is to be a Lutheran work.

I am in the midst of packing for ten to twelve weeks of work in Europe, and so I am sure that you men will bear with me if I answer the three letters by sending a copy of this letter to Pastor Asirvadam to Dr. Oberdorfer and President Lakra.

A copy is also going to Dr. Wood, as the treasurer of the Committee on Subsidized Churches of the F.E.L.C.

Our Commission will not be having a meeting until September 26. However, I have laid the matter before our Executive Committee, and they have given the matter careful consideration. Our Commission is not authorized to assist any project merely on its own merits. We are limited to assisting orphaned missions or younger churches where the supporting society or board is not equal to the task of assisting the younger church. In such instances where it is not able to assist, it must be an inability that is occasioned by the economic dislocations provoked by the last war. This means that the only way in which we could justify granting any assistance for the project in Surguja would be because it is a legitimate responsibility of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church. On the basis of this background, governing the use of the funds which the National Lutheran Council places at the disposal of our Commission, our Executive Committee agreed that we might be able to give a limited amount of assistance with the following understanding:

1. That the Lutheran National Mission Society assigns the work to the Gossner E.L.C.
2. That the Gossner E.L.C. charge its proposed pioneer board with the responsibility for supervising the work in this new area. It is our understanding that the pioneer board is an arrangement which the G.E.L.C. proposed, whereby the Church and the Gossner Mission Society might cooperate in doing work in new areas.
3. Reports of the pioneer board would be made to the G.E.L.C., the G.M.S., the F.E.L.C., and the L.N.M.S. We would receive reports through the F.E.L.C.
4. Any money that we might provide would be channeled through the F.E.L.C.

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President Oberdorfer estimated that a grant of $1500. would be necessary to get the work under way. President Lakra estimated 10,000 Rupees would be needed. Our Committee is willing to take the chance that our Commission, at its September 26 meeting, may approve a grant of $1500. It so happens that we were able to make a saving a few days ago on another field that puts these funds at our disposal. Consequently, if the money is needed at once, the copy of this letter going to Dr. Wood will be his authorization to advance as much or all of the $1500. as may be needed, during 1951.

In your letter, Pastor Asirvadam, you mentioned the possibility that foreign personnel might be needed. I don't know whether it may be possible for you and President Oberdorfer and President Lakra to get together to discuss this matter further before our Commission on World Missions meets at Breklum June 7-10. However, if this might be possible, I would appreciate it much if you could prepare a more detailed plan of what is going to be involved in the work in Surguja. How many missionaries, and what type of missionaries (medical, educational, evangelistic) may be needed? For how long a period do you estimate that they may be needed? My concern is that perhaps we could find one of the European societies that might be able to supply such a need. Failing that, we would explore the possibility of finding some American society that could assist at this point. In your plan there should also be an estimate of what may be needed in the way of funds for the G.E.L.C.'s participation in the project in 1952. Could the project be carried by the G.E.L.C. without support in 1953? If not in that year, in 1954, etc.?

I think you men ought also to indicate what your reaction is to the several stipulations set forth above, which our Executive Committee made. If you have any suggestions for revision, these will be placed before our Commission when it meets the latter part of September.

Our Committee was quite agreed with you, Pastor Asirvadam, that if it should be difficult for the Lutherans to discharge the opportunity that is available in the Rewa-Korea-Surguja areas, we cannot then ask the NCC to withhold its assignment of the areas to the Disciples Mission.

With cordial greetings I remain,

Sincerely,

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Fredrik A. Schiotz

c.c. Dr. Oberdorfer
President Lakra
Dr. Wood
Director Lokies

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Übersetzung

6.4.51

An Pastor J.D. Asirvadam

Lieber Herr Pastor Asirvadam!

Vielen Dank für Ihren Brief vom 11.März mit seiner ausführlichen Beschreibung der Geschichte und der Arbeit der National Missionary Society und dem Lutheran National Missionary- Ausschuss mit der Feststellung der durch die Gelegenheiten in Süd-Rewa, Dorea und Surguja gebotenen Dringlichkeit. Kurz nach Ankunft Ihre Briefes erhielt ich einen Brief von Präsident Oberdorfer vom F.E.L.C. und von Präsident Lakra vom G.E.L.C., die die Notwendigkeit baldigen Handelns bekräftigten, wenn die Arbeit im Surgujagebiet lutherisch sein soll.

Ich bin gerade dabei, für eine Reise von 10-12 Wochen Arbeit in Europa zu packen, und so werden Sie gewiß Nachsicht mit mir haben, wenn ich die 3 Briefe durch eine Abschrift dieses Briefes an Herrn Pastor Asirvidam, Herrn Dr. Oberdorfer und Präsident Lakra beantworte.

Eine Abschrift geht auch an Dr.Wood als dem Schatzmeister des Kommittees für unterstützte Kirchen vom F.E.L.C.

Unsere Kommission wird erst am 26.Sept zusammenkommen. Ich habe aber die Angelegenheit unserem Exekutiv-Kommittee unterbreitet und das hat die Sache sorgfältig geprüft. Unsere Kommission ist nicht berechtigt, einen Plan nur um seines Wertes willen zu unterstützen. Wir müssen uns darauf beschränken, die verwaisten Missionen oder jungen Kirchen zu unterstützen, deren tragende Gesellschaft oder Kuratorium nicht in der Lage ist, die junge Kirche zu unterstützen. In den Fällen, in denen diese nicht in der Lage sind, zu unterstützen, muß der Grund die Verschiebung der Finanzlage durch den letzten Krieg sein.D.h., wir könnten nur dann eine Unterstützung des Projekts für Surguja rechtfertigen, wenn es zur legitimen Verantwortlichkeit der G.E.L. Kirche gehört. Auf dieser Grundlage, von der aus die Kommission die ihr zur Verfügung gestellten Gelder des National Lutheran Council verwenden muß, ist unser Exekutiv-Kommittee übereingekommen, daß wir unter den folgenden Bedingungen eine begrenzte Unterstützungssumme geben könnten:

1.)Die Lutheran National Mission Society beauftragt die G.E.L. Kirche mit dieser Arbeit.
2.)Die Gossner E.L. Kirche überträgt die Verantwortung für die Aufsicht über die Arbeit in diesem neuen Gebiet dem geplanten Pionier-Ausschuß. Wir verstehen diesen Pionier-Ausschuß als eine von der G.E.L.Kirche geplante Einrichtung, bei der Goßnerkirche und Goßner Mission auf dem neuen Arbeitsfeld zusammenarbeiten.
3.)Berichte müssen an die G.E.L.Kirche, die Gossnermissionsgesellschaft, die F.E.L.C. und die L.N.M.S gehen. Wir würden die Berichte durch die F.E.L.C. erhalten.
4.) Alle Gelder, die wir zur Verfügung stellen würden, müßten durch die F.E.L.C. gehen.

Präsident Oberdorfer schätzte, daß eine Summe von $ 1500 nötig sein würde, um die Sache in Gang zu bringen. Präsident Lakra schätzte eine Summe von 10.000 Rupien als nötig. Das Kommittee ist bereit, das Risiko auf sich zu nehemen, daß die Kommission bei der Sitzung am 26.Sept. die Unterstützung von $ 1500 bewilligen wird. Es fügt sich gerade, daß wir vor einigen Tagen durch Einsparungen auf ei-

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nem anderen Feld diese Summe zur Verfügung haben. Wenn also dieses Geld sofort gebraucht wird, genügt die Abschrift dieses Briefes, die an Dr. Wood geht, um ihn zu bevollmächtigen, Ihnen soviel von diesen $ 1500 als Sie für das Jahr 1951 nötig haben, oder die ganze Summe zu überweisen.

Sie erwähnen in Ihrem Brief, Herr Pastor Asirvidam, daß Sie möglicherweise ausländische Mitarbeiter brauchen. Ic weiß nicht, ob es Ihnen möglich sein wird, ehe unsere Kommission der Weltmission in Breklum am 7-10 Juni zusammenkommt, die Angelegenheit ausführlich mit Präsident Oberdorfer und Präsident Lakra zu besprechen. Sollte dies möglich sein, so wäre ich Ihnen sehr dankbar, wenn Sie einen eingehenderen Plan davon geben könnten, was alles zu der Arbeit in Surguja dazugehört. Wieviele Missionare, und welcher Art (ärztlich, erziehrisch, evangelisierend) werden Sie brauchen? Wie lange glauben Sie, daß Sie sie brauchen werden? Es ist mein Anliegen, daß wir vielleicht unter den europäischen Missionsgesellschaften eine finden, die diese Kräfte zur Verfügung stellen könnten. Wenn das nicht möglich ist, könnten wir die Möglichkeiten eine amerikanische Gesellschaft zu finden, die hier helfen könnte, durchforschen. In ihrem Plan müsste auch ein Voranschlag für den Bedarf an Geldern für die Teilnahme an dieser Arbeit seitens der G.E.L.Kirche für 1952 enthalten sein. Könnte dieses Projekt im Jahr 1953 ohne Hilfe weitergeführt werden? Wenn nicht in diesem Jahr, dann im Jahr 1954 usw ?

Ich meine, Sie sollten auch angeben, wie Sie zu den oben erwähnten Bedingungen, die unser Exekutiv-Kommittee gemacht hat, stehen. Wenn Sie Vorschläge für eine Abänderung haben, werden wir diese der Kommission, wenn sie Ende Sept. tagt, vorlegen. Unser Kommittee ist ganz Ihrer Meinung, Herr Pastor Asirvidam, daß, wenn die Lutheraner Schwierigkeiten haben sollten, die ihnen gebotene Gelegenheit im Rewa-Korea (Dorea?)-Surgujgebiet auszunutzen, wir dann den NNC nicht bitten können, die Übertragung der Gebiete an die Disciples-(Apostoliker?)Mission zurückzuhalten.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Fredrik A, Schiotz

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MEMORANDUM

TO DIRECTORS OF GERMAN MISSION SOCIETIES,
who at Neuendettelsau agreed to assume 25 % of the grant expected from the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions:

The last part of September, our Commission will hold its annual meeting where the main business item will be to study budget requests for 1952. In order that we may have time to duplicate reports and study requests so that each member of our Commission may receive a copy sufficient weeks before he comes to the meeting, it will be necessary for us to receive in our office a statement of requested help for 1952 not later than July 1. This request for help should be supported by an estimated budget statement showing anticipated receipts and anticipated expenditures for the year 1952.

We realize that this cannot be an exact statement, but we believe that it is possible for every field to prepare a fairly accurate estimate.

In previous years we have written directly to the field requesting this estimated budget. This year, since we are looking to the German directors to carry the responsibility for supervision of work on the field, we are asking the home offices to forward the information to us.

During this current year of 1951, the societies to whom this memorandum is going have assumed 25% of the help required on the field. It was our hope during the discussions at Neuendettelsau that for 1952 your societies might assume a larger proportion of the budget needs than 25%. In your request for help, please be sure to indicate what you estimate your society will be able to contribute toward the work in 1952.

Faternally,

Fredrik A. Schiotz

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Dictated but not read.
(Please turn over for list of individuals to whom this memorandum is sent)

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April 3, 1951

The Reverend Hans Lokies, Director
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Dear Brother Lokies:

Thank you for your two letters of February 9 and 10.

It was a pleasure to read about the action of your Berlin "Provinzialsynode". I have been hungry to hear some report similar to this from the Chinese Christians. There is no doubt that many of them have stood up to the limitations that Government has imposed upon them, but there has been no group testimony of the kind which your Synod meeting is an expression of. Perhaps we must say that the Church in China is too young for us to expect such mature spiritual fruit.

I received a letter from Brother Schultz shortly after his arrival in Ranchi. His heart seemed to be full of gratitude for the privilege of being on Indian ground, with the opportunity to serve those to whom God has called him to give his life.

Thank you for the information that you will be making your remittances for your missionaries through the account that Missionary Klimkeit has opened in the Lloyd Bank Limited of Calcutta.

Yes, the sum of Rs. 22,073 covers the total missionary budget for the G.E.L. Church for 1951, and includes the salary of Brother Schultz. I am enclosing a copy of this budget showing the breakdown, for your information. The total sum of Rs. 29,430 has been reduced by 25%, making a net grant from us of Rs. 22,073.

God willing, we shall hope to see you at Breklum during the first week in June.

Sincerely,

Fredrik A. Schiotz

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The Rev. J.D. Asirvadam,

"Arulagam", Tambaram,
11th March 1951

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Dear Dr. Schiotz,

I am grateful to you for your letter of February 26th wherein you deal with my tentative reference to you of our decision at Guntur to place our problem regarding the most hopeful piece of missionary work to be undertaken by Lutherans in the newly opened area of Surguja with a very large hill tribe population.

The decision referred to was not by the federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches but by an informal conference of delegates from the various Churches who met at Saint Matthews Church, Guntur from 5-30 to 7-30 P.M. to consider the specific problems relating to the work of the Lutheran National Missionary Society of India.

The National Missionary Society is an interdenominational body founded on Christmas Day 1905 at Serampore with a view to unite all Christians in the task of evangelising the unreached parts of India and the neighbouring lands. From the very beginning the various Lutheran bodies in India especially in South India took a warm interest in this appeal of the N.M.S. to the Churches in India and in January 1916 a Lutheran National Missionary Committee was set up. On this Committee there were representatives of the T.E.L.C., D.M.S. (now Arcot Lutheran Church), the Guntur Synod, the Rajahmundry Synod and the then Hermannsberg Mission which was later cared for by the Ohio Mission now known as the A.L.C.M. Even before the formation of the F.E.L.C. this Indian Missionary Society has been functioning. In fact united missionary enterprise was the first bond that united Indian Lutheran Churches and it continues to be the one big practical activity in which all the Lutherans in India have been united. In later years the Swedish Mission of Chhindwara, now the Madhya Pradesh E.L.C., the Gossner Church, the Jeypore Church and the Santhal Church have also co-operated.

The first four fields of this interdenominational body were Montgomery in the Punjab now Pakistan assigned to the Anglicans, a part of the former United Provinces, now called Uttar Pradesh, assigned to the Presbyterians in North India, Omalur Taluk of the Salem District assigned to the South India United Church (one of the three bodies which now form the Church of South India) and North Kanara assigned to the Marthoma Syrian Church. The fifth field Rewa has been assigned to the Lutherans. From the very beginning the N.M.S. stipulated that with a view to get a sufficiently challenging field all the Lutherans in India should unite and the reason why Rewa and the neighbourhood was assigned to us was that in this hilly area stretched from Rewa to Chota Nagpur there was a strong hill tribe population and as the Lutheran Church has the necessary personnel to evangelise the hill tribe of Rewa, Korea and Surguja it appeared to the N.M.S. that this would be the obvious field which the Lutherans could work most effectively.

All these three States were ruled by Maharajahs who would not allow Christian missionaries to settle down within their territory. So the Lutheran section of the N.M.S. after various explorations built up its stations on the South-Eastern border of Rewa with Murwahi as its headquarters and from there through the schools and the hostels built up for educating boys from Rewa villages. Rev. S. Gnanabaranam of the Tamil Church and later Rev. B.J. Krupadanam of

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the Andhra Church have penetrated into a section of South-East of Rewa.

In 1949 the Constitution for the Indian Union was passed on November 26th and on the same day came into immediate operation the Articles of the Constitution relating to citizenship and rights of citizens - two months prior to the inauguration of the Republic of the Indian Union on January 26, 1950, when the entire Constitution came into operation. According to this Constitution citizens of all the States within India are citizens of the Indian Union, and as such have the right to move to and settle down in, any part of India, and also the right to profess, preach and propagate is among the fundamental rights of the citizens and so since 26th November 1949 our missionaries have gone into these areas till now not open to the Gospel and some of our workers were placed right within Rewa and also from one of the centres our missionaries could penetrate into Korea and in fact in two places Manindragarh and Vaikuntapur, the capital, the Christians, who have gone there on account of their work, have been gathered into small congregations for regular Sunday worship.

Surguja has a very large hill tribe population chiefly Uraon. You know that the main sections of the Gossner Church are Mundas and Uraons. Rev. Joel Lakra and Rev. Tiga are Uraons. These hill tribes own lands and the Uraons especially are intelligent men with qualities of sturdy independence and leadership. The Gossner Church has always looked to Surguja as a possible field for development. You would notice that they had already penetrated into other neighbouring States from Ranchi District, viz. Gangpur, Jashpur and Udaipur. Now that the ban to enter Surguja has been removed the Gossner personnel would be available for helping in the missionary programme of the Lutheran N.M.S.

There are certain Missions to the south of Surguja which are anxious to enter Surguja especially the Disciples Mission under the leadership of Dr. D.A. McGavran. He has interested the National Christian Council in the matter.

When I met the missionaries at Bilaspur in September 1950, the Rev. Krupadanam was asked to explore the Surguja area and make proposals. In the meanwhile the N.C.C. had convenced a meeting of representatives of missionary societies likely to be interested in the Surguja work. Apart from Dr. McGavran the man who knew the facts about Surguja was our missionary Rev. B.J. Krupadanam, B.A., B.D., and he was asked to collect further materials to be placed before the next meeting. The President of the Gossner Church had also been invited to this meeting in the first half of October, but he could not be present. When I was at Nagpur at the end of October for the Triennial Session of the National Christian Council and for the ordination of Dr. Manikam, the Rev. R.W. Scot, N.C.C. Secretary in charge of Evangelism urged me that I should turn the attention of the Lutheran N.M.S. to Surguja where there was an immediate prospect of gathering large congregations.

The National Missionary Society held the Triennial Session of its Council at Hyderabad at the end of December. Bishop S.K. Mandal of the Methodist Episcopal Church is the President of the Society. He is also the President of the N.C.C. At this time the Lutheran N.M.S. Executive met at Hyderabad at which Rev. Lakra also was present and we decided that we should open work not only in Rewa but also in Surguja and we recommended both to our Lutheran N.M.S. Council and to the N.M.S. Executive that we should open a Mission

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Station at Ambikapur, the capital of Surguja. At the time of the Guntur Session of the F.E.L.C. Conference at the end of January 1951, the problems of the Lutheran N.M.S. work were placed before the Conference of delegates at an informalmeeting held after the Federation Session was over. At this informal conference all who were interested in the work were requested to be present. Prof. Sundkler was also with us. Though the Lutheran N.M.S. is not officially connected with the Federation, the Federation is naturally interested in this missionary project and in its various meetings has accepted the Lutheran N.M.S. as the missionary agency of the Lutheran Churches in India. Administratively we are related to National Missionary Society, an interdenominational body but ecclesiastically we have very strong connections with the F.E.L.C. and in fact we usually present our major problems to the F.E.L.C. for discussion. It was on the advice of the F.E.L.C. that the revised Constitution of the Lutheran N.M.S. Council has been adopted as a result of which the representation of the Lutheran Churches on the Lutheran N.M.S. Council is made ex-officio in the case of Presidents of the Churches if they happen to be Indians. If the President is a non-Indian, then the Executive of the Constituent Church of the F.E.L.C. is requested to appoint one of the Indian Officers, the Vice-President or Secretary or Treasurer to be their representative. Certain Churches which make large contributions send a second representative and these representatives also are appointed either by the Executive of the Constituent Church of the F.E.L.C. or by the N.M.S. Committee appointed by the Synod of the Constituent Church concerned. You will therefore see that the connection of the Lutheran N.M.S. with the various Lutheran Churches is very intimate and we have always functioned with the goodwill and the moral and spiritual backing of the F.E.L.C.

When in response to the invitation of the Federation Officers I presented the report of the Lutheran N.M.S. at the regular session of the F.E.L.C. Conference on 30th January I spoke about the Surguja problem and I said that though the final action is to be taken by the Lutheran N.M.S. Council and the N.M.S. my own feeling was that we should retain the middle part of Surguja because Ambikapur, the capital wherein we had decided to start our work will lie on the projected railway line which will connect the line along which we are already working from Anuppur in Rewa to Chirimiri in Korea with Lohardaga, a strong Gossner centre in the Ranchi District. I said I was willing that the N.C.C. invites Missions working in the North of Surguja to become responsible for North Surguja and Missions working to the South of Surguja to become responsible for South Surguja but I felt strongly that we should have the middle part which would connect Rewa and Korea with Lohardaga and Ranchi. Of course this was the only my personal suggestion. The Federation heard my report with very great interest and there was the general feeling of satisfaction that we are standing before the threshold of large developments.

But this problem was discussed at greater length at the informal conference convened by me as the President of the Lutheran N.M.S. to consider the problems of the work in Rewa, Korea and Surguja and there I pointed out the reason why this area has been assigned to us by the N.M.S. We have the hill tribe personnal of the large Gossner Church which other Missions do not have. The one other Protestant Mission which has the needed personnel though on a smaller scale is the Anglican Church but the Bishop of Chota Nagpur had informed the N.C.C. that he did not propose to enter Surguja as

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it was outside his diocese. So the only body which can efficiently handle the situation is the Lutheran Church. Some of the members especially Rev. Emmanuel Raman of the Swedish Mission and the Madhya Pradesh Lutheran Church stated that the Lutherans should retain the whole of Surguja as their field as was contemplated by the N.M.S. Others also felt that we should try to conserve ecclesiastical homeogeniety in the whole area. In these days where people recognise the sin of division within the Church of Christ we should take every step possible to implement the N.M.S. principle of one area one Church.

The Gossner Church is willing to pledge adequate personnel by transferring to the N.M.S. the required number of pastors and evangelists of the Uraon tribe but I pointed out that within our Indian resources we may not be able to do very much and therefore unless the Church from abroad is willing to step in and help us to retain this area as a Lutheran area we ought not to turn away other people but I feel that we have the right to ask others to keep their hands off provided the Lutheran N.M.S. is able to mobilise personnel and money to handle this very large task adequately.

Dr. McGavran told the N.M.S. Secretary recently at Nagpur that he hopes that if all the Missions unite and form a united Mission Council into which Dr. McGavran as an American would bring in money and the Gossner Church will bring in the personnel, then 20.000 people can be gathered into the Church within a few years.

I spent three days with President C.W. Oberdorfer as his Church had invited me to present the N.M.S. cause to their workers in various centres and when he heard the full story he was so much interested in the matter that he felt that the Lutheran N.M.S. proposal should receive full backing both from the Federation and from the L.W.F. What I said in confidence to him was that if we organise the work properly we could in five years gather in 10.000. I requested him not to publicise the figure but we are standing before very great possibilities and the outcome may be very much more successful than even I dare predict.

As the matter required immediate handling the Lutheran N.M.S. at its meeting held at Guntur on 1st February 1951 not only decided to open work both in Rewa and in Surguja but RESOLVED to send a delegation to the spot and acquire necessary properties. Rev.E. Raman of Saugor, Rev. Joel Lakra of Ranchi and the newly appointed Uraon Pastor, Rev. A.J. Tirkey and the Treasurer of the Lutheran M.M.S., Mr. Martin Henry (Assistant Treasurer of the A.E.L.C.) and our two missionaries were at Ambikapur. Rev. and Mrs. Lakra arrived one day later along with Pastor Tirkey, the Pastor-Designate for Ambikapur and Pastor Kujur, the Synod President of the neighbouring area in the Ranchi District. Even before the jeep brought the Ranchi group to Ambikapur, the delegation had already on the recommendation of Rev. Krupadanam decided to buy thirty three cents of land right in Ambikapur for Rs. 1550/- and later along with President Lakra of Ranchi they visited a group of villages two miles away and they have decided to purchase a property with an extent of five acres for Rs. 750/-. Rev. Tirkey wishes to live right in the midst of these Uraons and Rev. Krupadanam would reside at Ambikapur. The Ranchi group stayed back and conducted the conversations with the Uraon people and they are most enthusiastic about the steps that we are taking and Rev. Lakra says that as soon as the pastor takes up residence in the field on 1st March we could expect catechumens being enrolled and instructed for baptism.

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One of the missionaries from the Disciples Mission was also at that time at Ambikapur along with the theological students and they were camping in tents and preaching but Rev. Lakra says that that method will never work among the hill tribes. Rev. Tirkey and his Uraon workers have been well trained in the technique of hill tribe work and therefore we may feel confident that good results will follow. Rev. Lakra, Rev. Raman and Mr. Martin Henry and the missionaries have written most enthusiastically about the prospects of this work. Prof. B. Sundkler was also convinced that here was a situation where the missionary task must be handled in this new area on the principle of partnership.

There are two ways in which our aim of conserving Surguja as a field for Lutherans can be effected. If we have a convincing scheme, we could tell the National Christian Council that we do not want non-Lutherans to compete in this area. (1) The work be organised under the N.M.S. which is an interdenominational body commanding wide respect throughout India and the N.M.S. gives us absolute financial autonomy in regard to our work. We determine the budget and we send the Lutheran workers. The appointment of the missionary is to be approved by the N.M.S. which is a formal matter.

The Lutheran N.M.S. in close co-operation with the Federation Officers will be handling the situation and we shall welcome any missionary societies designating missionary personnel and providing the needed support for them. If the missionary societies concerned want the properties, the bungalows etc. which are bought in the field to be held in trust for those missionary societies with the right to sell and take over the sale proceeds we shall be willing to this but any foreign personnel under this system will be working within the N.M.S. set up. The missionaries from abroad will be full members of the Missionary Conference and the Field Committee will initiate proposals for decision by the Lutheran N.M.S. and final ratification by the N.M.S. In this connection I may say that when at the end of the first World War it became clear that the German missionaries would not be allowed to return to India and the Church in Chota Nagpur did not want to go into alliance with the Anglican Church, the then National Missionary Council (N.M.C.) (which has now been succeeded by the N.C.C.) was considering various proposals for a proper administration for the Gossner work. When Dr. Aberly as a member of the N.M.C. found that American Lutheran Missions were not acceptable to Government, he consulted the National Missionary Society and received an assurance from the National Lutheran Council of America that if the N.M.S. was accepted as the administrative body the needed money will be placed at the disposal of the N.M.S. through the Lutheran Committee so that the entire Gossner work might be saved for the Lutheran Church. The N.M.S. gave the necessary consent but later another arrangement was made whereby Dr. S.K. Dutta of Lahore became the President of the Advisory Council and Dr. G.A. Rupley (later Dr. I. Cannaday) also was sent there as the Lutheran representative to function under the Advisory Council for the Gossner Church. I mention this just to show that in a similar situation the American Church was quite willing to make an arrangement under the auspices of the N.M.S.

We would like missionary personnel being made available as soon as possible but we have resources within India to find the necessary personnel but to be able to handle the situation effectively we would need a large grant towards the Surguja budget.

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Besides Ambikapur we should aim at four or more centres of work in the North, East, West and South according to the concentration of the hill tribe population in specific areas of Surguja and we must work out a detailed programme in the course of this year. I shall be willing to furnish you with the necessary detailed information in the light of any suggestions that you may make tentatively for the present.

The other possibility is that you interest some of the Churches in Europe and America to open Mission work in Surguja. In any case what the Lutheran N.M.S. envisages is that when a large enough community has been formed it will be integrated with the Gossner Church for the principle of the N.M.S. is to carry on missionary work and as soon as Churches are well organized to arrange for the Church work being carried on effectively and moving on to another unoccupied area. In this connection I may mention that at the request of the Gossner Church and in consultation with Rev. G.A. Rupley, the N.M.S. took over Jarsuguda, their remotest Mission Station built up only ten years before the outbreak of the war. It was a centre from which Mission work had just been begun in the States of Gangpur and Jashpur. We carried on effective work in this area. During the first several years we had Rev. S. Gnanabaranam, our missionary to care for the congregation with the help of a pastor from Ranchi, and we built up also a highly appreciated medical centre with Dr. Nallathambi, who had been trained as an N.M.S. medical missionary at Miraj. As soon as the missionaries returned in 1927 we turned over 2/3rds of the field to the Gossner Church so that Rev. John may be placed in Jashpur and Rev. Diller at Raj Gangpur of the Gangpur State. We retained only one third of the work, which enabled us to send Rev. Gnanabaranam to establish the work in Murwahi on the South-East border of Rewa, and after some years even that remaining one third was handed back to the Gossner Church. Our principle is to turn over Mission work to the Churches as quickly as possible. I hope I have given you an adequate picture of the background.

The following are the facts regarding the area:

Rewa: Area: 12,000 square miles - Population: 18 lakhs (1 lakh equals 100,000) according to the 1940 census. It is proposed that we confine the N.M.S. work only to South Rewa along which passes the Bengal-Nagpur Railway from Katni to Pendra Road. This will have an extent of 3500 square miles with four lakhs of people (approximate).

Korea: Area: 1600 square miles - Population: 1½ lakh.

Surguja: Area: 6000 square miles - Population 5½ lakhs.

The work in Rewa is chiefly among the Hindus and we are planning medical work and evangelistic work. The results here will be rather slow but the work in the hill tribe area especially in Surguja is bound to produce much large results and that is why we request support from L.W.F. sources.

I earnestly trust that this matter will receive your early consideration and I am sure Dr. Sundkler will gladly give his judgement regarding this matter. I am sending a copy of this letter to our Federation President so that he may also write directly to you his own opinion. Another person on whose advice and leadership we could have counted at this hour of opportunity would

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have been our revered leader Bishop J. Sandegren. I am sending him also a copy so that even if he is not able to advise you on this matter he may be fully conversant with the situation and probably in consultation with Prof. Sundkler he may also be able to send you his own recommendations.

With cordial greetings,

Yours sincerely,

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President, Lutheran N.M.S.

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As I already wrote you our Kuratorium has taken over the payment of 25% of the missionary salaries. I would be much obliged to you if you would occasionally let us know whether in the sum of Rs 22,073 as total set down in the missionary budget for the G.E.L. Church is already included the salary of Brother lic. Schultz.

Subsequent to your letter of Jan.4th concerning the budget for 1952 and the balance of accounts for 1950 we have requested Missionary Klimkeit to send us the necessary documents. We are keen that you should have the answer to your letter in time.

With many thanks from our Kuratorium to the National Lutheran Council for all the help you have hitherto given us and for the payment of the missionary salaries for the current year, and with the best wishes for your work,

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Lieber Bruder Schiotz !

Haben Sie herzlichen Dank für Ihren Brief vom 4. Januar 1951 betreffend Zahlungen an die Evangelisch-Lutherischen Goßner-Kirche in Ranchi. Ich bin Ihnen sehr dankbar für die Beifügung des detailed budget mit den Beträgen für die Missionarsgehälter, die von Dr. Wood an die Goßner-Kirche gezahlt werden. Auch wir haben auf unsere Anfrage, über welches Konto wir unseren Anteil an Missionarsgehältern an die Goßner-Kirche zahlen sollen, keine Antwort bekommen. Darum gehen unsere Zahlungen über ein Konto, das Missionar Klimkeit eingerichtet hat. Es handelt sich um folgendes Konto: Lloyd Bank Ltd. Calcutta für Missionar Klimkeit, Ranchi. Unsere Zahlungen werden monatlich geleistet. Eine andere Zahlungsweise ist vorläufig nicht möglich, weil wir Devisen immer nur in geringeren Beträgen zugeteilt bekommen.

Wie ich Ihnen bereits schrieb, hat unser Kuratorium 25 % der Missionarsgehälter übernommen. Ich wäre Ihnen nun sehr dankbar, wenn Sie uns gelegentlich mitteilen wollten, ob in dem Betrag, der in dem Missionary Budget für die G.E.L.Church mit insgesamt Rs. 22,073 angesetzt ist, auch schon das Gehalt für Bruder Li.c Schultz eingerechnet ist.

AufIhren Brief vom 4. Januar betreffend Budget für 1952 und Abrechnung für das Jahr 1950 haben wir Missionar Klimkeit gebeten, uns die erforderlichen Unterlagen zu schicken. Sie sollen die Beantwortung Ihres Briefes rechtzeitig in Händen haben.

Mit dem herzlichsten Dank unseres Kuratoriums an das National Lutheran Council für alle bisherige Hilfe und auch für die Zahlung der Missionarsgehälter im laufenden Jahr und mit den herzlichsten Segenswünschen für Ihre Arbeit

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Dear Brother Schiotz,

I am sending you separately our latest Mission-leaflet and a few reports and pictures about the sending out of Brother Schultz. We remembered the National Lutheran Council and you personally with special thankfulness on that day, for we know that without your help we would never have been able to send Brother Schultz.

Brother Schultz sent us greetings from on board and from Port Said from which we gathered that his voyage (Berlin-Hamburg-London-Bombay) had started and continued well. To-day he will have arrived in Bombay. Pray God that he will become a real friend and helper of the Church in Chota Nagpur. I t hank you again most cordially in the name of the Kuratorium for all your fraternal help.

We have just come back from our Berlin "Provinzialsynode" (for the Province Berlin-Brandenburg) which has been of far-reaching importance. The Government of the East-Zone had demanded of our Church Administration that it move its head-quarters to the East-Zone. That has been unanimously rejected. The Synod spoke with greatest truthfulness but also with the superiority of a love which embraced even the opponents. I myself had not believed it possible that such a large assembly (250 Synod-members) would unanimously take such a spiritual attitude. It was God's gift to us, and we hope that it will be of good effect on the Eastern authorities whose representatives attended all our meetings from morning till night. We had purposely arranged the meetings in the East-Sector of Berlin, and it was always Synod-members from the East-Zone who brought in the decisive arguments. I came back quite exhausted from the assembly; must settle my correspondence this evening, and am leaving to-morrow for Bavaria where the Gossner Mission also has circles of friends. I shall visit the dioceses of Augsburg, Rothenburg/Tauber and Insingen, holding lectures on the situation in the East-Zone of Germany. That the genuine Lutheran Church of Bavaria has allowed us to do so is a sign that it regards the Gossner Mission in spite of everything as soundly Lutheran. I am writing this with a slight smile in recollection of the incidents in Neuendettelsau.

With best greetings to you and the other Brethren of the National Lutheran Council, yours sincerely and gratefully,

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Dear Pastor Lokies:

Under date of Dec. 29th, 1950, I wrote and told you that our Executive Committee had recommended to the members of our Commission an appropriation of $500.00 or the equivalent of 2500 rupees, for the purchase of the bungalow at Kalunga, contingent on a similar amount being contributed by the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church and 5000 rupees being contributed by your mission society. Whenever we conduct a mail ballot, we have to have unanimous approval, before action is final. This morning we received the last vote of those outstanding from our commission members. They have approved the appropriation of $500.00 recommended by the Executive Committee.

Upon word from you that the bungalow has been purchased or is to be purchased, and that the balance of the purchase price will be contributed by your society, and the GELC, we shall be ready to transmit the $500.00 to India or to your society, or as you may direct.

With cordial greetings, I remain

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January 4, 1951

Director Hans Lokies
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Germany

Dear Brother Lokies:

I have not acknowledged your letter of November 25 in which you advised us that your Kuratorim had approved the decision to contribute 25% of the salaries for the missionaries of the Gossner Mission effective January 1, 1951. On behalf of our Commission I want to express our appreciation for this specific evidence of the continuing interest of your society for the work in India.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the budget which the Committee on Subsidized Churches of the FELC requested for the year 1951. This was approved at the meeting of our Commission December 8. You will observe from the notes on transfer funds, that I have stated that since we do not have the name of the bank with which the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church does its business, that we will continue to transfer the funds for your missionaries and for the GELC through Dr. Wood, treasurer of the Committee on Subsidized Churches of the FELC, until or unless we receive different instructions from the GELC.

In order that you may know what the funds go for during the year 1951, we are enclosing a copy of the detailed budget askings as it was transmitted to us by the Committee of the FELC. Our remittances to Dr. Wood will be on a quarterly basis. I am not sure whether he transmits the money to the treasurer of the GELC monthly, or again on a quarterly basis. You could be informed on this by writing directly to Dr. G.E. Wood, Guntur, South India.

It was a disappointment to us that Pastor Symanowski was not able to get a visa in time to visit the White House Conference.

With cordial greetings, I remain,

Sincerely,

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Memorandum to: Dr. Ihmels
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Dear Brethren:

Now that the financial administration for your work in India and for the Schleswig Holstein Society also in China (if God permits any work to be done now in China), it will be necessary for us to look to you men to provide the budget that will be studied by our Commission for the grants that may be made for 1952. Will you ~~with~~ in your correspondence with your several fields, see to it that the budget requests for 1952 is in our hands here at New York by August 1st? These budget requests should show a statement of anticipated receipts and anticipated expenditures for the year 1952, with the amount that you request as a grant from our Commission. is in your hands

Just as soon as your field officers may be able to prepare a financial report for the work covering the year 1950, we would appreciate getting a copy of this. Such financial reports should have been audited by reputable auditors before they are sent on to us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Dear Brother Schiotz,

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The only question remaining to be settled is whether in the sum granted at the time was also included the journey to Ranchi and a small sum for expenses on board. I would be very much obliged if you would answer this question so that we know what we are about.

In the meanwhile Pastor lic. Schultz has been in England for 6 weeks and has developed contacts not only with English brothers but also, above all, with Indians whom he met. It has now been arranged that he is to be sent forth by the Lutheran Church of Ostfriesland where we have many friends on Jan.7th in the parish of Aurich. Our friends of Ostfriesland have also raised the means for the outfit of Brother Schultz. On the following Sunday, Jan. 14th we shall take leave from Brother Schultz in Berlin in a divine service. All documents necessary for the entry in India have arrived.

We have good news from our Missionary Klimkeit in India. But there is one thing we are anxious about: You may know that the Kisan-Uroas in Kalunga, wealthy peasants belonging to a tribe which had hitherto maintained proud reserve towards Missions, have now decided to receive Baptism. Thus in Kalunga a beginning has been made which may initiate a greater movement. In this village there are Englishmen who would like to sell their bungalow to our mission for 10.000 Rupees. Brother Klimkeit has urgently advised Joel Lakra to accept this offer. Brothers Ihmels also drew our attention to it. According to our information at the moment the Roman Mission is negotiating with these Englishmen concerning the purchase of the premises. The intention is to house German Catholic priests there; large schools are to be built there and in this way the movement of the Kisan-Uroas towards the Lutheran Church is to be intercepted. I wrote immediately to Brother Klimkeit that we would take over 5000 Rupees. The other half was to be paid by the Church. I hope this instruction will not arrive too late. I hope to be able to raise this grant of 5000 Rupees in some way or other, although it will be difficult, beyond our regular contributions, and have assumed the guarantee for this sum towards the Church Council in Ranchi. It would be very kind of you if you would attend to this matter in the National Lutheran Council. Should the raising of the money be very urgent I should be very grateful to you for temporary help. In any case we guarantee for half of the purchase-sum from Germany.

I am very sorry that Brother Symanowski could not procure his

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documents for USA in time. I had so much been looking forward to his calling on you personally and speaking to the Lutheran congregations about our work under your direction. So God will he will come to New York next Spring. God grant us the opportunity to continue this personal contact with you.

I must not close this letter before having in the name of our Kuratorium thanked for all the brotherly help you have hitherto given us. These thanks include the grant you gave us for the construction of our third caravan-car. In the meanwhile it has been completed, and Professor Bachmann was the first to see it in the yard of our College for Church Service in Berlin-Zehlendorf. It was consecrated under prayers and intercession for all those who bear responsibility in the National Lutheran Council. Unfortunately at the moment the relationship between the East-Zone-Government and the Church of Berlin is so stressed that we shall have to wait before we can set it going. As you know we are in connection with the Lutheran Church of Saxony which intends to send the car to the Uranium district. The negotiations have lasted for some time, but here too there are great difficulties. Should the Uranium district be closed to us we shall send this caravan-car to the Oderbruch too.

We greet you with good wishes for Christmas-tide. God grant that inspite of the storm-clouds over East-Asia it may be a time and source of joy for you and all Lutheran Brothers in America.

Yours sincerly

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December 7, 1950

MEMORANDUM TO MISSION DIRECTORS:

At the meeting of the Commission on World Missions at Tutzing last summer, a Committee was appointed to study constitutions of younger churches and to report at the meeting next summer. In order to do this, it will be necessary for the Committee to obtain samples of as many constitutions as possible.

Will you be kind enough to send a copy of the constitution that may be in use for the indigenous church on the field or fields where your society or board conducts work? Send all constitutions to the Committee chairman, Director Arvid Baverfeldt, Box 111, Uppsala, SWEDEN.

Fraternally,

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Gossner Mission

December 1, 1950

The Cunard Steamship Company Limited
25 Broadway
New York 4, New York

Attention: Mr. H. Whitaker

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

We have your letter of November 30 reporting that Rev. and Mrs. Schultz and three children are booked to sail from the United Kingdom to Bombay on the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's boat CHUSAN and that they have been assigned to the four berth Cabin 615/618. We note that the passage money amounts to £ 169.0.0 or $473.30.

Herewith we are enclosing our check in the amount of $473.30 payable to the Cunard Steam-Ship Company Limited as payment in full for the passage of Rev. and Mrs. Schultz and three children.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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CARL LUND-QUIST, *Assistant Executive Director*

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In the conversations that I had with Dr. Ihmels and Dr. Poerksen at Neuendettelsau and with Director Lokies here in New York, it was agreed that in 1951 you would assume 25% of the budget for your work in India. In the instance of Dr. Poerksen, 25% was also to be assumed of the Schleswig Holstein work in China. Director Lokies indicated that the Gossner Society would assume 25% of the missionary budget in India, but would not be able to assume that amount of the budget of the indigenous church. When we talked, this decision was reached in the anticipation that financial administration of the work on these respective fields should be turned over to your societies.

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> "That the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions reaffirms its readiness to transfer financial administration of orphaned mission fields to the parent societies upon receipt of a declaration from such societies of their willingness to accept this responsibility and their readiness to assume at least 25% of the field budget under consideration, and with the understanding that future grants from the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions will be based on budget studies and a progressively reduced scale of help".

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Present:
M e m b e r s:

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Commission members Elfers and Myklebust, program committee members Sundkler, Stählin and Hall, and consultative members Schneller and Vapaavuori expressed their regrets at not being able to be present.

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Since no questions were raised concerning the minutes of last year's meeting, they were declared approved subject to the adding of the name of Director Vapaavuori among those who were present at Oxford.

It was agreed to accept the daily schedule recommended in Dr. Michelfelder's report to the Executive Committee. The schedule follows:

breakfast	7:30	meetings	14:30 - 16:30
morning prayers	8:30	tea	16:30
meetings	9:00 - 11:00	meetings	17:00 - 18:30
refreshments	11:00 - 11:30	dinner	19:00
meetings	11:30 - 12:30	evening prayers	after dinner, at table
luncheon	12:45		
		evening open for committee meetings	

Elections:

Dr. Herman Schlyter was nominated for the office of secretary by Dr. Poerksen. The Commission voted unanimously to elect Dr. Herman Schlyter as secretary for the Commission for a term of two years.

By common agreement, adjournment of this Commission was fixed for Monday afternoon, July 31, at 4:30 p.m.

By common agreement, the following working committees were appointed:

I. Committee on Report to the Executive Committee
Dr. H. Schlyter, chairman
Dr. F. A. Schiotz
Dr. P. Boendermaker
Dr. H. Meyer
Miss H. Schnock

II. Committee on Assembly Program
Director E. Amdahl, chairman
Dr. W. Freytag
Dr. H. W. Gensichen

III. Committee on Policy Statement
Dr. H. Meyer, chairman
Dr. S. Knak
Inspector C. Ronicke
Dr. C. Ihmels
Dr. S.C. Michelfelder
Dr. P. O. Bersell
Director A. Baefverfeldt
Inspector G. Günther
Inspector G. Vicedom
Pastor H. Symanowski

IV. Committee on Budget and Organization
Dr. P. Boendermaker, chairman
Dr. F. A. Schiotz
Dr. H. Meyer
Dr. H. Schlyter

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V. Committee on Resolutions and Message
Dr. A. Lehmann, chairman
Dr. C. Rendtorff
Mrs. J. Bodensieck
Dr. C. Endemann
Mrs. C. W. Baker

VI. Committee on Property
Dr. M. Poerksen, chairman
Dr. E. Moll
Director B. Pernow
Mr. C. Lutz
Pastor G. Hedenquist

The working committees were asked to submit their reports not later than Sunday afternoon, July 30th.

Dr. Michelfelder reminded the Commission that this group was the first one out of the 15 LWF Commissions to be activated and is a sort of experimental group. After his recent visit to the Holy Land he felt all the more the urge that the whole LWF in all its manifold activities ought to live up to the high reputation it has gained among the population of the Holy Land. This Commission, like the others, should put more emphasis on the word "responsibility" than "opportunity".

Agenda

VOTED: The Agenda was approved as submitted, and the Commission proceeded to its consideration seriatim. The various representatives of mission societies and Commission members gave a review of the work on the following mission fields:

South Africa	China	Japan
Tanganyika	India	New Guinea
Madagascar	Indonesia	Holy Land

Tanganyika

Dr. Schiotz reported that the rumour that American missionaries are opposed to the return of German missionaries is false. The only thing that the Americans have insisted upon is that the indigenous church be consulted in any steps that may be taken with reference to the future of the work. It was further reported that an unofficial inquiry had been made to secure the permission of the Tanganyika government for Professor Ihmels to visit Tanganyika on behalf of the German Evangelical Missionary Council when he returned from India. The government of Tanganyika replied that it could not now grant permission to a German mission director to visit Tanganyika, but encouraged that the application be renewed in a year (January 1951). It is likely that application will be made for Director Gerhard Brennecke, who is now in South Africa, to visit Tanganyika on his return trip to Germany.

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The General Administrative Committee of the Lutheran missions in Tanganyika is at work preparing a constitution for a proposed Lutheran Missions Council of Tanganyika. When this has been completed, it will be submitted to our Commission for its study and suggestions.

Madagascar

Director Amdahl reported that there are now 130,000 baptized Christians on the Madagascar field. A United Lutheran Church consisting of three synods is in process of being formed and will have its first convention as a new church on November 5, 1950. He reported further that the Malagasy Church is very favorably disposed to the establishment of an episcopal office. They understand the position of a bishop because it corresponds to their tribal social organization.

VOTED: The officers of the Commission were asked to send a congratulatory message to the Malagasy Church for their festival meeting on November 5, 1950.

China

In a discussion of the struggle of the church in China under the present Communist government, attention was called to the threat to the Christian church in the Communist propaganda that is promoted in all parts of the world. The Commission requested the Committee on Resolutions and Message and the Committee on Policy to give consideration to this issue in their reports.

Report of Committee on Mission Salary Policy and Coordination of Transportation

Attorney T. Backe, Director of the Scandinavian Missionary Flights, had been asked in Oxford to gather information concerning the salary scales prevailing among constituent mission boards and societies. He reported that he had got some materials but that he was not yet able to give a complete picture and wanted the mission directors to give him more specific items that he might ask for.

Mr. Backe reported possibilities of coordinating transport of missionaries by appointing a liaison man in each country. These liaison men should be working together to secure better service and concessions from the transportation companies. The Commission thought it wise to encourage each National Committee to pool its travel arrangements for missionaries and to request them to submit reports to next year's meeting or at an earlier date to Mr. Backe in Stockholm.

The Commission expressed its appreciation for the work that Mr. Backe had done for them.

India

In reviewing the work of the younger churches in India, Dr. Meyer reported that

1. it is expected that in January, 1951 a United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India will be launched;

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2. an FELC theological college has been organized and will begin work at Rajahmundry in July, 1951;

3. the Santal Evangelical Lutheran Church, Central Provinces Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church have adopted new agreements in which more authority and responsibility is placed in the hands of the Indian church. The Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church will get a new constitution in November which looks to stimulating more activity among the lay people.

Director Baefverfeldt gave a report on the T.E.L.C. Missionaries are now working under leadership of the church, paid by the mission but placed at the disposal of the church as voluntary workers. The home board has final authority in the selection of a bishop and in consideration of complaints against missionaries. Bungalows are mission property, but all other property has been transferred to the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church. Financial guarantees are given for a period of five years. A special board with a missionary as chairman is responsible for pioneer work. There are also other boards for special tasks like youth work and deaconess work. In the discussion, object was made that, if the disciplinary action covering missionaries is referred to the home board and if the home board elects the bishop, then the TELC is not an autonomous church. Director Baefverfeldt reported that these provisions in Document B, an agreement which has been entered into between the TELC, the Church of Sweden Mission, and the Leipzig Mission Society, are to be given further study.

VOTED: That a progress report on the new relationship established by Document B be given at next year's meeting.

Dr. Meyer reported that during the visit of Professor Ihmels and Dr. Poerksen, these two men, accompanied by Dr. R. B. Manikam, visited the home department of the government at Delhi to inquire about the status of German mission societies in India today. They were assured that German societies may function in India with the same rights and privileges of any other mission society. Dr. Meyer emphasized that this information must be considered confidential inasmuch as no peace treaty has yet been concluded between India and Germany.

The Terms of Reference prepared by the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church Council were discussed and referred for further consideration to the Committee on Policy.

The relationship of the Lutheran churches in South India to the South India Union Church was discussed at length. The question was raised whether geographical consideration or confessional loyalties can be the determining factor in any decision for or against joining the C.S.I.

VOTED: That this question should be given special consideration in the World Missions Section of the LWF Assembly, and should therefore be referred to the Program Committee.

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A request was read from the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church for assistance in the establishment and staffing of a hospital at Ranchi, India. A similar request was transmitted from the Executive Council of the FELC on behalf of the Jeypore Church asking for assistance in establishing and staffing a hospital for the West Jeypore Church.

VOTED: That Dr. Schiotz confer with the mission directors and the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions of the NLC on the possibility of assisting in these two projects.

Constitutions of Younger Churches

VOTED: The Commission instructed its officers to assemble a file of constitutions of younger churches and to make them available for committee study. Dr. Schiotz appointed Professor Sundkler, Inspector Vicedom and Director Baefverfeldt as chairman for this study. The report is to be placed on the agenda of next year's meeting.

Bishop and Mrs. Anders Nygren were given a hearty welcome on their arrival. In a brief greeting the bishop stressed that the Lutheran World Federation considers that this Commission has been assigned one of the most important pieces of work within the Federation family. This impression was strengthened immensely during his recent visit in India and Tanganyika.

Indonesia

The Chairman reported that Pastor Devanesan of the TELC has accepted a call from the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions (CYCOM) of the NLC to serve as a professor on the faculty of the Batak theological school at Sipoholon, Sumatra. Pastor Devanesan recently arrived at Sipoholon.

It was further reported that Dr. John Gronli of Minneapolis, Minn., has been called by the CYCOM as an American professor at the seminary in Sipoholon. If Mrs. Gronli recovers sufficiently from a recent operation, there is all likelihood that Dr. Gronli will accept the call.

VOTED: That we refer the request of the FELC for a statement on the status of the Batak Committee to the CYCOM of the NLC.

The Chairman referred the Commission to the minutes of the conference held between Bishop Nygren, Bishop Sandegren, Dr. Schiotz and Ephorus Sihombing of HKBP and Rev. Sirait at Rajahmundry in January 1950 and called attention to the statement of Ephorus Sihombing that the result of the conference would be laid before the great synod of the HKBP which will likely meet in November 1950. x (x)

In a letter from Dr. Visser 't Hooft to the Chairman he explained that the attitude expressed by the Ephorus as revealed in the minutes of the meeting at Rajahmundry is a misunderstanding of Dr. Visser 't Hooft's statement. He was trying to make it clear to the Ephorus that there was a possibility of help from the Anglican Church in Australia.

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VOTED: That the Executive Committee send a statement of acknowledgment and greeting to Ephorus Sihombing of the Batak Church.

Director Berner of the Rhenish Mission Society expressed it as his judgment that the action of the Batak Church in applying for membership in the LWF is the result of their gratitude for the help that has been received from the Lutheran World Federation and is not an expression of Lutheran convictions held by the Batak Church. Director Berner warned against the possible danger of a split in the Batak Church if it joins the LWF. Further discussion was deferred in light of the meeting that has been called by the IMC to be held at Neuendettelsau August 9th for a clearing of information concerning the Batak problems.

Japan

The Commission members concerned were asked to make a brief statement about such action as may have been taken by their societies or boards with reference to future mission work in Japan.

Norway: The Norwegian Lutheran Mission Society has taken up work in Japan within the last one and a half years. The Norwegian Mission Society may be sending two missionaries from the Hunan field in China for service to the Lutheran church in Japan. This will be decided on June 25, 1951.

Germany: Though some German mission societies are contemplating sending missionaries to Japan, no definite action is anticipated in the near future. East Asia Mission and Rhenish Mission are trying to initiate at least discussion about it. In Neuendettelsau some discussion on this point may take place. Dr. Knak said that it is planned to send German deaconesses out to six cities in Japan to start a Japanese Mutterhaus on the same lines as the German Mutterhäuser.

USA: Dr. Bersell reported that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the Augustana Lutheran Church are going to cooperate with the United Lutheran Church of America in mission work in Japan. This experiment in Japan is an extremely interesting one in that it will show union work between mission boards. The assignment of fields has been agreed upon with the Church of Japan. It was suggested that there be appended to the minutes of this meeting a copy of the agreement between the ULCA, ELC and the Augustana Lutheran Church.

VOTED: That this suggestion be received.

New Guinea

The Chairman assured the Commission that the resolution of the New Guinea field conference contained in the Policy Statement of the CYCOM of the NLC has been carefully considered by the missionaries before it was prepared. The Board of Foreign Missions of the American Lutheran Church has already given its approval to this request for a unified Lutheran mission field in New Guinea. Inspector Vicedom gave assurance that there is every likelihood that similar approval will be given by the Neuendettelsau Board.

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There are today 96,000 Christians on the New Guinea field, with tremendous opportunities for an expansion of the work.

Holy Land

Dr. Edwin Moll gave an eloquent comment on the report which is submitted as an exhibit in the agenda for this meeting.

Attention was called to the action of the Hashimite Kingdom of the Jordan in recognizing the Lutheran World Federation as the legal owner of the German mission properties within the Kingdom's borders and to the generous action of His Majesty, King Abdullah, in canceling the 5% title transfer tax (which likely would have amounted to 450,000 dollars).

While the Commission was in session, a cable was received from Mr. Lutz stating that the Knesseth (Jewish Parliament) had passed a law authorizing the office of the Finance Minister, Mr. Kaplan, to enter into agreements disposing of former German properties valued at between 16 - 18 million dollars at present currency rates.

Dr. Michelfelder commented on the providence of God in supplying Dr. Moll, who has been so thoroughly accepted by the Arabs, to represent the interests of the LWF in the Hashimite Kingdom of the Jordan, and the recent discovery of Mr. Charles Lutz, who is now representing our interests in Israel. Mr. Lutz, a Swiss government officer, serving in Budapest during the late war years, was instrumental in saving the lives of 50,000 Jews. Prior to the war he had lived in Palestine for six years, and he is a director of the Swiss section of the Syrian Orphanage Board. He is now on loan from the Swiss government to the Lutheran World Federation.

Mr. Lutz brought greetings from Jerusalem where he had been some days ago, and had enjoyed a kind reception from the Jews. He told how in the years of his residence in Palestine before the war he became acquainted with the German mission properties and was entrusted with them upon the outbreak of war.

Among the Christian people in Jerusalem there is the opinion that the Protestant church and mission work should not withdraw from Jerusalem. They might never again have an opportunity to buy property in the city.

Pastor Hedenquist was called upon to report on his trip to Israel. He first gave a short survey of his previous studies and experience in the field of mission work among the Jews in various countries. The Swedish Jew Mission, as he said, in conjunction with the Norwegian and Danish Missions, is now making efforts to establish a theological institute in the Jewish part of Jerusalem where young theological students may get into close contact with Jewish students studying at the Hebrew university. The university uses 36 different buildings in the new part of the city. Six students are to go each year to study with the Jewish students in this institute.

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The IMC had asked Pastor Hedenquist to promote cooperation between Protestant churches and missionary societies in Israel. In Jerusalem there are twelve churches and societies, not including the independent missionaries. Once a week their representatives meet to exchange ideas and experience.

The Israeli State is a land of about one million people. The population is growing quickly. Among the Jews in Israel there are about 1,000 Protestant Jews and 1,000 Catholic Jews. Of the 65,000 Arabs in Israel 30,000 are Christians, mostly Orthodox. A man has been appointed for the care of Christian communities, Dr. Chaim Vardi, former professor of philosophy at Rome, who seemed anxious to learn more about the Lutherans. He stated that most of the Hebrew Christians are secret Christians, not daring to confess their religion.

Most of the Hebrew Christians coming from Germany or Rumania are Lutherans. They often asked what possibilities there are for attending Lutheran services and baptizing and educating their children. There is a Norwegian pastor in Haifa, Pastor Solheim, who formerly was in Rumania, now working among the 30,000 Rumanians. He asked whether this Commission would see to it that a Lutheran pastor be installed to care of the Lutherans in Israel. Some of the students of the future Swedish institute might serve in pastoral work in Jerusalem.

Director Pernow stressed the necessity of calling more attention to the mission work among the Jews, especially the student youth who will be charged with future leadership.

National Lutheran Mission Committees

At Oxford the Executive Committee took action requesting each National Committee of the LWF to appoint a national missions committee. Reports on action taken follows:

Denmark: The Danish Mission Council will function instead of a Danish Missions Committee.
Bishop A. Malmström, Viborg, chairman;
Director C. Rendtorff, Strandagervej 24, Hellerup, secretary

Germany: At present a Lutheran Missions Committee is not practicable, but the following persons may be regarded as Lutheran mission contact men:
Professor Freytag, Dr. Elfers, Dr. Poerksen, Director Neumeyer, Professor Ihmels, Professor Lehmann, Professor Stählin.

Holland: Professor Dr. P. Boendermaker, Ministerpart 17, Hilversum, chairman; Dr. J. Hallewas, Pekela, secretary

Norway: (committee not established yet) Director Einar Amdahl, Stavanger, interim chairman; Rev. Ernst Hallen, Holbergsgate 23, Oslo, interim secretary

Sweden: Director Arvid Baefverfeldt, Uppsala, chairman;
Dr. Herman Schlyter, Lund, secretary

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USA: (The Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference serves the purpose of a National Lutheran Missions Committee).
Dr. T. P. Fricke, 57 East Main Street, Columbus, Ohio;
Dr. Luther Gotwald, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N.Y.

Finland: No report has come of the organization of a Lutheran Missions Committee for Finland, but the contact person will continue to be the director of the Finnish Mission Society, Rev. Tuure Vapaavuori.

Trusteeship for Mission Properties

It was reported that the Lutheran center at 33 Granville Road, Kowloon, Hongkong, China, now registered in the name of the NLC of the United States, will be transferred to the Lutheran World Federation.

The property in New Guinea is registered in the name of an Australian corporation with trustees from the UELCA and the Lutheran missionaries in New Guinea. This registration of property in the name of an Australian corporation spared the New Guinea field from confiscation of properties and made the mission eligible for the collection of war indemnity compensation.

Dr. Schiotz reported that in his conversations with the Department of External Territories at Canberra, he was reminded that, although the government does not object to properly screened German personnel working on the field in New Guinea, the government insists that German societies are not to be given official status as societies in New Guinea. If any reports are made from the field and are to be sent to the Neuendettelsau Society in Germany, such reports must be sent via New York.

The National Lutheran Council is now legally registered to hold property in Tanganyika. The beginning of vesting German properties in the name of the NLC has been made and approximately one half of the cash compensation for properties purchased by the government from the NLC German mission society holdings has been made. In any disposition of funds obtained from such compensation, each of the German mission societies will be consulted. The Berlin Mission Society has approved the proposal of CYCOM to the transfer of £36,000 of funds accruing from the sale of properties formerly owned by the Berlin Mission to its field in South Africa to be applied on indebtedness of the Berlin Mission Society in South Africa.

It was reported that in Dar es Salaam there is a piece of property which includes a church, a parsonage, and a missionary rest home which prior to the war belonged to the Deutsche Evangelische Kirchengemeinde. When the Tanganyika Government ex-appropriated all German properties in the territory, it named the National Lutheran Council as the successor mission for the Berlin Mission Society, the Bethel Mission Society, the Leipzig Mission Society, and the Deutsche Evangelische Kirchengemeinde, and is now in the process of vesting the properties of these organizations in the name of the National Lutheran Council. Because of the relationship of the Deutsche Evangelische Kirchengemeinde to the Kirchliches Aussenamt, the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions of the NLC, in notifying the German mission societies of the Tanganyika Government's actions, also advised the office of the Kirchliches Aussenamt. This was done in a letter under date of October 28, 1949.

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In a letter dated July 17th, 1950, the Kirchliches Aussenamt wrote to the office of the CYCOM of the NLC inquiring about the value of the Deutsche Evangelische Kirchengemeinde property in Dar es Salaam. This letter stated that after World War I the property in question was evaluated at 237,000 M.

The question of the National Lutheran Council's spiritual responsibility to the African church and to the LWF was raised and discussed. The Commission gave it as its judgment that the Council's responsibility is to the emerging African church for whom the German societies established their missionary work. At present there is no German congregation in Dar es Salaam. The property has therefore been placed at the disposal of the African church and the missionary work. Should the need arise for a German congregation in Dar es Salaam, it might be suggested to the National Lutheran Council that it confer with the Kirchliches Aussenamt and the African church about possibilities of sharing the use of the church building.

Excerpts were read from a letter from Dr. George N. Anderson, Director of the work in Tanganyika, reporting on a personal conversation with His Excellency, the Governor, wherein His Excellency had expressed willingness to give sympathetic consideration to the return of a restricted number of selected German personnel for missionary work in Tanganyika.

Director Baefverfeldt raised the question as to who should hold leases in such work as is being done by the Church of Sweden Mission in the province of Bukoba in Tanganyika.

VOTED: That in the matter of holding leases, it seems undesirable that either NLC or any society should hold a lease on such properties as may have been rented by the government for mission purposes, but that such leases should be held by the proposed Lutheran Mission Council (when it becomes incopporated). (To be referred to CYCOM-NLC).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

In discussing the financing of the Mission Section in the 1952 Assembly, Dr. Michelfelder expressed it as his judgment that the Commission on World Missions would have to provide its own funds in connection with the Mission Section, but that it is possible that assistance may be secured from the Executive Committee for financing the mission contribution to the plenary session and to the mass meeting.

Program Committee

Director Amdahl, chairman of the Program Committee, called upon the secretary, Dr. Gensichen, to read the report. The report was adopted as follows:

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Recommendations of the Committee on the
Program of the 1952 Assembly.

A. General Theme - as submitted by the Executive Secretary:

"The Lutheran Church Accepting Responsibility for World Missions"
(Matt. 28:19, 20 -Acts 4:12)

B. Activities of the Section on World Missions

1. Social hour or luncheon for all delegates registered for the World Missions Section of the Assembly.

2. Daily meetings of the World MissionssSection to be held in the afternoons (probably 8 or 9 meetings).

3. Meeting with the Assembly delegates, possibly in the morning of the second day.

4. Mass meeting on one night.

C. Sectional Topics

1. For the afternoon meetings:
   a. The Lutheran Conception of Church and Church Autonomy.
   Editor for collating and editing study materials -
   Dr. Fr. Hübner, Hannover, Germany

   b. The Lutheran Church and Ecumenical Movements on the Mission Fields.
   Editor: Dr. H. Meyer, Koraput, India
   (Topic b has to deal with the Lutheran point of view concerning movements of church union in the younger churches.)

   c. Possibilities and Limitations of Cooperation among Lutherans.
   Editor: Director A. Baefverfeldt, Uppsala, Sweden

   d. The Partnership between the Younger Churches and the Agencies of the Sending Churches.
   Editor: Dr. F. B. Irvin; Co-editors: Rev. Devaprasad, Rev. J. Tiga

   e. The Lutheran Message Confronting New Religious Movements.
   (Under topic e it is proposed that we seek a clear statement of the Lutheran testimony and answer as we confront modern religious movements: totalitarian of a Communist or nationalistic character, syncretism in the form of a politically sponsored renaissance of ancient religions, and secularism.
   Co-editors: Dr. George Hall, St. Peter, Minn.; Dr. A.S. Burgess, St. Paul, Minn.
   Correspondents: Rev. F. Scriba (South Africa); Supt. John Kuder (New Guinea); Mr. Donald Flatt (East Africa); Dr. Liemar Hennig, Pastor Kichi (Japan)

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f. The Lutheran Church in Communist Areas.
Editor: Superintendent Thorvald Gogstad, Canton, China

g. a) The Training for the Ministry in the Lutheran Church.

b) Lay Responsibility and Activity in the Church.

Editor: Dr. Gustav Carlberg, in cooperation with Pastor G. Pilhofer, Neuendettelsau, Dr. Sigfrid Estborn, Bishop Halfdan Hoegsbro, and (b) Mr. Wilh. Flierl, Pastor Gedisa, Dr. Martin Yang, Pastor Lamm, Mr. Kadullna.

h. The Promotion of Lutheran Literature and Periodicals for the Younger Churches.
Editor: Prof. Bengt Sundkler, Uppsala (also acting as chief editor)

(Topics a, d, f, h had been proposed in Oxford, 1949)
(Topics b, c, e have now been added)

2. For a Plenary Session of the Assembly

Theme: Evangelism and Missions.

Addresses:
a. Lutheran Theology and World Missions.
(Names submitted in the order in which speakers are to be invited)
Dr. Wingren, Professors Schlink and Tiililä

b. Lutheran Ethics and Missionary Practice.
Professors Stählin, Köberle, Rev. Peltola

It was suggested that the vice-president or one of the members of the Executive Committee be invited to preside.

3. For the Mass Meeting

a. A general 30 min. address giving a survey of the missionary enterprise against the background of today's world.

b. A personal statement of Christian experience by four representatives from younger churches (8 min. each).

D. Revised Time-Table for Group Study Work

April 1, 1951 - First draft of study findings to be ready to be sent to editors for revision.

July 1, 1951 - Revised study findings to be sent to editor in chief, Professor Bengt Sundkler.

Sept. 1, 1951 - Editor in chief returns study findings to study groups.

Febr. 1, 1952 - Second draft ready to be duplicated and mailed to section delegates.

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Committee on Organization and Budget

Professor Boendermaker, the chairman of the Committee on Organization and Budget, called upon the secretary, Dr. H. Schlyter, to read the report. The report as adopted follows:

I. Organization

1. In these days when colonialism is disappearing and new nations are being born whose representatives constantly meet with representatives of the older nations in the councils of the United Nations - the necessity of the church to recognize the rising leadership in the younger churches takes on new importance.

VOTED: That an effort be made to add two younger churchmen as consultative members of the CWM for the years 1951 and 1952 and that the travel funds for these representatives be sought from Lutheran missionary societies and boards.

In an explorative meeting with several mission directors the following plan was proposed for 1951:

a) That President Joel Lakra of Ranchi, India, and a national from Tanganyika, who is to be appointed by the GAC in Tanganyika, be invited.

b) Travel expenses be assumed by the following in the ratio indicated:

FELC of India	5%
Tanganyika churches	5%
US Boards	50%
Finland	token gifts
France	" "
Australia, Scandinavia, Germany and Holland	40%

c) That these two representatives be asked to invest one month in congregational deputation work in Germany and Scandinavia.

2. Last year at Oxford we encouraged all national committees on world missions to work in close cooperation with the IMC. The Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions of NLC has conducted its work in frequent consultation with the officers of the IMC.

VOTED: That the Commission request authorization from the Executive Committee to invite the IMC to send a representative - at its own expense - to attend the annual meeting of the CWM.

3. VOTED: That if Dr. Michelfelder's recommendation to the Executive Committee that a News Bulletin service be placed at the disposal of Lutheran periodicals, is accepted, the national committees on world missions be requested to elect a person to be responsible for transmitting current missionary news to the Geneva office by the first of each month.

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4. VOTED: That in the interest of sharing information from Lutheran missions a Lutheran World Mission Handbook be prepared and published every five years. It is suggested that the first such Handbook be ready for the 1952 Assembly.

In the light of Dr. Michelfelder's suggestion that Dr. J. Igor Bella might give part of his time to the collating and editing of materials for the Handbook, we request Dr. Arno Lehmann to prepare an outline of such materials as should be included in the Handbook.

VOTED: That it is the sense of this meeting that the 1951 Commission meeting be held before the convening of the Executive Committee of the LWF.

II. Budget

The present plan for handling the travel expenses for the members of the CWM requires that the national committees of the churches from which the Commission members come, shall pay the travel expenses. This plan has proved unworkable. We therefore suggest that the plan for meeting travel expenses for Commission meetings be reconsidered. If consideration should be given to include the expenses of the Commission in the budget of the LWF, we recommend the following expenditure budget for 1951:

Travel expenses from	
Sweden	$100
Breklum	60
Holland	60
Hermannsburg	50
Norway	120
New York	750
	$1,140
Chairman Assembly Program Committee	$120
Postage	100
Supplies	50
	$1,410

Committee on Resolutions and Message

The chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and Message, Professor A. Lehmann, presented the following report:

A GREETING TO OUR CHRISTIAN BRETHREN

As your fellow Christians we feel constrained to send you a word of compassion and encouragement in your hour of trial and to assure you of our constant and earnest prayers on your behalf for guidance and strength of faith.

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Now for a season you are in heaviness (1 Peter 1:7) but remember: our Master Jesus Christ Himself went the road of the Cross. He suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow in His steps (1 Peter 1:21); suffering has been a characteristic mark of Christian experience through the ages. Therefore, when you suffer, think not that some strange thing has happened to you (1 Peter 4:11).

May God keep you from succumbing to the temptation of seeking security or help anywhere else than in Him alone (Psalm 118:8 and 9). May He give you strength to serve Him, while it is day, to help save men, and to do good to all. May He give you wisdom and courage to confess Him and to testify of His love at all times, even while your hearts are filled with grief. May He keep and preserve you in the one true faith.

Above all, remember that the blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sin, His resurrection has taken away the sting of death, and His ascension has opened for us the gate of heaven. Looking forward to His glorious return when He will establish His Eternal Kingdom, "rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, continue instant in prayer" (Rom. 12:12)!

VOTED: That this message be sent to Rev. Arthur Olson's office, Hongkong; to Dr. Moll's office, Jerusalem; and to non-Lutheran mission authorities having work in Korea.

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A CALL TO ALL OUR CHRISTIAN BRETHREN IN A TIME OF HARDSHIP AND TRIAL

Mindful of our own failures and weaknesses and in a spirit of humility, we beseech you, brethren:

Put all your trust in God alone -
Fear Him and nothing else -
Look for help nowhere else than in God -
Listen first and foremost to the Word of God -
Stand firmly upon the solid ground of the Bible -
Love and faithfully use the holy sacraments -
Be steadfast in confessing Christ the Savior before men -
Exercise faithful stewardship in the use of all God-given talents, your time, and your possessions -
Realize your responsibilities as members of the Christian Church in participating wholeheartedly in the various activities of the Church and do not leave the Church's work to the pastors alone -
Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord -
Train your young people now to become staunch defenders of the faith -
Pray God to give you genuine love of all men, unselfish devotion to their welfare and fervent zeal for their salvation -
And look expectantly for the coming of the Lord who will make all things new.

VOTED: That this message be sent to all directors of mission boards and societies for transmission to all friends of world missions and to the younger churches.

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Committee on Property

The report of the Committee on Property, presented by its chairman, Dr. Poerksen, is presented as it was amended and adopted:

See part III of the minutes of last year:
"The LWF offers to serve Lutheran mission societies and boards as trustees - taking title to mission properties - wherever a society or board requests such assistance for the protection of its property interests." -

It is recognized that there are a number of questions that need clarification in connection with the offer to assume titles to mission properties. It is recommended that the Geneva office prepare a statement of such conditions to be transmitted with this renewed offer.

The request of the West Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church of India that the LWF assume title to its properties is referred to the Executive Committee of the LWF for its favorable consideration.

Committee on Policy

The Committee on Policy established several subcommittees and reported through the chairmen of these

The report presented by Dr. Baefverfeldt, as adopted, follows:

1. South Africa

In view of the serious race tensions prevailing in South Africa, that a study be made of the problems occasioned for the Lutheran Church by the apartheid legislation, giving renewed consideration to the word of the Gospel in this problem. We believe that such a problem can be fruitfully studied only if it is done cooperatively by missionaries and younger churchmen. Inasmuch as directors Elfers and Brennecke are now on the field in South Africa, we suggest that they be invited to initiate the studies and to give a report to the next meeting of the Commission. We further suggest that Professor Bengt Sundkler of Uppsala be asked to prepare an outline guide for the study.

We acknowledge with joy the report that the Africans are being given more and more positions of leadership within the church.

2. East Africa

1) We appreciate the progress in self-support and in the promotion of the Gospel in the Lutheran congregations in Tanganyika during the last year, and we commend the movement of cooperation between the several groups in the Lutheran federation in Tanganyika looking to building one indigenous Lutheran church in East Africa.

2) We express our appreciation of the efforts to strengthen the training of church leaders, and we hope that this very important work will be implemented and improved more and more.

3) For this purpose we earnestly suggest that two missionaries be assigned the task of training African pastors in the theological seminary at Lwandai.

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4) We stress the necessity of providing sufficient theological literature in the Swahili language.

5) We commend points 3 and 4 to the attention of the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions of the National Lutheran Council.

Other reports of the Committee on Policy were presented by the chairman, Dr. Meyer. These reports as amended and adopted follow:

3. The Holy Land

1) We express our deep gratitude for the work being done in the Holy Land by those serving the Lutheran task in the relief work and in proclaiming the Gospel.

2) We appreciate the fact that through this work an Arabic Evangelical Lutheran Church is emerging out of five different Lutheran missions.

We recommend

a) That this Church, as soon as possible, work out its own constitution;

b. Petition the government to obtain recognition as a free Lutheran Church, within the Hashimite Kingdom of the Jordan;

c. Make an application to the Lutheran World Federation for full membership.

3) We recommend that the church property in Haifa and Jaffa be placed at the disposal of the Norwegian Missionary Society in due time if and when the Israeli government is prepared to transfer title of all the former German church property to the LWF.

4. New Guinea

This Commission notes with deep joy that the Lutheran mission field in New Guinea has practically become a unified field of Lutheran missionary activity, and that therefore they have requested the home boards to do all they can to maintain a unified field and church and to strive after complete unity.

We commend to all Lutheran mission field conferences and home boards operating in any part of the world on a common field to consider what steps can be taken to coordinate and unify their mission work in a way similar to the action of the New Guinea missionary conference to the end that the growth of unified indigenous Lutheran churches may be accelerated.

The conception of a tribal church (or for that purpose of a missionary society interested in its own field only) impedes the growth of the Ecumenical Lutheran Church. It is therefore essential that sending churches and missionary societies on their own initiative give to the younger churches an example of truly cooperative effort.

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5. India, Re: Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, Terms of Reference.

This Commission considered the terms of reference prepared by the GELC Council and given to the missionaries (See Agenda exhibit).

While this Commission approves wholeheartedly the underlying principle of a fully responsible and autonomous indigenous church, it feels that points 6 and 7, which exclude the missionaries from positions of administrative responsibility and from the right of vote, are contradictory to the Christian principle of the missionary's membership in the church. It is desirable therefore to reconsider these two points.

This Commission recognizes that situations may arise where it is no longer necessary and desirable that missionaries vote and hold positions of administrative responsibility. But in such cases the limitation ought to be effected by the missionaries and the sending church or society on the basis of an understanding between the younger church and the society. This Commission is happy to learn that such an understanding is about to be reached in the case of the GELC and the Gossner Mission Society.

6. Call to Alert the Churches

Mindful of the tribulations suffered by many Christian churches as the result of tragic political upheavals and brutal wars of aggression and conquest during past years, this Commission on World Missions is painfully aware of the dangers that still threaten many churches. The Commission is deeply concerned about the younger churches and the missions, especially in the East, many of whom may in the near future find themselves deprived of foreign aid in personnel and funds. However, even if this should happen, the God-given task of proclaiming the Gospel and of gathering the believers in worship and service must be met with undiminished zeal by the other churches concerned.

The Commission therefore requests the Executive Committee of the LWF to issue an urgent appeal to all these churches to give topmost priority to the spiritual training of all groups of Christians, especially to train volunteer layworkers and to devise ways and means to foster the closest possible contacts in and among the congregations so that the churches be ready to persevere in their faith and confession and to carry forward the Gospel even if connections with their Christian brethren in other lands may for a while be disturbed and disrupted.

7. Policy Statement of the CYCOM - NLC

This Commission has, with real appreciation, studied the Statement on Policy prepared by the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions and expresses sincere gratitude not only for the very generous and valuable services rendered by this Commission throughout the war and after the war, but also for the spirit in which the Commission considers itself to be the agent and representative of the Ecumenic Lutheran Church. In this expression of appreciation we include other Lutheran churches and societies that have in a similar way made monetary contributions

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as well as those of personnel.

The chairman of the Commission on World Missions is requested to convey certain suggestions made under II and III to the Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions.

8. Authorization for Action in Emergency Situations

VOTED: That the Commission request the Executive Committee to approve the following resolution:

In view of the extreme urgency for creating a machinery which can on behalf of the LWF render quick and effective help to younger Lutheran churches and missions in distress, this Commission requests the Executive Committee:

1) To ask the CYCOM of the NLC to loan Dr. Schiotz to serve as the director of a Department of World Missions of the LWF for such periods of time as may be necessary, and

2) To authorize the CWM to act for the LWF in any mission area in cases of emergency; and

3) To authorize the director of the Department of World Missions to negotiate for the LWF with the sending churches and societies:

   a. That the sending churches and societies authorize the CWM of the LWF to act for them with full power in cases of emergency; and

   b. Suggests to the sending churches and the missionary societies, if they may desire to do so, to transfer title to their property on the fields to the LWF as trustee, and to grant power of attorney or to take such other legal action in keeping with the law of the country where the property is located; and

   c. That the societies and churches asking for such assistance participate in the financial obligations involved.

9. Relation between Younger Churches and Missions

This Commission receives and puts on record the following statement on "Partnership in Obedience", prepared by the Executive Council of the FELC in India:

"Partnership in Obedience"

As both Younger and Older Churches are called by God to proclaim the Gospel to all nations, they are equally responsible before God for fulfilling their obligation. Therefore both the absolute right of the Younger Church to select and call men from the East as well as from the West and the absolute right of the Older Church to send out missionaries, for the evangelistic task must be scrupulously respected. We hold this to be the essential element of partnership in obedience.

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Christian love will prevent Western Churches from forcing their messengers upon an Eastern Church where such Church is already established. Christian love will equally prevent the Eastern Church from impeding the evangelistic activity of a Western Church.

It is obvious that wherever a Church is established in the East, a Western Missionary Society will work within its area only after an understanding with that Church has been reached. One feature of this understanding will be that the missionaries serve in and under the Church and that continuance of their service will depend on an invitation by the Church.

In order to emphasize and safeguard the priority of the evangelistic task over all other activity of the Church and in order to make partnership between the Eastern and Western Church in this task a reality, it is essential that a Board of Evangelism or any other similar organization set up by the Younger Church for this purpose have an adequate representation of the East as well as of the Western Church.

If new missionary work is taken up in areas adjoining an established Church, it is, as a rule, desirable that such work should be directed by the Board of Evangelism of that Church. It is realized, however, that where conditions warrant or demand it, a separate Joint Board for Pioneer Work may be better fitted to direct and carry out such work. Such Board should be formed by mutual consent of Church and mission and both should be represented on its panel. The Board, although responsible to the Executive Council of the Church, should have a greater measure of freedom in order to perform its task efficiently.

Both the Board of Evangelism and the Pioneer Board must have the right to accept funds sent directly by the Western Church (or mission) and earmarked for evangelistic work without prejudice to the ordinary budget allocation of such Board.

Wherever a Joint Board for Pioneer Work is constituted, the Indian and European workers will take greatest care that the newly won believers are integrated into the existing Church immediately. Whenever possible the task of integration (instruction, baptism, post baptismal care) ought to be entrusted to the Church. Under no circumstances should the Joint Board establish an independent Church or congregation.

Western missionaries working under a Joint Board for Pioneer Work will have the same position with regard to membership in the Eastern Church as those who work directly in and under the Church.

VOTED: To commend this statement to the National Study Committees and to the Program Committee of LWF for thorough study in preparation for the 1952 Assembly.

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10. Batak Church's Application for Membership in the LWF

VOTED: That we ask the Executive Committee to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the consultation held in Rajahmundry, India, January 16-17, 1950, between representatives of the LWF and the Batak Church, and that a greeting be sent to the Rev. Justin Sihombing, Ephorus of the HKBP.

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The Chairman called on Dr. P. O. Bersell to speak a parting word to the Commission on behalf of the Executive Committee. Dr. Bersell presented his statement under the following seven points:

1. I have noted the growth of confidence and true Christian fellowship in the course of these meetings.

2. I want to recognize the alertness to the world situation of today and the acceptance of a mutual responsibility against this world situation with all of its dangers, that has been manifest here.

3. I note with joy the increase of appreciation of the LWF. There is a recognition that we must stand together.

4. I have noted here the emphasis on cooperation in and unification of continuous Lutheran fields.

5. The desire to promote the development of indigenous churches has been evident.

6. I have also noted with joy the vocal recognition of the need of developing financial resources for carrying on the work.

7. It has become evident as this meeting has progressed that the work of the Commission on World Missions is the most important thing that the LWF has to do at the present time.

The Chairman expressed the Commission's gratitude for the encouragement and stimulus provided in Dr. Bersell's summary statement.

By common agreement the Commission adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison.

Herman Schlyter, Secretary

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The next meeting of the Commission on World Missions will be held at Breklum in Schleswig-Holstein, June 7 - 10, 1951.

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M I N U T E S

Second Annual Meeting
of the
Commission on World Missions of The Lutheran World Federation
Evangelical Academy, Tutzing Castle, Bavaria, Germany
July 28 - 31, 1950

Correction of Minutes for Meeting July 28-31, 1950

Director Bäfverfeldt of the Church of Sweden Mission has called our attention to the fact that page 6 of the Minutes should be corrected as follows:

Strike out the sentence in the center of page 6 reading:

"Director Baefverfeldt reported that these provisions in Document B, an agreement which has been entered into between the TELC, the Church of Sweden Mission, and the Leipzig Mission Society, are to be given further study."

Insert instead:

"Director Baefverfeldt pointed out that according to Document B the appointment of the Bishop by the Home Board is at the request of the TELC and can be changed if the TELC is willing to release the Home Board from the responsibility. After five years some of the details set forth governing the relationship between the TELC and the Home Board as set forth in the constitution will be given further study."

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EXHIBIT A

Resolution on Cooperative Work in Japan

Adopted at a Committee Meeting of Representatives of the United Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 1949. Later, the Augustana Lutheran Church, upon deciding to take up work in Japan, gave its assent to the resolution.

1. That the aim and purpose of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in taking up mission work in Japan is to build and develop, together with the other Lutheran Missions, one Lutheran Church in Japan.

2. That the Evangelical Lutheran Church will, therefore, plan to enter into cooperative relationship with the Japan Lutheran Church and the institutions of this church, as their Mission Conference and Board may decide.

3. That a joint Lutheran Japan Committee be formed, consisting of two members from each American Lutheran Board of Foreign Missions having work in Japan. This committee shall meet at regular intervals for the purpose of considering the needs of the field and recommendations from the Church in Japan. All action shall be submitted to the respective Boards for final action.

4. That missionaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church be sent out by that Church and be under the jurisdiction of its Board. We would urge, however, that the missionaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Lutheran Church in Japan organize a Lutheran Missionary Conference to meet at least annually for the purpose of fellowship, study and consideration of their mutual interests in the work in Japan; also that they make an effort to have all Lutheran missionaries in Japan join this Conference.

5. That the Evangelical Lutheran Church, according to an understanding it has reached with the Lutheran missionaries in Japan and leaders of the Japan Lutheran Church, assumes responsibility for the geographical area lying between Tokyo and Nagoya as its designated mission field.

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Missionsdirektor H. Lokies,
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Dear Dr Lokies,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd June from which I see that you had clear evidence upon which to base your expectation that the Lutheran Federation of India would pay the fares of the four Indian students. I hope that this matter will sort itself out to your satisfaction before very long.

Please convey the best wishes of the International Missionary Council to the Kuratorium meeting in Berlin on July 6th. I see that following this you are likely to make application to the Government of India for the recognition of the Gossner Missionary Society.

I am sorry we shall not meet again at Neumandettelsau but it will be a great pleasure to become acquainted with Pastor Symanowski. I shall look out for him and I hope we shall have some fruitful conversation.

Yours truly,

Freda M. Dearing

Office Secretary

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Dr. Fredrik A. SCHIOTZ
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Dear Brother Schiotz,

I could not answer your letter of 31. May till now, as it was till then not definite that I was to go to the meeting in Toronto. So I am very grateful to you for having written to Dr. Michelfelder so that Pastor Symanowski could be invited as my deputy to the meeting in Tutzing. Pastor Symanowski has already received the invitation. Unnecessary to say that I go to Toronto with a very heavy heart and I am only going because the secretaries of the education boards of the West-German churches insisted on my going. However, the Conference in Toronto is also a Mission conference, because the Young Churches will be represented there too, and that gives me the joyfulness to go there, although much work here at home will have to be left undone.

I am especially unhappy that I shall not be able to talk with you personally in Germany. I was so keen to know what impression you especially had of the Gossner Church in Chota Nagpur. Brothers Ihmels and Pörksen will visit us here in our Kuratorium meeting on July 6th and report to us on their journey through Chota Nagpur. But our Kuratorium would have very much liked to hear your opinion. But I am very grateful that you will at least be able to speak with Brother Symanowski.

I myself will try to look you up in New York. That can only be at the end of the Toronto Conference on my way back. Unfortunately my stay in America after the conference can only be very short; for I must preach in Ostfriesland on Aug.30th, as the Ostfriesische Mission Conference celebrates its anniversary on the 30th and 31st of August. After this I am immediately attending an 8-day course for Mission clergymen on the Island Spiekeroog in Ostfriesland. I cannot possibly decline these invitations.

You write that you will be back in New York by the 21st. If I can make it possible I will take the opportunity of calling on you.

With many thanks, also in the name of our Kuratorium, for the service you have done us, and in the hope of seeing you

I am

yours sincerely,

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Lieber Bruder Schiotz !

Jetzt erst kann ich auf Ihren Brief vom 31. Mai d.J. antworten, da es endgültig feststeht, daß ich also doch zu der Tagung des World Council of Christian Education nach Toronto fahre. So bin ich sehr dankbar, daß Sie an Dr. Michelfelder geschrieben haben, damit Herr Pastor Symanowski als mein Vertreter zu der Tagung in Tutzing eingeladen wurde. Pastor Symanowski hat die Einladung bereits erhalten. Ich brauche Ihnen nicht zu sagen, daß ich sehr schweren Herzens nach Toronto fahre und nur deswegen, weil mich die Erziehungsreferenten gerade der westdeutschen Kirchen dazu gedrängt haben. Die Konferenz in Toronto ist aber doch auch eine Missionskonferenz, weil die jungen Kirchen auf ihr vertreten sind. Das gibt mir die Freudigkeit, dorthin zu fahren, obwohl hier in der Heimat viel Arbeit liegen bleibt.

Besonders bedrückt mich die Tatsache, daß ich auf diese Weise Sie persönlich in Deutschland nicht sprechen kann. Es lag mir so sehr daran zu erfahren, welchen Eindruck gerade Sie von der Goßner-Kirche in Chota Nagpur empfangen haben. Die Brüder D. Ihmels und Dr. Pörksen werden uns zu unserer Kuratoriumssitzung am 6. Juli hier in Berlin aufsuchen und uns über ihre Reise durch Chota Nagpur berichten. Es wäre unserem Kuratorium aber sehr wertvoll gewesen, gerade Ihr Urteil zu hören. Ich bin sehr dankbar dafür, daß Sie wenigstens mit Bruder Symanowski werden sprechen können.

Ich selbst will versuchen, Sie in New York zu sehen. Das kann nur auf der Rückreise von Toronto geschehen. Leider ist die Zeit für einen Aufenthalt in Amerika nach Abschluß der Toronto-Konferenz für mich außerordentlich knapp bemessen. Ich muß nämlich schon am 30. August auf einer Kanzel in Ostfriesland stehen, weil am 30. und 31. August die Ostfriesische Missionskonferenz ihr Jahresfest feiert. Anschließend habe ich einen achttägigen Missionspastorenkursus auf der Insel Spiekeroog in Ostfriesland. Es ist mir unmöglich, zu diesen Veranstaltungen abzusagen.

Sie schreiben mir nun, daß Sie am 21. Nach New York zurückgekehrt sein werden. Wenn es irgend möglich ist, werde ich die Gelegenheit wahrnehmen, Sie dann dort aufzusuchen und zu sprechen.

Mit dem herzlichsten Dank auch im Namen unseres Kuratoriums für alle brüderlichen Dienste, die Sie uns geleistet haben, und in der Hoffnung, daß ein Zusammentreffen möglich sein wird, grüßt Sie

Ihr sehr ergebener

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Sehr verehrte Miss Dearing !

Da ich längere Zeit auf Missionsreisen in Westdeutschland war, war ich nicht in der Lage, die Frage der Fahrtkosten für die indischen Studenten ständig im Auge zu behalten. Ich war auch deswegen unbesorgt, weil unser Missionar Klimkeit aus Indien mir mitgeteilt hatte, die Frage der Fahrtkosten sei gelöst, weil diese von der Lutheran Federation of India übernommen worden seien. Ich war darum sehr erstaunt zu hören, daß Dr. Manikam von einem solchen Beschluß nichts weiß. Darum habe ich inzwischen nach Ranchi geschrieben und um eine Meldung gebeten, wie es sich denn mit der Bezahlung der Fahrtkosten verhalte. Leider habe ich noch keine Antwort in Händen. Sobald ich vom Church Council der Goßner-Kirche eine offizielle Antwort erhalte, gebe ich Ihnen Nachricht.

Zugleich möchte ich Ihnen mitteilen, daß am 6. Juli eine Kuratoriumssitzung der Goßnerschen Mission hier in Berlin stattfindet, an der Direktor D. Ihmels teilnehmen wird. Wir hoffen auch, daß Missionsdirektor Dr. Pörksen zugegen sein wird. Leider war es nicht früher möglich, beide Herren zu erreichen. In dieser Sitzung wird dann auch die Frage der Zulassung der Goßnerschen Mission für Indien besprochen werden. Wir sind auch in dieser Frage von der Kirchenleitung in Ranchi ohne Nachricht geblieben. Sobald wir aber mit den beiden Missionsdirektoren D. Ihmels und Dr. Pörksen gesprochen haben, werden wir den Antrag stellen, daß auch die Goßnersche Mission für Indien zugelassen wird. Beide Herren haben uns gebeten, bis dahin damit zu warten.

Leider werde ich in diesem Jahr weder an der Tagung des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionstages in Neuendettelsau noch an der Tagung des Missionskomitees des Lutherischen Weltbundes in Tutzing teilnehmen können, weil ich zu der Welterziehungskonferenz nach Toronto fahre. Mein Vertreter wird auf beiden Tagungen mein Mitarbeiter Pastor Symanowski-Mainz sein.

Mit den herzlichsten Grüßen

Ihr sehr ergebener

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Miss DEARING

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Dear Miss Dearing,

As I was on Mission-tour in West Germany for a longer period I was not able to pursue the matter of the travelling costs for the Indian students. But I was quite unconcerned about it, as Missionary Klimkeit had written me from India that the question of the fare had been settled as these costs had been taken over by the Lutheran Federation of India. I was therefore very astonished to learn that Dr. Manikam knew nothing of this decision. For this reason I have in the meanwhile written to Ranchi and asked for information as to who was to pay the fare. As soon as I receive an official answer from the Church Council of the Gossner Church I will let you know.

At the same time I would like to tell you that on July 6th we shall be having a Kuratorium-meeting of the Gossner Mission here in Berlin which will be attended by Dr. Ihmels. We also hope that Mission-director Dr. Pörksen will be present. Unfortunately I could not get into touch with either gentlemen earlier. At this meeting we shall also discuss the recognition of the Gossner Mission in India. In this matter, too, we are without information from the church authorities in Ranchi. As soon as we have talked with D. Ihmels and Dr. Pörksen we will file in an application for the recognition of the Gossner Mission in India. Both Gentleman asked us to wait in this matter till they had been there.

Unfortunately this year I shall neither be able to attend the "Deutsche Evangelische Missionstag meeting in Neuendettelsau, nor the meeting of the Mission Committee of the Lutheran World Union in Tutzing, as I am going to the Worls Christian Education Conference in Toronto. My deputy at both meetings will be my fellow-worker Pastor Symanowski of Mainz.

Yours truly,

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CARL LUND-QUIST, *Assistant Executive Director*

May 31, 1950

Rev. Hans Lokies
Gossner Mission Society
Berlin-Friedenau
Stubenrouchstrasse 12
Germany

Dear Brother Lokies:

It was a disappointment to hear from your letter of May 26 that it will not be possible for you to be present with us at the meeting of the Commission on World Missions of the Lutheran World Federation. I shall follow your suggestion and ask Dr. Michelfelder to invite Pastor Symanowski to be present as your representative.

I am wondering whether the fact that you will be attending the meetings at Toronto means that there will be no opportunity for us to meet in this country or in Germany. I have asked Dr. Freytag that if it is at all possible to arrange for a meeting with the board of the Gossner ~~Church~~ Mission in order that we might discuss some of the observations that I made when I visited the Gossner Church in India. God willing, I expect to be leaving this country on July 24 and will be returning August 21.

Sincerely,

Fredrik A. Schiotz

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FAS/ea
CC: Michelfelder Dr.
Freytag Dr.

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May 31, 1950

Rev. H.W. Mayer
Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India
Bellevue, Kodikanal,
South India

Dear Pastor Mayer:

Thank you for your letter of May 24.

After reading your letter I suspect that the report that the FELC is to pay the expenses of four Gossner students who plan to study in Germany is a result of a misunderstanding on the part of Pastor Lokies. The Gossner Board made this offer to the Gossner Church. Pastor Lakra told me that he had written to Dr. Lokies stating that they would be glad to cooperate in using the offer the Gossner Board had made. It is likely that President Lakra forgot to mention that transportation means would first have to be found. This oversight no doubt led Pastor Lokies to conclude that all arrangements had been consummated.

I propose that your committee give this project consideration at your next meeting. If you think that this project is of such importance that it should take precedence over some of the other requests that may be made by the Gossner Church then it will be well to enter it on your requested budget for 1951. The action of our Commission when it considers your requests will depend upon what resources we will have for our work in 1951.

With cordial greetings, I remain,

Sincerely,

Fredrik A. Schiotz

FAS/ea
CC: Miss Dearing
Dr. Lokies
Dr. Lakra
Dr. Decker

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MEMORANDUM TO COMMISSION ON WORLD MISSIONS-MEMBERS AND CONSULTATIVE MEMBERS:

Word has just come in from Dr. Michelfelder that attendance at the executive committee meeting of the Lutheran World Federation August 1-8 will be so large that the accommodations at Castle Tutzing will not permit the meeting of our Commission and the executive committee at the same time. This means that we will either have to meet earlier or find another place for our meeting. In order to assist Dr. Michelfelder in making the arrangements for us will you please cable him upon receipt of this letter answering two of the following three questions, depending upon which apply to you:

1. Do you expect to attend the meeting of the Commission on World Missions?

2. Can you come if the meetings are held July 28-31?

3. Can you come only if we retain the announced dates August 1-4?

Dr. S.C. Michelfelder's cable address is: LUTHERWORLD, GENEVE
The mail address is: Lutheran World Federation, 17 Route de Malagnou, Geneva, Switzerland.

As soon as Dr. Michelfelder has heard from you, he will send a notice from his office as to where the meeting will be held.

Sincerely,

F. A. Schiotz

Fredrik A. Schiotz

N.B. The arrangements on expense with reference to our Commission meetings is as follows:

1) Regular Commission members are to secure travel expenses from the national committees of the L.W.F. in their own countries.
2) Consultative members are welcome to attend meetings, but it must be at their own expense.
3) Coopted consultative members attend at their own expense or that of their Boards or Societies.

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26.5.50

Dr. Michelfelder
World Council of Churches
17 Route de Malagnou
GENEVA
Switzerland

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Michelfelder

Lieber Bruder Schlotz !

World Council of Christian Education

Es war meine feste Absicht, an der Tagung der Commission on younger Churches and orphaned Missions in Tutzing teilzunehmen, obwohl ich zugleich zu der Tagung der
nach Toronto eingeladen war. Aber als die Generalsynode der Deutschen Evangelischen Kirche in Berlin tagte, haben mich im besonderen auch die Vertreter der Westdeutschen Kirchen genötigt, meine für Toronto bereits erfolgte Absage zurückzuziehen und mich für die Tagung in Toronto anzumelden. Auch das Kuratorium der Goßnerschen Missionsgesellschaft stimmte dieser Entscheidung zu, so schwer es mir fällt, gerade dieser Tagung der Commission on younger Churches and orphaned Missions fernzubleiben, bei der ich Sie und zugleich auch die Brüder Ihmels und Pörksen hätte sprechen können. Ich muß Sie bitten, statt meiner Pastor Horst S y - m a n o w s k i , (16) Mainz-Kastel, Eleonorenstr. 64, einzuladen. Er könnte mich bzw. die Goßnersche Missionsgesellschaft auf der Tagung vertreten.

(Dr. Schlotz)

Ein Brief des gleichen Wortlauts ist auch an Dr. Michelfelder abgegangen. Pastor Symanowski könnte sowohl in der Zeit vom 28. bis 31. Juli wie auch zwischen dem 1. - 4. August an der Tagung teilnehmen.

Schlotz
Herr Gott

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The National Christian Council

Ref: M/R. 547. II-7

Christian Council Lodge,
Nagpur 1, Madhya Pradesh
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24th April, 1950.

Missionsdirektor H. Lokies,
Gossnersche Missionsgeseltschaft,
Stubenrauchstrasse 12,
Berlin/Friedenau.

Dear Dr Lokies,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 18th instant telling me that the Federation of Lutheran Churches in India will bear the expenses of the passages of the four Indian students.

This is a splendid solution of the whole problem and I congratulate you on having made this arrangement.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Fred ah Dearing.

Office Secretary

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Hoon Missionsdirektor
Lokies.

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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees

17 route de Malagnou,

Geneva

B/6/cw

April 11th, 1950.

The Rev. Norman Goodall
International Missionary Council
Edinburgh House
2, Eaton Gate
London, S.W.1

Dear Norman,

I have just come back from three weeks in the States and have been trying to get abreast of some of our scholarship questions. I have seen the correspondence between Miss Dearing and Miss Wilson about the Indian students for the Gossner mission. This is a very interesting idea and I welcome the opportunity of discussing it. On the other hand, when I brought the matter up at the meeting of the Scholarship Committee the other day there were one or two questions which I was asked to take up with you before we went further.

I think the first question to ask is exactly what you have in mind for these students going to Germany. Are you thinking of them doing a piece of college study or getting experience by association with Symanowski in his evangelistic experiments at Mainz? This is an important question from our point of view because the Scholarship Committee is only concerned with people who are actually taking courses of study. If it is simply a case of giving people a new experience, which in itself is a very good thing, then that has to be considered in the category of what we vall "Exchange of Personnel". I am not sure whether I can get funds on that score but there might be a possibility.

If you feel that this is a case of genuine study then we wonder whether Mainz-Kastel is the place. I have not been there but some of my colleagues are very familiar with what is going on. There is certainly a Gossner professor of missions at the University of Mainz and there is the very fine centre run by Symanowski, but none of us are clear as to whether this is the kind of place where Indian students would be able to do studies which would help them in their particular service in India. In other words, are you sure that this study period should be centrered in Mainz? I think here you may be bound by the offer of the Gossner Mission but you will see why I raise the question.

If you will let me know a bit more about this then I will discuss the matter again here. I think I can persuade the Committee (but I am not sure) to put up money for the travel of one or possib-

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ly two Indian students going to Germany if they were assured that this was a genuine study project. Failing that, I would be willing to look at the possibility of finding money from some funds in the "Exchange of Personnel" project though that again is very uncertain.

My final word is one of gratitude. Personally, I am very anxious that we broaden our scholarship scheme in this way and I hope we can work something out.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert C. Mackie
Director.
For the
Scholarship Committee.

Dictated but not signed
by Dr. Mackie

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER, COMMISSION ON WORLD MISSIONS, LWF

For mutual clarification we submit herewith the membership roster of the Commission on World Missions:

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III. Consultative members coopted by the Commission and approved by the Executive Committee of the L.W.F.:

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Mission 17. April 1950.

Miss D e a r i n g
International Missionary Council
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L o n d o n , S.W. 1

Sehr verehrte Miss Dearing !

Haben Sie unseren herzlichsten Dank für alle Ihre Bemühungen in der Angelegenheit der vier Inder, die wir zum Studium in Deutschland erwarten. Ich möchte Ihnen nun die Sorgen, die Sie sich für uns gemacht haben, so schnell wie möglich abnehmen. Darum schreibe ich Ihnen in aller Kürze. Ich bekam heute die Nachricht aus Indien, daß die Federation of Lutheran Churches in Indien die Kosten für alle vier Studenten und Studentinnen übernommen hat. Damit ist diese Frage gelöst. Nehmen Sie aber nochmals unseren herzlichsten Dank für all Ihre liebevollen Bemühungen entgegen.

Wir grüßen Sie mit den herzlichsten Segenswünschen für Ihre Arbeit

Ihr sehr ergebener

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18.4.50

Miss Dearing
International Missionary Council
Edinburgh House
2 Eaton Gate

London S.W. 1

Dear Miss Dearing,

Thank you very musch for all your efforts on behalf of the 4 Indian students we are expecting for study in Germany. I want to relieve you of all your anxiety concerning us as soon as possible. So I am writing you just a short note. To-day I received from India the information that the Federation of Lutheran Churches in India will bear the expenses for all 4 students. That solves this problem. Thank you very much for all the trouble you have taken for us.

Wishing God's blessing on all your work,

I remain,

yours sincerely

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3rd April, 1950.

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Gossnersche Missionsgeseltschaft,
Stubenrauchstrasse 12,
BERLIN/Friedenau,
(Russian Zone).

Dear Dr Lokies,

Further to my letter of the 30th March I have received a reply from the World Council of Churches in which they say that the question of the passages for the four Indian students who have been invited to study at the Gossner Mission will be brought before the scholarship Committee at its next meeting. To enable this committee to understand the situation fully I have been asked to state the Churches to which the prospective students belong and their vocational objectives (i.e. social work, Christian education). While I believe I should be correct in saying that the students will belong to the Lutheran Church I am not clear as to the last question. Will these students already have studied some theology and what will be their work when they return to India? I should be most grateful if you would give me the answers to these questions.

Yours sincerely,

Freda M Deaning

Office Secretary

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My approach to India has been unsuccessful. The National Christian Council there has no means of financing the journey. I have approached the World Council of Churches to see whether their scholarship committee might help, and though I have not received a definite reply, I am doubtful whether they could consider this matter as so far their scheme has applied only to European students. My next approach has been to Dr Decker in the United States to whom I have explained all the circumstances and have asked him to enquire whether there is a fund in America whose organizers might feel sympathy with this cause and make a grant.

I wonder whether you yourself have approached the Gossner Church in India to see whether they would consider making a grant.

Time is running short if the students are to reach Germany by the 1st May and I very much regret that so far our efforts have been unsuccessful, but I want you to know that the matter is not being neglected.

Yours sincerely,

Freda M. Dearing.

Office Secretary

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Übersetzung des Briefes
von Dr. Schiotz an P. Lokies vom 31. Jan.50

Lieber Bruder Lokies!

Vielen Dank für Ihren Brief vom 29. Dezember.

Sie werden wohl schon durch Ihre Missionare von meinem Besuch in der Gossner Kirche gehört haben. Es tut mir leid, dass die Zeit in Burju so knapp bemessen war; es war ein zweiter Gottesdienst am selben Nachmittag in Govindpur angesetzt worden. So hatte ich nicht mehr als 30 Minuten Zeit für die Schwestern Diller und Schmidt.

Die beiden Schwestern sagten mir, dass wenn die Kirche sie nicht mehr als bisher unterstützte, es wohl besser wäre, sie gingen nach Deutschland zurück. Ich besprach die Sache mit dem Exekutiv-Ausschuss des Church Council und bat ihn, bei der nächsten Church Council Sitzung über diese Klagen mit den beiden Frauen zu verhandeln. Sie erklärten sich bereit, dies zu tun und beauftragten mich, den Schwestern zu schreiben und sie zu bitten, (bei der Sitzung) zugegen zu sein. Daraufhin schrieb ich ihnen und sandte eine Abschrift des Schreibens an Pastor Klimkeit. Ich bat ihn, Ihnen eine Abschrift davon zu schicken und nehme an, dass Sie sie inzwischen erhalten haben.

Ich hatte keine Gelegenheit die "Terms of Reference" mit dem Church Council zu besprechen, da während meines Dortseins keine Zusammenkunft stattfand. Präsident Lakra hatte kurz vorher als Dr. Pörksen da war eine Sitzung einberufen. Ich habe aber die Sache mit dem Exekutiv Kommittee des Church Council besprochen. Ich sagte, dass die Punkte 6 und 7 keinen christlichen Geist bewiesen; man könne grundsätzlich die Mitgliedschaft in der Kirche nicht so aufteilen, dass man das Recht des Redens, nicht aber des Abstimmens habe. Entweder man habe die volle Mitgliedschaft oder überhaupt nichts. Auf der anderen Seite muss man wohl einsehen, dass in diesem geschichtlichen Augenblick, da die junge Kirche Sorge hat, dass die Missionare ihr ihre Selbständigkeit nehmen könnten, es geratener ist, wenn die Missionare bereitwillig auf ihr Recht, ein Amt zu bekleiden, verzichten. Ich meinte dann Präsident Lakra gegenüber, die Terms of Reference würden ein sehr viel schöneres Dokument darstellen, wenn der Church Council die Punkte 6 und 7 fallen lassen würde. Statt dessen könnte die Gossner Gesellschaft eine Erklärung abgeben, wonach nur solche Missionare hinausgeschickt würden, die für die Dauer dieser Periode im Leben der Gossner Kirche auf das Recht, ein Amt zu beklieden, verzichten. Danach könnte die Kirche ihrer Terms of Refernce Erklärung einen Paragraphen hinzufügen, in dem die Erklärung zur Mitarbeit in dieser Sache seitens der Gossner Gesellschaft, begrüsst wird. Präsident Lakra schien über diesen Vorschlag glücklich zu sein.

Wenn Ihnen dies gut erscheint, schreiben Sie vielleicht an Präsident Lakra, um ihm Ihre Zustimmung auszudrücken. Da aber dieser Punkt über die Gossner Situation hinaus Bedeutung haben kann, wäre es wohl gut, wenn Sie Ihre offizielle Erklärung zurückstellen, bis wir Gelegenheit haben, uns zu sprechen. Dies und andere Angelegenheiten im Zusammenhang mit meinem Besuch auf Ihrem Felde muss warten bis ich diesen Sommer nach Deutschland komme.

Ich muss Ihnen noch sagen, dass Präs.Lakra über den letzten

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Brief, den er von Ihnen erhalten hat, sehr glücklich war.

Vielen Dank für Ihre Segenswünsche zu meiner Reise. Gott hat bis zu diesem Tage reichlichen Segen zu meiner Reise gegeben.

(The Lord be with you) Der Herr sei mit Ihnen

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Angaben der Gossnerschen-Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche von Chota Nagpur und Assam.

Getaufte Christen		186.447
Pastoren, ausschließl. Ruheständler		98
Katechisten		714
Lehrer:		
a) männlich		631
b) weiblich		117
Bibelfrauen		7
Theologiestudenten		27
High-Schools		14
Middle-Schools		23
Primary-Schools		über 250
Anzahl der Schüler:		
a) High-Schools ..	Jungen	1.944
	Mädchen	612
b) Middle-Schools	Jungen	3.380
	Mädchen	1.006
c) Primary-Schools	Jungen	6.845
	Mädchen	4.166
insgesamt Jungen		12.169
Mädchen		5.784

Stand vom 31. Dezember 1950

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Die Gesamtausgaben der Kirche belaufen sich auf	515.287/- Rs.
Hierin sind enthalten:	
für Gemeinde - und evangelistische Arbeiten	300.000/- Rs.
für die High-Schools	75.000/- Rs.
für die Middle-English-Schools	36.000/- Rs.
für die Primary-Schools	15.000/- Rs.
für Mädchenschulen	12.928/- Rs.
Die Kirche bringt auf	433.416/- Rs.
Demnach beträgt das Defizit	81.871/- Rs.
Hiervon werden von den Lutheranern gedeckt	65.000/- Rs.
Das Defizit beträgt demnach	16.871/- Rs.

Bei einer Kürzung des Zuschusses von 25 % würde die Unterstützung der Lutheraner auf 48.750/- Rs. zurückgehen und das Defizit der Kirche sich auf 33.121/- Rs. erhöhen.

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National Christian Council Review
Mai 1950

1.) Anerkennung nicht-britischer Missionsgesellschaften.

Wir waren bisher der Meinung, dass Missionsgesellschaften, die einem Provincial Christian Council (PCC) angeschlossen waren keinen Antrag auf Anerkennung seitens der Regierung zu stellen brauchten, selbst wenn sie nicht auf der Liste der von der Regierung anerkannten Missionen stehen. Wir erfahren aber jetzt durch das Ministerium des Innern in Neu Delhi, dass von allen nicht auf dieser Liste stehenden Missionen, auch wenn sie dem National Christian Council (NCC) oder einem PCC angeschlossen sind, Anträge auf Anerkennung an die Indische Regierung durch das NCC gestellt werden müssen. Die Liste der Missionen, die dem NCC oder einem PCC angeschlossen sind, geben wir hiermit bekannt, weisen aber darauf hin, dass sie dauernd ergänzt wird und zunächst nur ungefähre Angaben enthält.

Amerikanische

Kontinentale:

Basler Ev. Mission	Mission der Schwed.Kirche	Dänische Missionsges. v.Hellerup
Ev.Nat.Missionsges. von Stockholm	Leipziger Ev.Luth.Mission	Santhal Mission d.N. Kirchen
Schwedische Allianz Mission	Schwedische Baptisten Mission	Schwedische Missionsges.
West Jeypore Miss.Ges.	Frauenmissionsgesellsch. (schwedisch)	

Alle Missionsgesellschaften, die entweder dem NCC oder einem der PCCs angehören, aber nicht auf der obigen Liste stehen werden gebeten, beim Executive Secretary des Christian Council einen Antrag in doppelter Ausfertigung einzureichen, der alle Angaben enthalten muss, die im anliegenden "Procedure regarding Recognition of Societies" (Verfahrensvorschriften betr. Anerkennung von Gesellschaften) verlangt werden. Der Antrag muss an den Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi durch den Executive Secretary, National Christian Council, Christian Council Lodge, Nagpur gerichtet werden. Er müsste zwei Bürgschaften enthalten: die eine betr. der Finanzen, die andere betr. der politischen Loyalität. Der Antrag und die Bürgschaften müssten von der verantwortlichen Leitung der (Aüsseren) Missionsgesellschaft im Ausland unterschrieben sein. Wenn aber die Anerkennung drängt, um einem Missionar die Einreise zu ermöglichen, erklärt sich der Christian Council auch bereit, Antrag und Bürgschaft vom Vertreter der Mission in Indien entgegenzunehmen, vorausgesetzt, dass der Betreffende sich bereit erklärt dafür zu sorgen, dass in Kürze die vom Missionskuratorium unterzeichneten Bürgschaften erhalten und an den NCC weitergeleitet werden.

Es wird gebeten, sich umgehend um diese Angelegenheit zu kümmern.

Procedure Regarding Recognition of Societies.

1. Empfehlende Spitzenorganisationen.

Früher wurden Gesellschaften und Organisationen, die nicht der Römischen Kirche angeschlossen waren, auf Grund der Empfehlung

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der Conference of Missionary Societies im UK (Vereinigtes Konigreich) oder der Foreign Missions Conference of North America anerkannt. Es ist beschlossen worden, dass diese beiden Körperschaften durch den NCC von Indien ersetzt werden sollen. Gesellschaften, die durch diese Beiden Körperschaften empfohlen worden sind, werden im allgemeinen durch die Indische Regierung anerkannt werden, vorausgetzt der NCC garantiert

a) für den loyalen und verantwortungsbewussten Charakter der zur Anerkennung empfohlenen Gesellschaften,
b) dass er vor Stellung dieses Antrags eine schriftliche Erklärung von dem betr. Gesellschaften verlangt, dass deren Mitglieder der Regierung den schuldigen Gehorsam und Respekt entgegenbringen werden, in welchem Teil Indiens sie sich auch immer befinden mögen, und dass sie sich aus allen politischen Angelegenheiten sorgfältig heraushalten und sich den Gesetzen des Landes unterwerfen.

Die bisher anerkannten Gesellschaften werden ihren Antrag auf Anerkennung erneuern müssen.

II. Antrag auf Anerkennung.

Alle Anträge auf Anerkennung müssen durch den National Christian Council of India an die Indische Regierung eingereicht werden. Solche Angaben müssen u.a. folgende Angaben enthalten:

a) die Art der Arbeit. z.B. ärztliche, erzieherische Arbeit, die entweder angefangen werden soll oder bereits im Gang ist,
b) Zahl der von dieser Gesellschaft betreuten Personen,
c) Zahl der Missionare in Indien, die dieser Gesellschaft angehören,
d) Zahl und Angaben über die Einrichtungen, die diese Gesellschaft in Indien unterhält (Krankenhäuser, Schulen, Kirchen etc),
e) finanzielle Lage der Gesellschaft,
f) Gebiete oder Orte in Indien, in denen die Gesellschaft arbeiten will oder schon arbeitet. Vor Gewährung der Anerkennung wird sich die Indische Rgierung mit der Provinzial- oder Staatenregierung, in deren Bezirk die Gesellschaft arbeiten will oder bereits ansässig ist, beraten.

III. Garantien

Wenn ein Mitglied einer anerkannten Gesellschaft ein Visum für Indien beantragen will, ~~xiii~~ muss er mit jedem Antrag (der auf die vorgeschriebene Art durch den indischen Vertreter, und wo kein solcher ist, durch den britischen Vertreter, eingereicht werden muss) dass er oder sie ein bevollmächtigter Vertreter der Gesellschaft ist, und dass die Gesellschaft die Garantie für den Unterhalt während seines Aufenthaltes in Indien und für seine Rückführung, sofern dies nötig sein sollte, übernimmt. Eine neue Bescheinigung muss beigebracht werden, wenn nach einer Periode der Abwesenheit aus Indien ein neuer Antrag gestellt werden soll.

IV. Missionare, die aus einer anerkannten Gesellschaft in Indien austreten.

Wenn ein Mitglied einer anerkannten Gesellschaft sich aus irgend einem Grund von ihr trennt, muss die Gesellschaft umgehend Name und Anschrift des Ausscheidenden der Indischen Regierung und der für seinen Wohnsitz zuständigen Provinzial- oder Staatenregierung mitteilen. Die Gesellschaft muss auch umgehend dafür Sorge tragen, dass der Betreffende sobald wie möglich Indien verlässt, vorausgesetzt, dass er nicht eine besondere Erlaubnis der Indischen Regierung hat, in Indien zu bleiben, in welchem Fall, die Gesellschaft keine Verantwortung mehr für den Betreffenden hat.

Jene Bescheinigung beibringen

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V. Allgemeines

a) In allen Angelegenheiten, die mit den Verfahrensvorschriften zusammenhängen, verhandelt die Indische Regierung nur mit den empfehlenden Spitzenorganisationen.

b) Wenn ein Mitglied einer anerkannten Gesellschaft im Widerspruch mit dem Vorhaben, den die Gesellschaft angegeben hat, handelt, behält sich die Regierung vor, den Betreffenden auf Kosten der Gesellschaft zu deportieren, und auch die Anerkennung der Gesellschaft rückgängig zu machen, wenn dies für nötig erachtet wird.

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May 1950

2). Angelegenheiten betr. nicht-britischer Missionare in Indien.

Es ist uns gelungen, vom Ministerium des Innern der Indischen Regierung die letzten und massgebenden Bestimmungen betr. der folgenden Formalitäten, die fremde (nicht britische) Besucher Indiens zu erfüllen haben.

1.Ankunft

Alle Ausländer müssen bei ihrer Ankunft vollständige Angaben in Bezug auf ihre eigene Person machen, Die Meldeformalitäten werden nach Möglichkeit gleichzeitig mit der Durchsicht der Pässe erledigt Wenn dies nicht möglich ist, werden die Ausländer ersucht, sich innerhalb 24 Stunden nach ihrer Ankunft beim Meldeamt zu melden. Die Beamten des Meldeamts haben die Möglichkeit nach eigenem Ermessen auf die erstmalige Registrierung zu verzichten, z.B. in Fällen von Mitgliedern ausländischer Gesandtschaften oder Ausländern von guter Herkunft.

Ausländer müssen ihre Identität ausreichend nachweisen. Wenn ihr Personalausweis unvollständig oder unbefriedigend erscheint, kann der Registrierbeamte verlangen, dass der Fremde 4 Abzüge seiner Lichtbilder oder 4 Satz Fingerabdrücke vorlegt.

Aushändigung eines Registrierscheines:
Im Falle, dass das Reiseziel des Reisenden, der Landungshafen ist erhält er einen Dauerausweis. Ist sein Bestimmungsort ein anderer als der Landungshafen, so erhält er durch den Registrierbeamten des Hafens einen Übergangsausweis. Dieser Ausweis wird dem Beamte des Meldeamts an dem Ort, wo er seinen Wohnsitz nehmen will, ausgehändigt, und von diesem erhält er dann einen Dauerausweis.

2. Aufenthaltsgenehmigungen

Gleichzeitig mit der Anmeldung erhält der Fremde auch eine Aufenthaltsgenehmigung, in der angegeben ist , wie lange er in Indien bleiben darf. Die Dauer des Aufenthalts in diesem Permit fällt zusammen mit der Geltungsdauer des Visums, erstreckt sich aber normalerweise nicht über ein Jahr. Ausländer werden ersucht, die Verlängerung der Aufenthaltsgenehmigung nicht später als 14 Tage

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vor Ablauf der Genehmigung zu beantragen. In den Fällen, in denen ein Ausländer eine Aufenthaltsgenehmigung am Landungshafen nicht erhalten hat, stellt ihm der Meldeamtsbeamte seines Wohnortes eine Genehmigung aus.

3. Aufenthaltswechsel in Indien

1) Ein Ausländer der beabsicht, länger als 2 Wochen von seinem Wohnort fern zu sein, muss bei seinem zuständigen Meldeamt einen schriftlichen Bericht einreichen mit Angaben über seine Reisedaten, den Orten, die er besuchen will, die Adressen, wo er zu bleiben beabsichtigt und den Tag, an dem er beabsichtigt wieder an seinem Wohnort zu sein. Wenn Änderungen in seinem Reiseplan eintreten, muss das Meldeamt, das den ursprünglichen Bericht erhalten hat, sowie das Meldeamt jedes weiteren Ortes innerhalb des geänderten Reiseplans benachrichtigt werden.

2) Ausländer, die häufig reisen müssen, können Reisegenehmigungen erhalten, die eine bestimmte Geltungsdauer für bestimmte Orte oder innerhalb eines bestimmten Gebietes haben. Ein Ausländer, der Inhaber eines solchen permits ist, braucht seine Reiseroute nicht anzugeben.

3) Ausländer, die andere Gebiete bereisen als das in dem sie gemeldet sind, müssen sich innerhalb einer Woche dort melden, wenn sich ihr Aufenthalt über 1 Woche erstreckt. Diese Meldung ist nicht nötig bei solchen Personen, die einen Reise-Permit haben oder in Hotels wohnen.

4) Ausländer, die ihre eingetragene Wohnung wechseln, müssen diesen Wechsel bei dem Meldeamt, bei dem sie gemeldet sind, angeben; sie müssen sich auch bei dem Meldeamt des Bezirks, in den sie ziehen binnen 48 Stunden ihrer Ankunft melden.
Touristen, d.h. solche Personen, die nicht länger als 3 Monate aus Gründen der Erholung oder zum Besuche im Lande bleiben und als solche registriert sind, brauchen den Wechsel ihres Aufenthalts und ihre Reiseziele nicht zu melden.

4. Ausreise

1) Ausländer, die Indien auf dem See- oder Luftwege verlassen, müssen ihre Abreise dem Meldeamt ihres Daueraufenthaltsortes mitteilen, und diese Meldung muss, nachdem ein entsprechender Vermerk darauf gemacht worden ist, dass die Abreise gemeldet worden ist, dem Registrierbeamten des Abreisehafens ausgehändigt werden.
2) Ausländer, die auf dem Landwege ausreisen, müssen ihre Registrierscheine bei dem Meldeamt des Distrikts abgeben wo sie die Abreise antreten und erhalten von diesem die Reiseerlaubnis für Indien für ihren Reiseweg. Diese Erlaubnis muss am Ort der Ausreise abgegeben werden.

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2) Matters Relating to Non-British Missionaries in India.

We have been able to obtain from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, an up-to-date and authoritative statement regarding the following formalities that have to be observed by foreign visitors (non-British) to India.

1. Arrival

All foreigners are required to furnish full particulars in respect of themselves on arrival. The formalities regarding registration are completed as far as possible simultaneously with the checking of passports. If this cannot be done, foreigners are required to attend the Registration Office within twenty-four hours of their arrival. Registration Officers have discretion to waive the requirement of personal attendance for initial registration, e.g. in the case of members of staff of foreign Embassies in India and foreigners of good social standing.

Foreigners are required to produce sufficient proof of their identity for registration. When the identity document is considered incomplete or insufficient the Registration Officer can, if required, ask the foreigner to furnish four copies of his photograph or four sets of fingerprints.

Issue of registration certificated: In case where a foreigner's destination in India is the port at which he disembarks, he is issued with a permanent certificate. In cases where a foreigner's destination is other ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ than the port of entry, he is issued with a temporary certificate by the Registration Officer at the port. This certificate is surrendered to the Registration Officer of the district in which the foreigner proposes to reside who will then issue a permanent certificate.

2. Residential Permits

Simultaneously with registration, a foreigner is also issued with a residential permit specifying the period for which he is permitted to stay in India. The period of stay in this permit coincides with the validity of the visa but does not normally exceed one year at a time. Foreigners are required to apply for extensions of stay at least fifteen days before their permits are due to expire. In cases where a foreigner has not been issued with a residential permit at the port of entry, the Registration Officer of the district of his residence will issue the permit.

3. Movements in India

(1) A foreigner who intends to be absent from his registered address for a period exceeding two weeks is required to furnish to the Registration Officer of his district, a report in writing giving particulars of his itinerary including the places he proposes to visit, the addresses at which he proposes to stay and the date on which he proposes to return to his registered address. If any changes are made in the itinerary, the Registration Officer ~~of any~~

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to whom the original report was made as well as the Registration Officer of any additional place included in the changed itinerary has to be informed.

(ii) Foreigners who have to travel about frequently can obtain a travel permit valid for a specified period and between specified places or within a specified area. A foreigner who obtains such a permit is not required to furnish his itinerary.

(iii) Foreigners visiting districts other than the district in which they are registered, are required to report their presence in the latter district within one week of their arrival if their stay in that other district exceeds one week. This report is not required in the case of persons who have obtained a travel permit or who stay in hotels.

(iv) Foreigners changing their registered address are required to report such change to the Registration Officer of the district in which they are registered; they have also to report to the Registration Officer of the district to which they move within forty-eight hours of their arrival.

Tourists: i.e. those who come on visits not exceeding three months for recreational or sightseeing purposes, and have been registered as such, are exempted from reporting changed in their address and their movements.

4. Departure

(i) Foreigners who leave India by sea or air are required to report their departure to the Registration Officer of the district of their permanent recidence in India and to surrender their certificates of registration duly endorsed to the effect that a departure report has been made, together with residential permits to the Registration Officer at the port of their departure.

(ii) Foreigners leaving by land are required to surrender their certificates of registration to the Registration Officer of the district from which they commence their journey and obtain from him "a licence to travel" in India for their onward journey. This licence should be surrendered at the place of departure from India.

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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL REVIEW, Mai 1950.

1) Recognition of Non-British Missionary Societies.

We have been under the impression till now that Missionary Societies affiliated to a Provincial Christian Council need not apply for recognition to the Government, even though they are not included in the list of Missions recognised by the Government. But we are now informed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, that it will be necessary for the Government of India to receive applications for recognition through the N.C.C. from all Missions which are not included in the list of regognised Societies even though they are affiliated to the National Christian Council or one of its Provincial Councils. The list of Missions which are affiliated to the N.C.C. or a P.C.C. and recognised by the Government is given here-below. Please not e that this list is being constantly enlarged and is at present only tentative.

American

Continental

Basel Ev. Mission	Church of Swed.Mission	Danish Miss.Society of Hellerup
Ev.Nat.Miss.Society of Stockholm	Leipzig Ev.Luth.Mission	Santhal Miss.of the N. Churches
Swedish Alliance Mission	Swedish Baptist Mission	Swedish Miss. Society
West Jeypore Miss. Society	Women's Miss. Society (Sw.)	

Will all Missions that are affiliated to the N.C.C. or one of the P.C.C.'s but are not included inthe above list, please send the Executive Secretary of the Christian Council two copies of their application which should contain particulars mentioned in the attached statement on "Procedure regarding recognition of Societies". The application should be addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, through the Executive Secretary, National Christian Council, Christian Council Lodge, Nagpur. It should contain two guarantees, one regarding finance and the other regarding loyalty. The application and the guarantees should be signed by the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society abroad. However if recognition is very urgently needed in order to facilitate the immediate entry of a missionary, the Christian Council will be prepared to accept the application and the guarantees signed by the Secretary of the Mission in India, provided he or she agrees that duly signed guarantees will be secured from the Mission Board in the West and forwarded to the N.C.C.

It is requested that immediate attention be paid to this matter.

Procedure Regarding Recognition of Societies

(i) Recommending Authorities

Previously, Societies and Organisations not in communion with the Church of Rome were recognised on the recommendation of the Conference

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of Missionary Societies in the U.K. or the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. It has been decided that the National Christian Council of India should replace the former two bodies. Societies recommended by this body will ordinarily be recognised by the Government of India provided:

(a) it will guarantee the good faith and responsibility of the Societies recommended for recognition; and

(b) before recommending any Society it will obtain from it a declaration to the effect that all due obedience and respect would be given by its members to the Government, in whatever part of India they may be, that its members will carefully abstain from political affairs and will comply with all regulations of the country.

Societies hitherto recognised will have to apply again for recognitio

(ii) Application for recognition

All applications for recognition should be made to the Government of India through the National Christian Council of India. Such applications should, interalia contaion the following particulars:

(a) Nature of work - e.g. medical, educational etc., which the Society proposes to undertake or on which it is engaged;

(b) Number of persons served by the Society;

(c) Number of Missionaries in India attached to the Society;

(d) Number and details of the institutions - hospitals, schools, churches etc., maintained in India by the Society;

(e) Financial position of the Society; and

(f) Areas or places in India in which the Society proposed to work or is working. Before according recognition, the Government of India will consult the Government of Province or State in which the Society proposes to operate or is located.

(iii) Guarantees

A member of a recognised society applying for a visa for India will be required to furnish along with every application (which should be made in the prescribed form through the Indian Representative or the British Representative in countries where there is no Indian representative) a certificate stating that he or she is an authorised member of the Society and that the Society undertakes the responsibility for his or her maintenances while in India and repatriation from India should need arise. A new certificate should be produced when an application is made after a period of absence from India.

(iv) Missionaries leaving a recognised Society in India

If a member of a recognised Society severs his/her connection with it for any reason, the Society shall report immediately the name and address of the resigning member to the Government of India and the Government of the Province or State in which the person is ordinarily resident. The Society shall also take immediate steps to ensure that the person concerned leaves India as soon as possible, unless he/she is specifically permitted by the Government of India to remain in India in which case the Society will be absolved of all responsibility in respect of the individual.

(v) General

(a) In all matters arising in connection with the procedure, the Government of India will deal only with the "Recommending Authorities".

(b) If any member of a recognised Society acts in contradiction of the undertaking given by the Society, it will be open to the Government

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of India to deport the individual at the expense of the Society and also to withdraw recognition from the Society, if considered necessary.

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Budget

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THE BUDGET FOR INDIA APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

1951

Missionary Budget:

GELC missionaries	Rs. 29,430.	
Less 25% to be provided from Germany	7,357.	
Net Subsidy from our Commission		Rs. 22,073.
JELC missionaries	Rs. 51,921. *	
Furlough travel items	13,377. **	
Total	Rs. 65,298.	
Less 25% from Germany	Rs. 16,324.	
Net Subsidy from our Commission		Rs.48,974.
TELC missionaries	Rs. 15,430.	
Less 25% from Germany	3,857	
Net Subsidy to be provided by our Commission		Rs.11,573.

Church Budget

GEL Church	Rs. 65,000.	
Less 25% reduction	16,250.	
Net Subsidy to be provided by our Commission		Rs48,750.
JELC Church	Rs. 68,307.	
Less 25% to be supplied from Germany	17,076.	
Net Subsidy from our Commission		Rs.51,231.
TEL Church	Rs. 20,600.	
Less 25% to be provided from Germany	5,150.	
Net Subsidy from our Commission		Rs.15,450.
Study Help		Rs. 6,500.
Miscellaneous		Rs. 3,000. ***
TOTAL		Rs. 207,551.
Less Gifts in India		1,100.
NET TOTAL BUDGET		Rs. 206,451.

Converted to dollars at the rate of 21¢ per rupee $43,354.71

* Salary of new lady worker at 22.50 rupees included along with her travel allowance in the amount of 750 rupees.

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** Travel is for Rev. and Mrs. Jung Johann and four children and for Rev. and Mrs. H/ Meyer and three children.

*** 1,000 rupees added to the miscellaneous item in order to take care of several small expense items called to our attention in a letter from Dr. Wood under date of August 25.

Instructions for the Transmission of Funds in 1951:

1. From the Leipzig Mission Society:

Remittances are to be made to the National Bank of India, Limited, 3, First line Beach, (Post Office Box # 64), Madras, India for the credit of the account of the Leipzig Evangelical Lutheran Mission. Missionary correspondent is the Rev. K. Heller, Leipzig Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Kumbakonam, South India.

2. From the Gossner Mission Society:

The Rev. K. Heller, Leipzig Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Kumbakonam,

The Gossner Mission Society has instructed us through its Director Pastor Lokies, to remit the grant for their missionaries to the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church. Since we do not have any information on the Bank Account of the GELC we shall remit the Gossner Mission Society grant and the contribution for the Gossner Evangelical Church to Dr. Wood for transmission to the GELC account until there might be different instructions from the field.

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1950 Gehalt und allowances: J. Klimkeit

Gehalt erhalten	...	Rs. 672•,-
Hill allowance	...	" 450,-
Hill rent	...	" 125,-
Postage	...	" 25,-
Touring allowance	...	" 250,-
Kleider allowance	...	" 400,-
Schulreisegeld	...	" 100,-
Chaukidar	...	" 240,-
Kinder Schulgelder	...	" 575,12,-
		Total 8885,12,-

Die Reisegelder waren bei weitem nicht ausreichend, ganz abgesehen von den Ausgaben für Auto~~ausgaben~~reisen beliefen sich die Ausgaben einschl. Lichtbilder Leihgebühr u. Karbid auf Rs. 372,5,6. Ebenso sind die Rs, 25,- für Porto u. Papier nicht zureichend.

Die Arbeitsgelder für Katechisten auf dem Missionsfelde wurden ab Januar durch den Kassierer ausgezahlt, ich schicke diese Abrechnung, wenn ich sie von ihm erhalten habe.

J. Klimkeit
19.3.51.

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