

June 10, 1934.

It is a pleasure to me to tell you that I have arranged so that you will receive "THE LUTHERAN", which is the official paper of the United Lutheran Church in America, for another year. I hope you have found it profitable during the past year and that it will continue to interest you.
With sincere greeting,

Faithfully,

J. H. Kruebel
President, U.L.C.A.

437 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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D. theol. H. Kausch 15. Juli 1934
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My dear president,

We are very thankful that you have ordered, that we shall receive the "Lutheran" for another year. It is for us a weekly tie between our lands and our churches.

Please, remember our Gossner Mission from time to time in your prayers. We also will do the same for yourself.

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and all your affairs.

May the word of God
reign upon us and our
churches in all his
divine power according
to Ps 29 to which Luther
has said: „Das Gottes
gutes also:

Demut ist blühet in Stille
mit der großen mächtigen Sprache, in

Wägen derer, derer, derer, derer,
gesprochenes alles was

gott. Wort, eingeleitet ist,
und wiederum:

als in Künstleren Regen bezaubert
ist. fruchtbar, pflanzte in. Stille ist.

was nicht ist. krank ist, als

come from pflanzte." —

The Lord with us all!

With all kind regards

Yours very truly

H. Ransitz.

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July 2nd, 1924.

The Rev. Prof. Dr. H. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

My dear Dr. Kausch,-

At the request of the Rev. Friedrich Holter, it gives me pleasure to send you the enclosed dollar exchange check of \$310.00 for the benefit of the Gossner Missionary Society. I trust that this gift may with God's blessing be of real help to you in the important work of your Missionary Society.

*Kindly send duplicate receipts that one may be forwarded to Pastor Holter.

* erledigt 25. 7. 24. *Am*

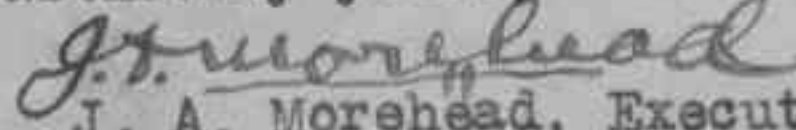
Pastor Holter tells me that you have been charged heavy exchange when collecting checks or drafts issued by American banks in dollars. I trust you will have no trouble with the dollar exchange bankers' check which we are sending you, as the National Lutheran Council has wide relations and always sends Fifth Avenue Bank checks. However, if you have any difficulty in cashing the check with only a reasonable charge, I advise you to use the enclosed letter of introduction to my friend, Mr. Arthur Erdmann of the Amerika Abteilung of the Deutsche Bank.

You will be interested to know that the National Lutheran Council will this week send a check of \$7,500.00 to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church for transmission to the India Mission of the Gossner Missionary Society. This is the third quarterly remittance which the National Lutheran Council has made to the Gossner Autonomous Church during the year 1924. We expect to send a like amount for the fourth quarter. I assure you that it has been a great joy for the Lutherans of America through the National Lutheran Council, on the recommendation of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America, to extend this emergency help to the important India Mission of the Gossner Missionary Society. We pray that God may bless this work for the continued spread of the Gospel in India.

We have noted with very great interest the more favorable attitude of the British Government toward the return of missionaries of the German societies to their foreign fields in British possessions and dependencies. What effect will definite action to this end by the British Government have upon the policies and plans of the Gossner Missionary Society?

With warm personal regard and praying God's blessing upon you and your work, I remain,

Faithfully yours,



J. A. Morehead, Executive Director.

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D. No. 5153.

Blm - Fr. 25. July 1924

My dear Professor Morcheau,

enclosed you will find two copies of the
receipt of \$310.00, sent to us S. S. July 2nd 1924.

I have changed the sum in the America Abtelling
of the Deutsche Bank and gave your kind interesting
letter to Mr. Arthur Erdmann who was very glad
to hear from you in this way. He sends his best greetings.
Your letter to him was useful for me. We got Mark
1293.05. Now I thank you very much for all your
trouble in this matter, seeing your great and good heart
behind all. God may reward!

It is also a deep comfort for us to know that you and
the whole National Lutheran Council by your financial
help sustain our Indian Gossner Church in this disastrous
time. That you have done in God and for God. Therefore you
have collected a treasure in the heavens for you and for all pro-
moters like you in your land.

England reopens the way to its colonies for the German missionaries.
But till now India is excluded! What does that mean? The damage for our work
within and without is not easy to be described. Can this policy be called a Christian one?
But we trust in our Lord. If and when He will we shall continue our mission to those
Nagpur on the ground of the declared Autonomy of the Church, approved by us already
years ago, although in a new manner, suitable to the altered situation.

Your prayers are most valuable to us. We do the same incessantly.

With most hearty wishes for yourself and the whole
brotherhood

Yours very truly and thankfully

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August 9th, 1924.

Handwritten: 15/9/24 26/8/24
5/19/24
Missionsdirektor H. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

My dear Missionsdirektor Kausch,-

Permit me to enclose a copy of a questionnaire which you are requested to fill out fully but concisely and return to this office at the earliest possible moment. The facts gathered from the European missionary societies, whose foreign missions are being assisted by the National Lutheran Council, in response to this questionnaire will be made the basis for the consideration of a proper budget for 1925 by the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America and the National Lutheran Council. You are earnestly requested to state the minimum amount necessary, in view of the probable increase of the income of your own society for foreign mission work, which you must ask of the National Lutheran Council in order that your mission in India may be carried on efficiently.

A copy of this questionnaire is also being sent to Rev. Isaac Cannaday, your missionary on the field.

With prayers that God may bless your great work for the extension of the Gospel and the upbuilding of our beloved Evangelical Lutheran Church in the foreign field and with assurances of the deep interest of the National Lutheran Council in your work, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

*Handwritten signature: J. A. Morehead*J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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Most sincerely yours

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Sehr geehrter, lieber Herr Bruder!

Der Missionslehrcursus für Pastoren, welchen die Missionskonferenzen der Provinz Brandenburg, Pommern, Sachsen und Westpreußen, der Vorstand des Schlesischen Provinzialvereins, die Königsberger Missionsdirektion, das Komitee der Berliner Missionsgesellschaft und das Kuratorium der Gossnerschen Mission veranstalten, findet in diesem Jahre aus besonderen Gründen, nicht wie sonst üblich, in der Woche nach Quasimodogeniti, sondern schon vom Mittwoch nach Ostern, dh. 19. April, bis Montag, 24. April statt. Die Kursteilnehmer werden über gebeten, bis Dienstag Mittag hierzubleiben, um an der Brandenburgischen Missionskonferenz teilzunehmen, die den Abschluß des Kurses bilden soll.

Wir laden Sie hierdurch herzlich ein, als unser Gast an dem Kursus teilzunehmen. Die Ordnung für den Besuch des Kurses liegt bei.

Ihre freundliche Antwort erbitten wir sobald als irgend möglich. Erfahrungen, die wir im vorigen Jahre mit der Post gemacht haben, nötigen uns zu der dringenden Bitte, uns den Empfang dieses Schreibens bestätigen zu wollen. Wenn Sie bei Verwandten oder Bekannten wohnen können, so ist uns das durchaus recht, nur bitten wir, uns in diesem Fall dies vorher mitzuteilen und Ihre Wohnung freundlichst anzugeben.

Mit brüderlichem Gruß

Sept. 15th, 1924

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K u r a t o r i u m

der

Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft.

D. Theol. H. Kausch

Berlin-Friedrichshagen

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H. Kausch

Questionnaire about status of European Lutheran Missions.

- 1) Name of Missionary Society: Gossnersche Missionsgesellschaft
- 2) Name of Mission: (Kolsmission) Autonomous Ev.luth.Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam.
- 3) When founded: 1845.
- 4) Number of Mission Stations: 21.
- 5) Number of Foreign Missionaries: 2.
- 6) Number of Native Pastors: 48.
- 7) Number of Lay-helpers: 852.
- 8) Number of Baptized Members: 103 102.
- 9) Number and Value of Churches: 27 Churches, 309 chapels, value 360 000 Rupies.
- 10) Number of Schools and Value of Property: 223 schools, value 300 000 Rupies.
- 11) Number of Teachers and Pupils in Each Mission School:
- 12) Value of other property held by Mission: Landed property (rice-fields) val. 30 000 ~~Rs~~ R. 21 Stations with houses and outhouses, value 1 000 000 Rupies.
- 13) Total income for the year 1924 and sources from which derived:
- 14) Minimum budget for 1925 and sources from which expected:

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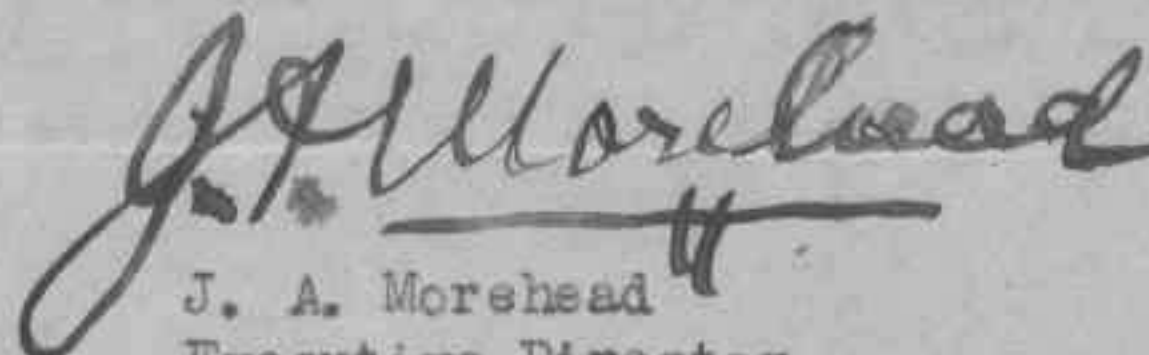
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Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

My dear Dr. Kausch:

This acknowledges your favor of September 15th, enclosing questionnaire covering statistical facts in regard to the Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Gossner Society in Chota Nagpur Assam, India. I am very grateful to you for your promptness and courtesy in sending the National Lutheran Council this information. We shall be glad to complete the statistics you give by comparison with a similar questionnaire which we are expecting to receive direct from the field through the Rev. Isaac Cannaday. We shall be pleased to send you a copy of the results of our investigation of the condition, strength and needs of orphaned German Lutheran Foreign Missions, when they are fully known.

With assurances of profound appreciation of the great work accomplished with God's blessing by the Gossner Society in India and trusting that in His Providence renewed activity in that field may in due time become possible to you, I remain, with warm personal greetings,

Faithfully yours,



J. A. Morehead
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Berlin-Friedman, January 16, 1925.

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Kuratorium der Gossnerischen
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Gossner Missionary Society,
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Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

My dear Dr. Kausch:-

Your letter of January 16th was received in due course and was read with great sympathy and interest in your society and in your work.

I have delayed answering you until the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America and the National Lutheran Council should have had their annual meetings and reached their decisions about the budget for continued foreign mission relief for the year 1925. It was also important for me to estimate the present state of mind of the National Lutheran Council and its participating church bodies in America in order to give you a clear, true, and dependable judgment in regard to questions you raise. I am now in a position to write you somewhat definitely, although, as is ever the case in the work of the Church, an element of faith enters into my forecast.

In the first place, permit me to take up for discussion the following quotation from my predecessor, Dr. Larsen, which you quote:

"Our supporting the Indian Gossner work is not a national or a political matter, but a mere religious and confessional one. Therefore certainly we would support your mission, when needed and possible for us, even in the case, that the German brethren would occupy their old place in India."

The principle which Dr. Larsen laid down in this statement continues to determine the policies and plans of the National Lutheran Council. The desire and purpose of the Lutherans of America through the agency of the National Lutheran Council continued to be to preserve endangered missions of the Lutheran Church by emergency relief work until the home societies and constituencies primarily responsible for them can resume their control and maintenance. However, it should be borne in mind that the foreign work of the National Lutheran Council is of a relief or emergency and temporary character. In other words, the National Lutheran Council is not a foreign missionary society or board. It is a churchly relief agency. Dr. Larsen spoke as I speak on the assumption that this is understood and that foreign missionary societies which have been assisted from our treasury for the maintenance of their missions in non-Christian lands will plan and expect, when in God's providence they are able to re-enter their mission fields for the control and management of their own work, that they will make permanent provision also for the maintenance and support of their work.

The keys of the statement of Dr. Larsen are found in the words, "when needed and possible for us". "When needed", of course, presupposes the natural and right desire of the

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Gossner Missionary Society to develop its own contributing mission circles in Germany, as in the past, so that they may provide the income necessary for the maintenance of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in India. Of course, we understand that the economic recovery of Germany and of the Lutheran missionary forces back of the Gossner Society will in the nature of things take place gradually. It is unreasonable to expect immediate recovery. However, your currency is now stable and the gifts of your supporting friends of Gossner are made in real money. We, of course, assume that the Gossner Missionary Society will with true Christian self-reliance be only too anxious to resume the joys and burdens of their own work as rapidly as possible. We assume also that you have plans and purposes gradually to make adequate provision for the Gossner field out of your own resources in Germany within a reasonable time after your missionaries are enabled to return to the field. It is my hope and faith that the National Lutheran Council will so far as possible continue its assistance, the Gossner Society having used every effort to care for its own work, for the limited number of years during which there may be actual need of it.

"And possible for us" refers to the fact that as the time lengthens since the Great War, the feeling grows in America that our brethren in Europe should begin more and more to assume financial responsibility for their own work both at home and in the foreign fields. Of course, we understand that there are political limitations upon the activity of the Gossner Society at the present moment so far as the return of missionaries is concerned. However, it is hoped that this condition will change in the year 1926 and that you will be able to return your missionaries to the field and to resume control and direction of the work. Will your society meanwhile be in a position to develop its financial resources and its income so as really to assume responsibility for at least the major support of the work? Referring again to the state of mind among our Lutheran people in America, it is felt that the interests of our own Church in America, including the support and development of its foreign missions, need now to receive the concentrated support of our congregations. During the period following the Great War, our people have been asked year after year to give large sums of money for European and foreign mission relief through the National Lutheran Council. Meanwhile their own work both at home and abroad, for which they are primarily responsible, has had to wait. Now it is felt that the time has come when repairs must be made, buildings erected, and other advances be arranged for for our institutions of mercy and education in America and for the extension of our foreign missions in non-Christian lands. These are the conditions which actually confront us and which make it increasingly difficult for us to raise funds for foreign mission relief through the National Lutheran Council. In brief, we ought not to do for our brethren in Germany what they can do for themselves in the support of their mission work nor is it possible for us to continue indefinitely to care properly for our own missions and at the same time to contribute for the support of the missions of our brethren of other countries. I am sure that you will appreciate both the principles and practical problems involved in this situation. Nevertheless, it remains true that we are profoundly interested in the preservation of the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church of India to our Church and to continued service in witnessing to the Gospel of Christ in India. The National Lutheran Council, as in the past, is ready to do what is really needed and what is possible for us by God's help for the great end of the continued functioning of the Gossner work in India in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

It will be of interest to you to know, I am sure, that other European missionary societies, to the temporary support of whose missions we have been giving or loaning money, are gradually resuming support of their missions and asking less each year of the National Lutheran Council. We trust and expect that this reduction will continue to be made so that within a few years the support of these missions will be taken over entirely by their own societies.

April 7th, 1925.

I enclose a brief statistical statement, showing the foreign missions on the relief list of the National Lutheran Council, the amount paid for the support of each during the year 1924, and the tentative payment made for the first quarter of the year 1925. The total budget agreed upon for the Berlin and some other societies for the year 1925 is less than recommended. We shall endeavor to send to the Gossner Mission for the year 1925 a minimum of \$30,000 because the need there is very great. The entire \$30,000 will be necessary to pay the running expenses of the mission on a limited scale. The situation is made more difficult by the less favorable rate of exchange. Many of the buildings require repair and some new buildings are needed. However, we do not see the possibility of making the subsidy for the Gossner Mission any larger than \$30,000 for the current year, unless the response to our 1925 World Service Appeal is more favorable than seems probable.

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Rev. Isaac Cannaday, Senior Missionary in the service of the Gossner Autonomous Church, with which was sent our second remittance of \$7,500 for the current year. You will note that we are now adopting the method of sending funds directly to the mission in India under proper conditions.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America is still loaning two of its missionaries, the Rev. Isaac Cannaday and the Rev. Oscar V. Werner, for the oversight and service of the Gossner Autonomous Church, although their salaries are paid from the gifts of the National Lutheran Council. Because of the uncertainty of the situation, these missionaries are somewhat restless. They do not know what to expect for the future. The Board of Foreign Missions of the U.L.C.A. considers them as its own missionaries, subject to their orders for recall to the service of its own missions at any time. But I feel sure that the Board will allow their missionaries to remain a reasonable time in the service of the Gossner work, until permanent provisions for the Gossner Autonomous Church can be made.

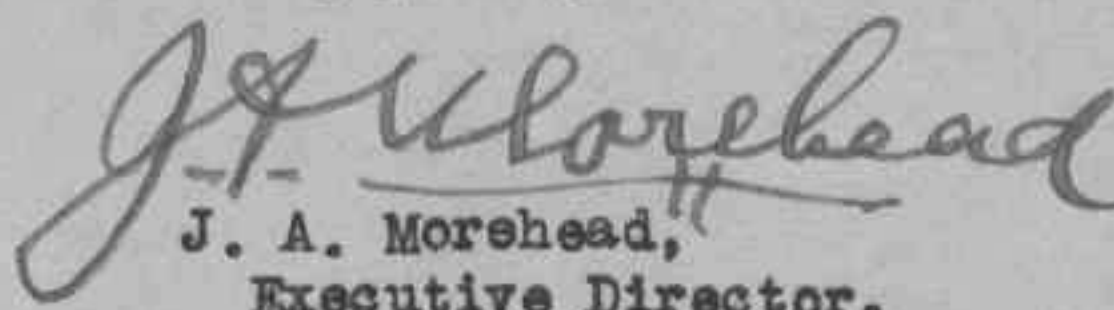
I desire to mention the fact that included in our last remittance of \$7,500 was the sum of \$175.00 for the benefit of the Gossner Autonomous Church received from the Rev. Friedrich Holter, 1011 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, New York. I am sure he will appreciate a note of thanks from you.

My dear Dr. Kausch, I have written you very fully about the condition and outlook of the Gossner Autonomous Church and its support from the point of view of the National Lutheran Council. This has been done with the conviction that it is due you and that you will appreciate having a frank and straightforward statement of the facts of the situation. I am sure you will desire with God's guidance and blessing to lay wise and statesmanlike plans for the future both of the Gossner Missionary Society and of the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church in India. Any service in our power which can be rendered by the Council or otherwise will be gladly given.

There is a rumor current in America to the effect that the Gossner Missionary Society plans to combine with the Berlin Society. May I know if there is any truth in this rumor?

With warm personal regard and true Christian greetings for a blessed Easter for you and for the work of the Gossner Society, I remain

Faithfully yours,


J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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NAME	Stations	Foreign Staff	Native Staff	Lay Helpers	Baptized Members	Churches & Chapels	Schools	Teachers & Pupils	Budget	1924		1925	
										Amount Paid	Amount Asked	Amount Recommended	Amount Paid 1st quarter
1.- (a) Berlin Mission (North & South China)	16 main Sta. 138 out Sta.	44	9	156	10,415	9 Churches 130 Chapels	54	2212 pupils 106 teachers	36,000.00	\$27,000.00			
1.- (b) Berlin Mission (South China)	13 main Sta. 111 out Sta.	39	9	119	8,886	7 Churches 119 Chapels	21	900 pupils 47 teachers			F.M. 22,500.00) H.S. 20,000.00)	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
2.- Breklum Mission (China)	2 main Sta. 3 out sta.	3 men 1 lady	0	18	195	3	8	346 pupils 28 teachers	8,500.00	6,375.00	F.M. 9,000.00) H.S. 6,500.00)	6,500.00	1,593.75
3.- Finnish Mission (China)	4 main Sta. 65 out Sta.	7 men 8 un. Women 6 wives	7	58	2,302	5	45	1248 pupils 7 Sup. T. 65 Chin. T.	3,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	750.00
4.- Finnish Mission (S.W. Africa)	10 main Sta. 150 out Sta.	11 men 15 un. women 8 wives	0	232	14,205	10	142	2358 pupils 6 Sup. T. 170 Afr. T.					
5.- Hermannsburg Mission (South Africa)	50	54	19	513	90,450	50	200	197 teachers 8364 pupils	23,000.00	17,250.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	4,312.50
6.- Gossner Mission (India)	21	4 (including 2 wives	48	381	94,009	28 Churches 269 Chapels	184	345 teachers 7707 pupils	40,000.00	30,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	7,500.00
7.- Hannover Free Church Missionary Society (South Africa)	9	7	3	53	8,872	7 Churches 9 Chapels		14 teachers 719 pupils	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	375.00
8.- Hildesheimer Mission fuer Deutsche Blinden- Mission (China)	1	2			out 50 - 27		1	3 teachers 50 pupils	720.00	720.00	1,500.00 to 3,000.00	?	100.00
	469	170	76	1411	220,475	112 Churches 408 Chapels	634	23,004 pupils 941 Teachers	113,220.00	\$5,845.00	F.M. 98,000.00 H.S. 93,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$19,631.25

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The Rev. Isaac Cannaday, Senior Missionary,
The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Council,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Missionary Cannaday:-

Your letters of January 14th and 28th, February 4th, and March 11th, enclosing financial statements and reports of the Advisory Board and of the G.E.L. Autonomous Church, have been received in due course. I have read all of these documents with closest attention and deepest interest. I wish to express sincere appreciation of the full and clear way in which you keep the National Lutheran Council advised of conditions and needs of the work of the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church.

I note with some distress and wonder from your letter of March 11th that you have been living on borrowed money for a considerable part of the first quarter of the year 1925. This seems inexplicable to me in view of the fact that the National Lutheran Council forwarded to the Board of Foreign Missions for the first quarter \$2,500. toward the support of the Gossner Autonomous Church on January 7th, 1925. In order that you might be advised in advance what to expect for the second quarter, I sent you under date of March 20th a cablegram as follows:

"MINIMUM COUNCIL GIFTS GOSSNER SAME EACH REMAINING QUARTER STOP IF POSSIBLE MORE"

In deference to the wishes of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America and in the interest of making entirely uniform the practice of the National Lutheran Council to send its remittances for foreign mission relief direct to the missions, as has been done heretofore in the case of the other foreign missions on our relief list, we have decided hereafter to send the gifts of the Lutherans of America through the N.L.C. for the support and encouragement of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in India to the Senior Foreign Missionary in charge of the field. At the present time, the Senior Missionary who, with the Rev. Oscar V. Warner, has the general oversight of this important work, is your worthy self. We trust that this new method of transmitting funds may prove to be in the interest of efficiency and the satisfaction of all concerned. However, we wish it distinctly understood that this change of method involves no lack of appreciation of the splendid service done by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in forwarding funds for the National Lutheran Council to India for the Gossner Church in the past. We appreciate that service and we shall remember it with gratitude.

Moreover, the understanding of the National Lutheran Council is that this new business method of transmitting funds from the National Lutheran Council for the support of the Gossner Autonomous Church involves absolutely no difference in relationship between the

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,-----2.

April 7th, 1925.

Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church and its own missionaries, the Rev. Isaac Cannaday and the Rev. Oscar V. Werner, who have been temporarily detailed and loaned for the service of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India. The National Lutheran Council and all other friends of Gossner are grateful to the Foreign Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church for loaning their trained missionaries for service in this important field during the present emergency which has lengthened out for so many years.

It gives me pleasure to enclose draft #61/5 of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation for £. 1,569-17-2, which is the equivalent of \$7,500.00 in American money, the gift of the National Lutheran Council toward the support of the Gossner Autonomous Church for the second quarter of the year 1925.

You are courteously requested to comply with the following requests and instructions:

1. Send receipts in duplicate for this remittance for our files, mentioning in the receipts both Pounds and Dollars.
2. Sell to the best advantage this draft for English currency and report to us as promptly as possible the exact number of Rupees which you receive for it. We desire to study the question of the best form in which to make these remittances to you, whether in English currency, Dollars, or Rupees. We will have experts study the question after trying several methods and then we will fix regularly on a particular currency, although now we are inclined to believe that drafts for English money will sell to the best advantage in India.
3. The first charge upon this remittance shall be the salaries of the missionaries at the rate of \$133.34 per month for the Rev. Isaac Cannaday and at the rate of \$125.00 with children's allowance of \$20.83 in addition per month for the Rev. Oscar V. Werner. These salaries of our American missionaries in general charge of the mission shall be paid monthly or as the salaries of the other missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church are paid.
4. The balance of the quarterly remittances of the National Lutheran Council for the support of the Gossner Autonomous Church in India after the deduction of the salaries of the two missionaries as indicated above, shall be used as heretofore to provide for native pastors, schools, and other necessities for the efficient conduct and maintenance of the regular work of the Autonomous Church.
5. Regular reports shall be periodically submitted as heretofore, exhibiting in detail the income, expenditures, and application of all funds in the conduct of the work of the Gossner Church.

We could heartily wish that we could at this time promise you larger gifts from the National Lutheran Council for the support of the Gossner Church during the current year. However, the results from the 1925 World Service Appeal are not yet fully known. Hence at the present moment we can only promise that the remittances which you will receive for the third and fourth quarter will not be less than the amounts sent for the first and second quarter. We send what we do with good wishes and prayers for God's richest blessing upon the missionaries, native pastors and Christians, and all the mission stations and schools and churches of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Missionsdirector Kausch of the Gossner Missionary Society and shall advise fully with him about his society's resumption of the support of

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,-----3.

April 7th, 1925.

the Gossner Autonomous Church just as soon as it is politically possible for this to be done.

With cordial greeting for you, Mrs. Cannaday, Pastor and Mrs. Werner, and the Gossner Church, I remain

Very cordially yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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CENTRAL-HOTEL
 BERLIN

May 9 1925

Dear Dr. Kausch;

I have arrived
 in Berlin and, as you
 have doubtless heard
 from Rev. Cammady,
 am anxious to con-
 fer with you relative
 to the present + pros-
 pective situation
 at Rameau. If you

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Informing friend

Sept 14/1925

and I understand for the
 camp in Berlin you
 thought it. There

will kindly let me
know your pleasure
as to day & how I
will gladly call.

Or if you are in
the city perhaps
you could call here
at the hotel. On
Tuesday I am ex-
pecting Pastor Hilde-
brandt who could
act as interpreter, if
that is necessary.

Wt. I will be in attendance
at the meeting of the 4 nations
in the Board. Perhaps you
also will be there on Tues-
day. I appear Tuesday at 6
noon. The services are
in First Presbyterian Ch., Denver
at 11:30/53.

Hoping to see you soon
and with cordial greetings
from Malcomsley,
J. S. Golder.

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April 30, 1925.

Missionsdirektor H.O. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse 19, Friedau,
Berlin, Germany

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church has asked me to visit our foreign missions fields in India, China and Japan. I shall reach London September 9th and then go to Sweden and Denmark and confer with the missionary societies there. I expect to reach Berlin sometime late in the week of September 13-19, and desire very much to confer with you as well as with Dr. Knak in order that I may go to India fortified with all the necessary information and advice to our missionaries. I am especially anxious to do all I can to hasten the return of missionaries to India.

I have been in correspondence with Rev. Isaac Cannaday at Ranchi, and as Secretary of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference in America, I am more or less familiar with the plans that have been made to have a commission of former German missionaries go to the field in Chota Nagpur as soon as possible.

In India I shall confer with all our missionaries and with Secretary Patton and others who are interested in this subject. I should be very much obliged to you for giving me some of your valuable time when I reach Berlin in order to discuss this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

George Drach
General Secretary

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Mr. George Drach, D. D.

General Secretary

18 East Mt. Vernon Place

Baltimore, M.D.

U. S. A

Dear Sir,

With much pleasure we received
your kind letter dated April 30, 1925 announcing

your coming to Berlin in the week of
Sept. 13 - 19. We shall be very glad
to see you and to speak with you
about the return of our missionaries
to India. Please let us ^{know before} ~~then~~
the ^{most convenient} best place and the most favourable
time to meet you at Berlin.

With cordial greetings
yours in the Lord

D. H. Ranft

Mission Director

7 and other problems connected with it.

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J. FRANK HEILMAN

June 15, 1925.

Missionsdirektor Kausch,
Handjerystrasse, 19-20,
Berlin, Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

Having arranged my itinerary in Europe, I expect to arrive in Berlin on Thursday, September 17th, 9.04 P.M. and leave Berlin again on Saturday 19th, 4.10 P.M.

During this time I desire to confer with you and Dr. Knak; with Dr. Knak concerning the Shantung Mission and with you concerning the Gossner Autonomous Lutheran Church.

Will you please let me know where and when I can have the desired conference in Berlin on Friday, September 18th?

Yours sincerely,

George Drach
General Secretary

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July, 7. 1925

George Drach, D.D. General Secretary
18 East Mt. Vernon Place
Baltimore, MD
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Drach:-

With much pleasure I received your letter dated June 15 h. a. I am very glad to see you in

Berlin on Friday September 18th.

I have conferred with Dr. Knall:
he thinks to meet you on the
forenoon of the named day. Therefore
I propose to confer with you
on the afternoon of the Sept. 18th.

Please propose the hour and
the place of our meeting.

With best greetings
in the Lord

yours sincerely

D. Hans Kauffh,
Mission Director.

July, 7. 1925.

George D r a c h, D.D. General Secretary

18 East MT. Vernon Place

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Dear Dr. Drach:-

With much pleasure I received your letter dated June 15 n.a. I am very glad to see you in Berlin on Friday September 18th. I have conferred with Dr. Knäk: he thinks to meet you on the forenoon of the named day. Therefore I propose to confer with you on the afternoon of the September 18th. Please propose the hour and the place of our meeting.

With best greetings in the Lord

Yours, sincerely
D. Theodor Knäk
Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerystraße 19/20.

Missionsdirektor.

H. O. Rumpel

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Missionsdirector H. Kausch,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

My dear Director Kausch:-

I have just received important communications from the Rev. Isaac Cannaday, senior foreign missionary in temporary charge of the Gossner Autonomous Church. He sends me a very interesting article concerning the Gossner Church. He speaks with so much gratification of the fact that the British Government has permitted the two missionaries of the Gossner Society to return for a visit to the field. We of the National Lutheran Council shall, of course, be deeply interested in their report and in the plans of the Gossner Missionary Society for the future care of this great field.

As you have learned from my previous letter, the National Lutheran Council is now sending its remittances direct to the Gossner Autonomous Church in India through the senior missionary, the Rev. Isaac Cannaday. He writes that the N.L.C.'s gift of \$7,500.00 for the second quarter of the year 1925 was sold at the rate of 2.7812 rupees to the dollar, a better rate of exchange than usual. Hence we regard our new plan as a favorable one to the Gossner Autonomous Church.

I am sending today a dollar exchange check of \$7,500.00 to Mr. Cannaday as the gift of the National Lutheran Council for the third quarter of the current year. We shall be pleased if your Gossner Society in Berlin will keep an account of these remittances.

Thinking it may be of interest, I enclose a copy of the Rev. Mr. Cannaday's article on "The Gossner Church", which will be published in many Lutheran Church papers in America.

I am awaiting a reply to my last letter to you with deep interest.

Assuring you of our prayerful concern for the safety, welfare and progress both of your society and of your great mission field in India, and praying God's blessing upon all of your efforts for the permanent care of this work, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

J. A. Morehead
J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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THE GOSSNER CHURCH

by Rev. Isaac Cannaday, Secretary of the
Advisory Board of The Gossner Ev.
Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur
and Assam, India.

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Request has come for a message concerning "the condition, needs and promise of the Gossner Autonomous Church." This Church is one of the eight orphaned Lutheran missions left as a heritage of the Great War.

The National Lutheran Council nobly came to the rescue of these former German missions and has done a piece of constructive work such as has never been done before in or by our Church.

The Gossner Church (it is no longer a "mission" in the true sense) is the largest of these bodies and doubtless in many respects is the most promising. Here is a body of about 100,000 Lutherans living in hundreds of villages scattered over a territory larger, it is said, than the State of Maryland. Ranchi is the headquarters and there are over fifteen out-stations in which are schools, churches, bungalows, dispensaries, etc. Let's take stock of some of these.

First, in Ranchi we have a high school, hospital, etc. The high school is appropriately called, "The Gossner High School", in honor and memory of old "Father" Gossner, the sainted and marvellously energetic founder of the Mission nearly 80 years ago. There is one remarkable thing about this high school and that is for many years Greek has been taught in it as a language. And it is wonderful, how, hitherto, the boys have taken hold of the study of this foreign tongue! Last year, at the "commencement" of the school, some of the senior students gave a Greek play, to the great delight of all European guests. A missionary of another mission remarked to the writer, "Well, your boys can speak Greek better than any school boys I ever heard." Perhaps no other high school in India has the distinction of teaching Greek. Incidentally it may be mentioned that last year the closing exercises were conducted in nine different languages--English, Hindi, Urdu, Persian, Greek, Mundari, Bengali, Urdu and Sanskrit! The school was well established before the war broke out and there were at times as many as five missionaries working in it, giving every attention to the needs of the boys--mostly Lutheran Christians. Since the missionaries were removed the school has kept on growing and today its walls are crowded with about 400 boys, all young and keen on getting an English education. Mr. S.K. Roy, a Bengali, is now the efficient principal.

A turn around the corner brings us to the Theological Seminary, now a rather small institution, but representing years and years of good hard work by scholarly missionaries of by-gone days. A theological seminary is the very heart of any church and certainly it must be of the Autonomous Church. Yet, just at present, we find that young men are not much attracted to the Seminary. There are many reasons for this, but one undoubtedly is that there is little or no prospect of their getting jobs with living wages when they leave the Seminary. The Autonomous Church is too poor as yet to pay decent salaries and it has been turning down the candidates who have passed through the Seminary, because it could not promise them work. This state of things--if allowed to continue--will in time, even very quickly, tell on the Church. Sacrifices are being made by our young men, but it is too much to expect them to go out on starvation wages.

Just near the Seminary is our small hospital in charge of Dr. John Horo and his assistants. Here the health of all the Lutheran students, both boys and girls, in Ranchi, as well as that of many of our Church members, is looked after. Every morning Dr. Horo goes the rounds of the school hostels and prescribes for the sick boys and girls--if there are any--and takes the most serious cases into the hospital. As our doctor is not a full-fledged doctor in the American sense, he must send many of the very serious cases off to the Government hospital in town, where the best of care is given by competent European and Indian physicians and Belgian (Roman Catholic) nurses. Far away at Khutitoli there is the headquarters of a travelling dispensary in charge of a "compounder". This young man goes on his bicycle to three or four big out-stations where there are schools and boys and girls to look after. How anxiously, sometimes, are his visits looked forward to! Fever, dysentery, coughs and colds--these diseases are almost always prevalent somewhere, and even just a compounder with a box full of assorted medicines can bring relief to many a sufferer.

The Girls' Middle English School in Ranchi must not be overlooked. Mrs. Cannaday, the manager, and her corp of assistants are putting a lot of hard work into it, and how eager the 300 girls are to get along in their classes! How keen the little girls, just starting out in English by the direct method, are! In another generation or less time these girls will be the leaders among the women of the Church and it goes without saying that they will introduce new ideas, new standards, and new kinds of homes. And the Girl Guides--how it does delight the eye of the foreign missionary to see these young hopefuls running and playing and doing all kinds of "stunts"! Connected with this School are five or six others, smaller and of a lower grade, but just as lively, in out-stations. And these "village" girls are so keen to get away from their jungle homes and live in Ranchi and learn English! And don't think, "dear" reader, that a little English spoils them--not by any means. Most of these girls go right back to their villages, marry and settle down and become the best of housewives.

Connected with the high school there are five Middle English Schools for boys in out-stations. One of them is far away in the jungle, over a hundred miles from Ranchi. Two years ago the European Inspector of Schools ventured to visit this school, over an utterly impossible road, in his Ford. What was his surprise, as he wrote, to find at the end of this long, long trail an English school with 150 boys in it. His eyes could scarcely believe it. In Kinkel Station last January so keen were the people for an English-teaching school that they themselves subscribed 700 rupees to pay for a ^{qualified} headmaster during 1925. The Advisory ^{Board} and Rev. O.V. Werner, Head Supervisor/all schools, who under Government, are responsible for all educational work had told them plainly that no help could be given, and so the people made this sacrifice for the sake of their boys.

And now my space is up and I have said scarcely anything about the Autonomous Church. "Autonomous" is a big word and its meaning should be defined, but even definitions do not satisfy or necessarily tell the whole truth. Suffice it to say that the Gossner Christians did not take upon themselves autonomy because they wanted it, but because they saw it was the only way out of the difficulties confronting them at the close of the war when the Anglican Bishop who had shepherded them all during the war had to give them up. "Any sacrifice", they said in effect, "in order to preserve ourselves as a Lutheran Church." And so they became autonomous in purely ecclesiastical affairs--and almost self-supporting so far as their church work is concerned. They support entirely their own pastors--numbering nearly fifty--and largely support their catechists, numbering about 400. Many of these servants of the Church are getting only half salary or so, at times even less, but they labor on and not a single pastor has resigned because of lack of support.

Is the Autonomous Church succeeding? Is it growing? Is it spiritually-minded? No categorical answers can be given to these questions, but it cannot be said that autonomy is a failure, and as for growth, while there have been losses necessarily, there has been an increase also. The Church is getting along as well as could be expected in the circumstances. If there were a few missionaries who could give their attention to the spiritual problems of the Church, it would be a great boon, and there is hope that in another year or so some of the former missionaries will be allowed to return for this purpose.

The National Lutheran Council has already, by its generous gifts, saved this large body as a part of the great World Lutheran Church, and if it will continue its generosity for another year or two the Autonomous Church will be firmly established.

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National Lutheran Council
Office of the Executive Director
Prof. J. A. Morehead, D. D.

437 Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

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(A visit only!
limited)

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and limitation of our Mission for
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great hindrance for the expansion
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Therefore we would ^{be} very thankful,
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Thankfully and faithfully
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Kuratorium der Gossnerischen
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Berlin-Friedenau
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National Lutheran Council
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Prof. J. A. Morehead, D.D.

437 Fifth Avenue

New York - N.Y.

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My Dear Professor Morehead,

I think that you have got my
letter dated 14. July 1925.

Now I can tell you, that our Curatorium
yesterday has resolved to send out in the
midst of September our two missionaries
Rev. Lic. Johannes Horth, formerly President
of our mission in Ranchi, and Rev. August
John, formerly our station leader in Rinkel (Chota Nagpur),
to India, for studying our old mission field
in every respect and (the situation of)
the future of it. (present)
(presumable) The Indian government

has allowed the sojourn of the two
missionaries ^{named} for four months only.

About the financial support ^{of us} for the
nearest future now we cannot ^{yet} give
any distinct promises to our native
church, if we should now be sure, that
the American help would be continued
in a sufficient degree as long as
possible and not be cast off suddenly.

Therefore we ~~should~~ ^{be} very thankful to you,
if you could take care that the American
aid ^{preliminarily} would remain to the Autonomous
Gossner Church even in the case that
our missionaries would be allowed
to stay in India permanently.

for the
present
The general condition in Germany
is indeed so, that our "Valuta" is
established. But from that does not
follow that our Mission does not
need foreign help. Even that circles
who are ^{most} interested in the mission work
have impoverished deeply and ^{often} have
lost their whole existence. They are
not able to give as much as before for
the mission (and the ^{now} dear need is increasing again)

after a little time of relaxation.

In the month of September we hope to see Dr. Trach in our Mission house and we are persuaded that he will have the same ~~exp~~ impressions about the conditions in Germany. The worldly things in the streets of the metropolis do not in any way represent the real life of the true and poor Christians and friends of the mission of today.

In old thankfulness, deeply felt, with my and my colleagues ~~for~~ in the committee best greetings in our Lord

I remain

Yours very truly

D. Theol. H. Kaufsch
Berlin-Friedenau
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July 21, 1925.

Missionsdirektor Kausch;
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin, Germany

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

For your letter of 7th instant I am very grateful to you and shall be glad to confer with you on Friday afternoon, September 18th anywhere that you may arrange.

I am particularly happy to learn that the Indian government has given your Society permission to send out two men to visit the Gossner Field in India as a preliminary step to the return of the missionaries to your great field in India.

Yours sincerely,

George Drach
General Secretary

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Dr. H. O. Kausch,
Director, Gossner Missionary Society,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau,
Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

Your letters of July 14th and August 7th have been duly received. I wish to thank you for both of these communications. They have been read with deepest interest.

I desire first of all to congratulate you upon the fact that the Indian Colonial Government has at last given consent for the visit of two of the former missionaries of your Society in India to their old field for four months. Even this will have its value. I sincerely hope that with God's blessing and gracious ordering this may ultimately mean the permanent return of the Gossner Society and its missionaries to their old field. I am especially glad to know that Revs. Stosch and John will leave Germany in September for the visit in question to India. I trust that God may keep them in safety and make their visit to the Gossner Autonomous Church a great blessing.

I enclose a copy of the weekly News Bulletin issued by the National Lutheran Council to seventy or more church-papers in America. You will note that this Bulletin carried an item about the visit of your missionaries to India, the material for which was derived from your letter of August 7th. We are glad in this way to endeavor to stimulate interest in the Gossner Mission among the congregations of the Lutheran Church bodies participating in the work of the National Lutheran Council.

While there has been no opportunity to present your letter for the consideration of the National Lutheran Council, I feel sure that there will be no disposition on the part of this agency of the Church suddenly and without due conference to discontinue its contributions for the support of the work of the Gossner Society in India. My judgment is that the National Lutheran Council will continue its assistance for a reasonable time in consideration of all conditions out of interest in the work and for the service of Christ's Kingdom in the foreign field. However, I also think that the National Lutheran Council will expect the Gossner Missionary Society itself to resume gradually but as rapidly as possible the support of its own missionary enterprise of the Gossner Autonomous Church in India. When political barriers have been completely removed so that your Society can freely resume the direction and

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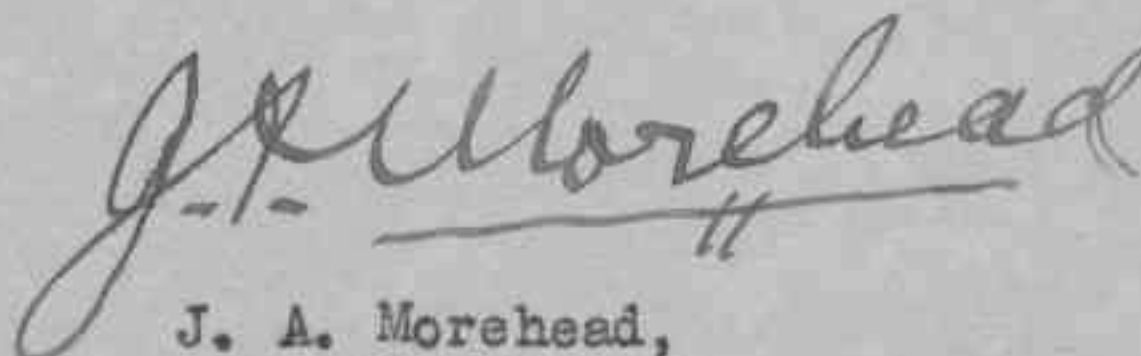
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support of your work in India, then in our view you of course become morally responsible for its maintenance and development up to the limit of your financial ability. But, while I have no right to make definite promises for the National Lutheran Council in advance of its own definite action, I feel sure that there will be no disposition to cease giving aid to your work in such measure as may be necessary until your Society regains strength to carry it alone. Of course this view is expressed on the assumption that your Gossner Society has a substantial and dependable outlook of being able ultimately to supply out of its own circles the means for the support of its great mission fields. This problem of the permanent wise provision for the Gossner Autonomous Church is of course one which belongs primarily to your own Gossner Society which has founded and developed your great India field by prayer and sacrifice through the years. My earnest prayer is that God may continue His blessings upon your Society and upon its work.

I am glad that Dr. Drach will visit you on his way to India and that he will be in that country during the presence of your missionaries there. The Board of Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, which he represents, has done an important service for the Gossner Autonomous Church, in that it has loaned two missionaries, Pastors Cannaday and Werner, for the supervision of the work, although the National Lutheran Council has of course paid their salaries. Moreover, the United Lutheran Church is the largest of the fifteen Lutheran Church bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council and contributing the funds with which it carries on its work of foreign mission and European relief. I mention these matters in order that the entire situation may be entirely clear to you.

Assuring you of our earnest desire so far as we can with God's help to stand by our German Lutheran brethren of the Gossner Society until they are able to do their own work out of their own resources and with true Christian greetings, I remain,

Faithfully yours,



J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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P.S. For your private information, I enclose a copy of a personal letter written today to Missionary Cannaday. My object in writing this letter to him was to smooth the way for happy personal relationships, good understanding, and just and wise arrangements for the future. J.A.M.

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August 21st, 1925.

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Missionary Cannaday:-

I desire to write you today a somewhat private and confidential letter. The reasons for doing so will appear in the letter itself.

To assure you of my own personal deep interest in the orderly and efficient progress of the work of the Gossner Autonomous Church, let me say that I have recommended to the National Lutheran Council that a special gift of \$2,500.00 or more be made to relieve the present financial stringency in your work. Just as soon as a decision is taken by mail vote, I will communicate with you again. Thus you and your colleagues of the Gossner Autonomous Church may rest assured that the National Lutheran Council will not fail you and your work under proper conditions.

The subject of which I wish to write to you especially may be introduced by the news item on the first page of the enclosed copy of our Weekly News Bulletin to the church press for August 20th. I also enclose copies of a letter from Missionsdirektor Kausch and of my reply. You will note that the Gossner Society in Berlin is looking hopefully to an ultimate return to the India field and to the resumption of the support of the Gossner Autonomous Church. Meanwhile, they earnestly plead with the National Lutheran Council to continue its help. You will note my reply.

I can sympathize with you and Missionary Werner in the delicate position in which you are placed. You are employed by the Board of Missions of the United Lutheran Church, loaned or detailed for special service of the Gossner Autonomous Church in an emergency, your salaries being paid meanwhile by the National Lutheran Council, whose funds are drawn from the congregations of fifteen participating Lutheran church bodies in America. But I am sure you will not forget that the Gossner Autonomous Church must recognize as its first moral obligations those which bind them to the founding society in Berlin. Moreover, I am sure that just because you are missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church, you will hold the balances evenly, using your influence in favor of the loyalty of the Gossner Autonomous Church to the Gossner Society and to the National Lutheran Council as a whole. No favoritism should be shown by a representative of the National Lutheran Council to any one of its participating bodies so far as the Gossner Autonomous Church is concerned. The National Lutheran Council has no selfish interest to serve but is doing its work of foreign mission relief for the Gossner Autonomous Church solely in the interest of the preservation of that Church to the Evangelical Lutheran Church and to the service of Christ's kingdom in India. I feel that in the providence of God, you have been detailed for the service of the Gossner Autonomous Church through the financial assistance of the National Lutheran Council. I am sure that you and Missionary Werner will welcome Missionaries Stosch and

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John and advise with them in a true fraternal spirit with reference to the future of their great field. I shall be especially glad to have a letter from you giving fully the results of their visit.

Dr. Drach will call to see me on Thursday of next week before sailing for Europe en route to the East. I am sure that his visit will be a great joy and blessing to you and the other missionaries.

With cordial personal greeting and good wishes and praying God's blessing upon you and your colleagues in all your work, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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Dr. H. O. Kausch, Director,
Gossner Missionary Society,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

Under date of June 23rd, I received a communication from the Rev. Isaac Cannaday on behalf of the Advisory Board of the "Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India", appealing for a special gift of \$2,000.00 to liquidate a debt for running expenses and to enable the better payment of the native pastors and other workers of the "Gossner Mission", who have been receiving very limited salaries during and since the Great War. Although it is very unusual for the National Lutheran Council to depart from its definitely accepted budget, this case seemed to be very exceptional and hence I have been authorized to forward the special gift of \$3,000.00 in addition to the budget of \$30,000.00, payable quarterly, for the year 1925. I am sure this will be good news to you as well as to the great Gossner work which with God's blessing the Gossner Society of Germany has developed.

It gives me pleasure to enclose a copy of a letter to the Rev. Mr. Cannaday, with which the check of P. 618-15-11, the equivalent of \$3,000.00, was enclosed.

You will be interested to know that this check included a special gift of \$55.00.

Permit me to enclose a copy of an article prepared for the church press to inform the public in regard to the progress of the Lutheran World Convention movement. It occurs to me that you may be especially interested in the paragraph on Foreign Missions on page "4". What is the larger future of the native Lutheran Church in India developed in God's providence through the activities of many missionary societies and boards of the Lutheran Churches of the various countries of the world? These are grave problems of the future, especially in view of the fact that the Reformed Churches are aggressive in their advocacy of union measures.

I trust that Dr. Drach has reached Germany in safety and that you have had a satisfactory and helpful conference with him.

Assuring you that we shall await with breathless interest the result of the visit of your commissioners to India and your plans for the permanent care of the Gossner Mission in that country, I remain, with true Christian greetings,

Faithfully yours,

J. A. Morehead
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Executive Director.

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Sept. 8th, 1925.

P. S. The designated gifts aggregating \$55.00, referred to above, included \$50.00 from the Rev. Wilh. Hartwig, President of the Lutheran Jehovah Conference, and \$5.00 from the Lutheran student group of West Chester Normal School in Pennsylvania. Please send us receipts or notes of thanks covering these two designated gifts that we may transmit them to the donors. X) n. X X)

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September 8th, 1925.

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday, Missionary
in Service, Gossner Autonomous Church,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Missionary Cannaday:-

Your letter of August 5th has been duly received and read with genuine interest.

I note that you are veering around to my view that it will be to the advantage of the Gossner Autonomous Church if we send you remittances in English money instead of in dollars. I shall await with very great interest a report of the results of your exchange of our dollar exchange check into rupees, which dollar check was sent you at your own suggestion.

I am now replying to your communication of June 23rd, conveying the appeal of the Advisory Board of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church for a special gift from the National Lutheran Council and also for our consent for you to apply for additional help elsewhere.

It gives me pleasure to report that the National Lutheran Council has decided to take the very exceptional action of making a special gift for the present necessities of the Gossner Autonomous Church in the amount of \$3,000.00. I enclose draft No. 61/17 on the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation for £. 618-15-11, which is the equivalent of \$3,000.00. This special gift is made with the prayers and very best wishes of the Council that it may be blessed of God for the maintenance and progress of the work of the Gossner Autonomous Church. We trust it will enable the liquidation of the debt and the better payment of the native pastors, teachers and other workers, so that the service of the Gospel by the Gossner Church may go forward without retrenchment. Please send a receipt for this remittance with a full statement of the amount of rupees realized. You will note that while you asked for \$2,000.00, we have sent you \$3,000.00 in order that you may have a credit balance constantly and be enabled to purchase rice or to meet any other special necessities without negotiating loans.

I sincerely hope that you and the other authorities of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church will clearly understand and carefully see to it in the future that you present your propositions for a budget for the year 1926 on the basis of requirements that are minimum but that include all necessities so that no special appeals may come before the National Lutheran Council for special donations. We work strictly on the budget method and it is not likely that we can take up an extra appeal for consideration in the future between the annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council. It is important for us to have at your earliest convenience a statement of the requirements of the Gossner Autonomous Church for the year 1926. I dare say that this can be worked out to the best advantage during the presence in India of the commissioners of the Gossner Society from Berlin. The National Lutheran Council desires to have a full statement with reference to the future plans and policies of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church for permanent development after the visit of the commissioners. We shall also expect to have official communications from the Gossner Society itself. The only desire and purpose of the Council is to assist temporarily

The Rev. J. A. Cannaday,-----2.

September 8th, 1925.

in the preservation to the Evangelical Lutheran Church and permanent arrangements for the development of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In regard to the inquiry of the Advisory Board relative to the attitude of the National Lutheran Council on the subject of their applying for help from other sources, permit me to report the following action of the Council:

"RESOLVED, That the reply be returned to the Council of the Gossner Autonomous Church that the National Lutheran Council cannot express an opinion regarding their proposal to make appeals for help from other sources without knowing definitely what other sources of help are in mind."

Permit me to enclose a copy of an article prepared by me as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention for the church press of America and Europe. It may be that this article will have interest for the Lutheran missions and churches of India, particularly the paragraph on Foreign Missions on page "4". I shall appreciate it if you will make known to our Lutheran missionary circles in India the contents of this article, for I am sure they will be glad to keep in touch with the ecumenical movement of the Lutheran Church, which has such great importance for the development of world Lutheranism and the service of our beloved Church for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

Assuring you that it is a great pleasure to advise you and the Advisory Board of the favorable action of the National Lutheran Council on your request for an extra gift, and assuring you of our prayers for God's blessing upon the missionaries, native pastors and congregations of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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Coming Meeting of Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention for 1925 - Trend and Task of the Movement - Pressing Problems to be Considered- Russian Relief - Foreign Missions - Second Lutheran World Convention.

The appearance in the church press of the reports of the annual meetings of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention has served in some measure to keep the Church advised in regard to the progress of the ecumenical Lutheran movement begun at Eisenach. However, the recent publication in America of an English volume of the proceedings, addresses and discussions of the first Lutheran World Convention, followed very promptly as it has been by a German edition in Europe, is of the utmost importance for the progress of this effort to promote better understanding, unity in faith, and some measure of cooperation among the Lutheran churches of the world. Thus pastors and people of all church bodies in America have access to the original documents which record the beginnings of general systematic thinking in regard to the conditions under which world Lutheranism may be developed. In this connection, special attention is directed to the addresses of Bishop Ihmels on "The Ecumenical Character of the Lutheran Church," of Prof. Jorgenson on "The Confessions--The Indispensable Foundations of the Lutheran Church," and of Dr. Knobel on "'That They May All Be One'--What Can the Lutheran Church Contribute to This End". While all the discussions of these and other valuable papers will merit careful reading and judgment, special attention is called, in connection with Bishop Ihmels' address, to the illuminating and vigorous paper by Bishop Jaake Gummerus, D.D., of Finland, opening the discussion of the ecumenicity of the Church.

The Trend of the Lutheran World Convention Movement

It is right and proper that the culmination at Eisenach of various ecumenical Lutheran strivings should be critically studied. Many are asking, "What is the actual trend of the Lutheran World Convention movement?" The obvious answer is: Study the genesis of the first convention and the original records of it as published. The officially declared common aim of the Allgemeine Konferenz, the Lutherischer Bund and the National Lutheran Council, all three of which had part in initiating the preparations for the first Lutheran World Convention, is to promote a true Lutheran consciousness. The following significant sentence concludes the call, signed by Bishop Ihmels and the late Dr. Larsen, to church bodies to send delegates to the Eisenach Conference: "It is the earnest expectation and the hearty desire of those who have planned this convention that it may help toward the preservation and strengthening of confessional Lutheranism throughout the world". Moreover, the doctrinal statement adopted at Eisenach reveals clearly the fact that an encouraging measure of unity was actually found to exist. The full measure of existing unity, can only be ascertained through much committee work and the holding of many world conventions. But the actual attainment of a true understanding of the degree of unity in the faith existing among all Lutheran Church groups, if one attempts to think in world terms, is not a small matter, much less the development of genuine inner unity among Lutherans on a world basis, which can only come by the power of the Spirit of God through the Word of Truth. To this end, great faith, unceasing intercession and patient effort are necessary, but above all the Power and Grace of God in Christ.

The direction of the Lutheran World Convention movement may be judged also by the opinions of its opponents and friends in Germany. Two examples are given. An

article in Die Eiche for October, 1924, on "Toleranz oder Glaubensfreiheit", by Prof. K. Bornhausen, of the University of Breslau, regrets the ecumenical Lutheran movement on the ground that it marks a return to confessional loyalty among Lutherans which, in his opinion, will be hurtful to unions already achieved in Germany and unfavorable to his own contention for entire freedom in matters of faith. It appears, then, that rationalism is an enemy of the Lutheran World Convention movement. On the other hand, the Lutheran Association of Germany (Lutherische Bund) representing a definitely conservative Lutheran group, at its meeting in the City of Berlin, May 12-13, 1925, took definite action in favor of cooperation with the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention (under certain limitations growing out of relationships in Germany), and approved of the representation of the Lutheran Free Churches of Germany on the Large Committee. The General Evangelical Lutheran Conference (Allgemeine Ev. Luth. Konferenz) is heart and soul for the Lutheran World Convention movement. It appears, therefore, that the friends in Germany of the positive faith of the Gospel, as set forth in the Holy Scriptures and as witnessed by the confessions of the Church, are giving their sympathy and support to this cause of a better understanding, a larger measure of true unity and wise concerted action among the Lutheran forces of the world.

Executive Committee to Meet.

The making of definite arrangement for the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention is scarcely less difficult than a Chinese puzzle. At the Göteborg meeting, Bishop Lunde invited the Committee to meet as his guest in Oslo in September of the current year. This invitation was accepted. However, Bishop Lunde's extended visit to America and unavoidable engagements of members of the Committee for the time originally agreed upon made it necessary to defer until another year the contemplated meeting in Oslo. Definite arrangements have been completed for the 1925 meeting of this Committee November 9th - 15th at The Hague.

Completion of the Large Committee.

An item of unfinished business for the meeting at The Hague will be the completion of the Large Committee. Since the Göteborg meeting, considerable progress has been made toward the completion of the simple working organization of world Lutheranism proposed at Eisenach. The Joint Synod of Ohio has elected as its member on the Large Committee the Rev. C.C. Hein, D.D., President of the body; the Augustana Synod has chosen President G.A. Brandelle, D.D., LL.D. The name of Baron Kass added to that of Bishop Raffay completes the representation from Hungary. The Rev. S. Norman becomes the third representative from Norway. It is expected that all sub-committees will report at The Hague meeting the results of their negotiations with a view to the completion of the Large Committee.

Russian Relief.

The plight of the suffering Lutheran Church of Soviet Russia has touched the Lutheran heart of the world. The preservation of the hard-pressed forces of the Church of the Reformation in that great country under present conditions demands wisest statesmanship with God's blessing. It will be remembered that at the Göteborg meeting our Executive Committee recommended concentration of the relief efforts of the Lutheran forces of the world for the aid of fellow-believers in Russia. Reports of progress made in the various countries in this work of Christian love will be received at the November meeting and measures for further more effective support will be considered. The intercessions of the Church are earnestly asked for our fellow-Christians in Russia and for the Executive Committee in their deliberations.

The people of Russia have been called upon to pass through the Great War, a succession of political revolutions with civil war, famine, and a reversal of the social and economic order. The consequent temporary confusion, impoverishment, and distress are beyond the portrayal of any pen. In this period of storm and stress, the sudden separation of Church and State was ordered. The old organization of the Church and its means of support were destroyed by a single blow. Then came into power the political party which stands for systematic anti-religious propaganda. When in the centuries gone has a section of the Christian Church been called upon to suffer greater trial? But the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church!

And already there are signs of the dawning of a new day. A general Lutheran Synod was held in June, 1924, when the Church was reorganized. The Soviet government has given permission for the establishment of a Lutheran Training School for Pastors at Leningrad. An episcopal visitation of the Churches has become possible without interference by civil authorities. True and heroic witnesses of the evangelical faith have been enabled to endure all hardships and to continue to live for the service of the Church.

But how can a newly organized Church without visible means of support, after the exhaustion of recent trials, its constituency impoverished and scattered throughout a country three times as large as the United States of America, meet the great problems of the immediate future? Letters from Siberia and South Russia tell a terrible story of moral degeneracy, physical distress and spiritual destitution. More than two-thirds of the pastorates are vacant, for only 79 ordained pastors remain alive to minister to a Lutheran population of approximately 2,500,000. The "incurably religious" people, left as sheep without a shepherd, lend an ear to the sectarian voices of false prophets who ever appear in times of trouble to lead astray the unwary. But when the bishops are able to visit long vacant pastorates, the people crowd the Churches for the public services, the young people are instructed and confirmed, the Holy Sacraments are administered, and the care of souls is welcomed.

"How shall they hear without a preacher?" The chairman of the committee, charged with the development of the new Lutheran Training School for Pastors at Leningrad, writes under date of August 10th: "If the question be raised whether after all our training school for pastors is necessary, my reply is that we have surely had ample time and opportunity to consider the matter thoroughly; for eight and one-half years, the distressing condition of division and confusion has continued here. And the longer present circumstances continue, the clearer, the more certain we become that constitutions and organizations, synod and visitations can be of little real help without men; men true in the faith and thoroughly grounded in the Word of God who will enlighten and lead the congregations; men who are ready with holy zeal to lay their lives on the altar for labor in the vineyard of the Lord. Such men, we need, and we must painstakingly train and equip them, else even with the best of motives they will prove inefficient as guides and leaders of the congregations in such tempestuous times. We are compelled to school these men ourselves, for the theological seminaries of foreign lands are closed to us. Moreover, we must prepare a new supply of pastors as quickly as possible, for the sects are already breaking into our shepherdless congregations from every side and are taking souls captive.

"Our educational institution will be erected on the good Lutheran basis of the confessions. According to the action of the General Synod, the word of the Holy Scriptures and the doctrines of Luther shall be the norm and rule of faith and life in the training of our students for the ministry.

"We hoped and planned to begin our work September 15th. But such impossibly

great sums were necessary! We have just today received a gift of \$3,000 through the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention. Dear Sir and Brother, accept our sincerest gratitude for this timely donation. We can now thank God, take courage and go forward."

But how will the professors and thirty or more students be fed, clothed, warmed in winter, and provided with books?

How will the widows, orphans, old, sick, and other needy ones in the parishes of the Church throughout Russia be ministered unto in the Master's name?

These problems constitute the immediate challenge of Russia to the large Lutheran forces of the world.

Foreign Missions.

Among the specific duties assigned to the Executive Committee by action of the Eisenach Convention, which has been approved by many church bodies and groups, is the comprehensive consideration of the subject of foreign missions. This topic will be included in the order of business for the meeting at The Hague, not merely because it inheres in the spirit and program of every part of an ecumenical Church, but also because the matter is of pressing importance in the present situation. The distress of foreign missions resulting from the Great War has not yet been fully relieved and the work put on a permanent basis. There is a growing national consciousness, particularly in India and China, which may radically affect foreign mission method and policy. What is the fundamental Christian solution?

Perhaps the greatest present-day problem of foreign missions, as of the home Church, is that of theological education. The best leadership of the Christian Church is demanded to provide the institutions and material to initiate the thorough-going Christian thinking essential in the rising native Churches of China, India and Japan with their backgrounds of ancient civilizations and great philosophies. There seem to be three courses of action possible: 1. For each missionary society or board, as has been true in the past in large part, to train in the limited schools of its own missions, mainly along quite practical lines, the native pastors; 2. As has been frequently proposed in recent years, for all Protestant societies and boards to unite in the establishment of one great Union Theological Seminary, after the character of that in New York, in every important non-Christian land, with the consequent weakening of clear conviction and loyalty to the positive faith of the Gospel; 3. For the true Lutheran societies and boards of the several countries of the world to join hands in every important non-Christian land in the establishment and maintenance of a strong Lutheran Theological Seminary, faithful to the Word of God and the confessions of the Church. Happily an experiment in the third solution is already in progress in China. The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, the Missionary Society of Finland, two missionary societies of Norway, and the American Lutheran Augustana Synod have joined in the maintenance of the Union Lutheran Theological Seminary at Shekow, Central China. Will other Lutheran foreign agencies in China cooperate? Will a similar solution be found possible in India and ultimately in other countries for the preservation and witness of the faith of the Church of the Reformation?

The Problem of a Faithful Witness

"There are many adversaries." How may false ecclesiasticism, unionism, and unbelief within and without the Church be wisely met in the spirit and power of the Gospel? Is it measuring up to the responsibilities of the age for each Lutheran group in its limited place to bear witness to the truth? Or is it sufficient for each Lutheran group to be satisfied to conserve for itself the truth? Or do the

times and the entrusted Gospel itself require that the people of God in all Lutheran Churches of the world shall have full knowledge of the "adversaries", full understanding of the entire world's need of the Savior, and the fullest measure of concerted action consistent with principle, that enemies of the Gospel may be overcome, that souls may be saved, and Christ's kingdom extended by the declaration of the whole counsel of God? How can the Lutheran group, with its possession of the pure Word of God and the sacraments rightly administered, and its great world constituency, be enabled to make a worthy contribution to the progress of Christianity? Surely this problem of a faithful and worthy witness by the Lutheran forces of the world in the present moment of history deserves serious thought and earnest prayer.

The Second Lutheran World Convention.

On the agenda for the November meeting of the Executive Committee will be the question of the time and place of the Second Lutheran World Convention. It is hoped that definite recommendations on this subject to Lutheran church bodies and groups may be promptly forthcoming.

John A. Morehead,
Chairman, Executive Committee.

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Missionsdirektor H. Kausch,
Gossner Missionary Society,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Missionskirektor Kausch:-

Permit me to hand you herewith as usual a copy of a questionnaire, requesting up-to-date information about your Gossner Mission in India in whose maintenance the National Lutheran Council has had the pleasure of participating during recent years. We shall appreciate it if you will fill this blank out with the up-to-date information requested and return to us at the headquarters of the National Lutheran Council at the earliest practicable moment.

We assume that you will explain very fully and clearly the situation of the Gossner Missionary Society in the matter of its budget for the support of the Gossner Mission in India for the year 1926. Will you with God's blessing be able to carry the work alone next year or must you ask continued help from the National Lutheran Council? Please let us know your minimum requirements, if any, very promptly.

Do you require the full amount of \$7,500. for the fourth quarter of the year 1925 from the National Lutheran Council in order to close the current year without debt?

Requesting the favor of an early reply and with cordial Christian greetings and good wishes for God's continued blessing on the great work of your society for the extension of His kingdom, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

J. A. Morehead

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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Der wichtigste Fragebogen

inhalts:

Questionnaire about Status of European
Lutheran Missions.

1. Name of Missionary Society:
2. Name of Missions:
3. When founded:
4. Number of Mission Stations:
5. Number of Foreign Missionaries:
6. Number of Native Pastors:
7. Number of Lay - helpers:
8. Number of Baptized Members:
9. Number and Value of Churches:
10. Number of Schools and Value of Property:
11. Number of Teachers and Pupils in Each Mission School:
12. Value of other property held by Missions:
13. Total income for the year 1925
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14. Minimum budget for 1926
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October 5th, 1925.

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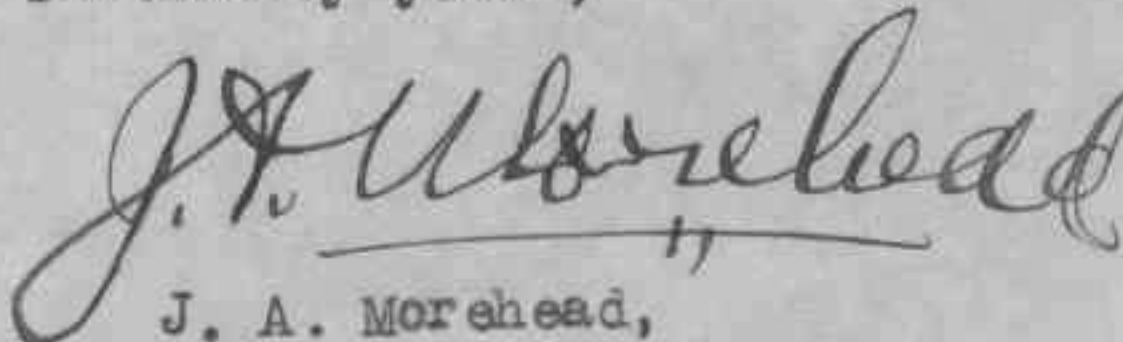
Dear Dr. Kausch:-

The enclosed copy of a letter to Rev. Isaac Cannaday, foreign missionary representing the Gossner Autonomous Church in India, explains itself. I need not say that it is a great pleasure on the part of the National Lutheran Council to have the privilege of fulfilling its pledges for the support of the great work of the Gossner Society in India for the year 1925 to the extent of \$30,000.00 and in addition to have been enabled to make a special gift of \$3000.00. We sincerely hope that by the good management of the missionaries and with God's blessing they may thus be enabled to close the year without serious debt. I beg to assure you of our abiding in the work of your society in India.

As intimated in my letter to Missionary Cannaday, we of the National Lutheran Council shall await with great interest the arrangements and plans made by your society for the future of the Gossner Mission in India. Will the way be open for you to send out missionaries permanently for the service of the Gossner Autonomous Church? Will your society be able to contribute substantially to its support in the year 1926? To what extent or in what measure will you need and ask for continued support from the National Lutheran Council? We shall await with deepest interest and concern your answer. I am of course expecting a detailed statement from you about the present conditions and needs about the Gossner Mission in India in response to my questionnaire sent you under date of September 22nd.

With cordial personal greeting and good wishes and assuring you of our abiding interest and prayers in the great work of your society in India, I remain,

Faithfully yours,


J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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October 5th, 1925.

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The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

Dear Missionary Cannaday:-

Your letter of September 9th, enclosing a financial statement for the month of August, is acknowledged with assurances of appreciation. I note the financial problems confronting the Advisory Board and the fact that your credit balance is nominal. I sincerely hope that by this time you have received our special gift of \$3,000.00 from the National Lutheran Council and that it has enabled you to place the financial affairs of the Gossner Autonomous Church in a more satisfactory and encouraging shape.

It gives me great pleasure to enclose dollar exchange check No. 5197 for \$7,500.00, payable to your order, for the benefit of the Gossner Autonomous Church. I also enclose a letter, "To Whom It May Concern", from the cashier of the Fifth Avenue Bank, verifying the authenticity of this dollar exchange check, to assist you in making sale of it at any bank in India where you can secure the best rates. I am trying this new method in the interest of your securing the best results for the mission for the money remitted in dollars.

This is the gift of the National Lutheran Council for the fourth quarter of the year 1925, making up the total of \$30,000.00 paid for the year according to promise, besides the extra gift of \$3,000.00 referred to above. Kindly send a receipt covering this remittance and a statement of the proceeds you secure in rupees by the sale of the check. We sincerely hope that God may bless this gift of the people of our Lutheran Church in America through the agency of the Council for the relief and support of the Gossner work.

We shall advise you of action by the National Lutheran Council in regard to a budget for the year 1926 after we have received a full report from you in response to my questionnaire sent you under date of September 22nd and the propositions of your Advisory Board for a minimum budget for the year 1926. Of course, the facts you present as asked for in the questionnaire and your proposition on behalf of the Gossner Autonomous Church will be considered in connection with reports and requests made by the Gossner Missionary Society of Berlin as the result of the report made and propositions made by them on the report of their commissioners now in India.

With cordial greeting to you and to the missionaries and workers of the Gossner Autonomous Church and assuring you and them of our abiding interest in the work and of our prayers for God's continued blessing upon it, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead, Executive Director.

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Professor Dr. J. A. Morehead

Executive Director

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Dear Professor Morehead,

I have to thank you very much for your two kind letters dated September 8th and Sept. 22, 1925, and I may suppose, that ^{in the meantime} you have got my letter dated August 7th, 1925.

On the 18th of Sept. we had a pleasant and helpful conference with Dr. Drach, and I can say that we consented with him, as I have understood, in the problems of our work laid before us for the present and the next future.

That you have forwarded a special gift of \$3,000.00 in addition to the budget of \$30,000.00 for the year 1925, amounting the special gifts appealed from India (of \$2,000.00), for \$1,000.00 was a great and surprising joy for us to hear and for our very poor native pastors and workers to receive. Please take for this brotherly help my and our committee's best thanks!

Enclosed in your check of \$ 618-15-19,

Enclosed you will find two receipts of thanks covering the two designated gifts of \$ 50.00 and \$ 5.00 for the donors.

Please transmit them.

And now ^{according} to your letter Sept. 22. 1925! I first allow me to refer myself to my letter August 7th of this year. Then let (in general) me state,

that we must require for the Gossner Mission in India for the year 1926 (at least) from the ^{National} ~~Lutheran~~ Lutheran Council the same financial help as in the year 1925. We cannot resign for this support, ^{thankfully} motivated by our whole mission, ~~neither~~ for the next year, as we could not resign this year, because the situation on the mission field is not yet cleared up and our mission is not yet allowed to return. The visit of our two

comm^{issioners} ~~signers~~ ^{signers} Rev. J. Storch and A. John is for four months only, and we must expect their reports. Therefore we cannot ^{till now} from here fill out the questionnaire. We have not in hand the needed new statistical items. In the last year also the concerned questionnaire was filled out from your missionaries in India, we think.

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In these days, we hope, our two travelling
missionaries have reached Colombo in safety
and after that will soon reach our old
mission field, ten years after their expulsion,
under what conditions, under what changed
circumstances! We feel deeply, that without
your and the National Lutheran Council's
help, humanly spoken, our Indian mission
must have come into the severest distress,
especially in ^{the face of} the struggle against the Jesuits
and the old heathenism. Therefore never
we shall forget our American friends in
our prayers before the Lord! As soon as
we shall hear ^{from our commissioners} facts and particulars about
our field in India and its needs we shall
^{report} ^{give} ^{them} ^{about} ^{communicate} to you. The Lord be with ~~us~~ us
all!

Thankfully and faithfully
always Yours

H. O. Kausch

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Berlin-Friedenau

Handelsstraße 10/120.

Mission Director

Berlin-Friedenau, 18 Oct. 1925

P. S. In the meantime also I received your
kind letter October 5th 1925 with the enclosed
copy of your letter to Rev Isaac Cana Jay, Ranchi, of

the same date. We are rejoiced very much
that you have besides the extra gift of
\$ 3,000.00, ^{also} ^{fourth} sent the ^{quarter} of the contribution
of the National Lutheran Council for the
Gossner Church in Ind. for the year, 1925 to
the extent of \$ 30,000.00 according to your
full budget. Verily, you have done
what you could. The Lord bless all your
doings in eternity.

We appreciate very much your
greetings and good wishes and return them
most cordially.

H. J. R.

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January 9, 1926.

Dr. H. O. Kausch, Director,
Gossner Missionary Society,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

My dear Dr. Krausch:-

The enclosed copy of a letter with which the value of \$7,500 in English pounds was sent to Missionary Cannaday toward the support of the Gossner Autonomous Church for the first quarter of the year 1926 explains itself. We shall be happy to have a receipt from your society to place in our files.

We are anxious to receive news at the earliest practicable moment on the action of the Gossner Missionary Society in Germany on the propositions concerning the return of former missionaries adopted by the conference recently held by your missionaries, our American missionaries and the native Christians in reference to the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are of course anxious to have this information so as to make possible decisions about what support the National Lutheran Council may see fit to undertake to give your India work for the year 1926. It is also important for us to have the agreement ultimately adopted to use for publicity purposes.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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January 9, 1926.

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

Dear Brother Cannaday:-

Your letters of October 7th, 14th, 27th and November 3rd, with enclosures as stated, are acknowledged with assurances of appreciation.

I am writing you in haste now to enclose draft No. 62/1 on the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Calcutta, for B 1546-7-10, the equivalent of \$7,500 in American money. This is an advance payment for the first quarter at the same rate as last year on whatever sum the National Lutheran Council may decide at its annual meeting, January 20 - 21st, to place in its budget for the support of the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church for the year 1926. Kindly send a receipt as usual and advise us of the amount of rupees you realize on the sale of this draft.

We are awaiting with great interest final reports concerning permanent adjustments and agreements with reference to the return of German missionaries to the Gossner work.

Of course you understand that the salaries and allowances of our two American missionaries under the action of the Board sending you out are the first charge on the enclosed remittance.

With cordial greetings and good wishes for the year 1926 for you and all, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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J. A. Morehead,
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Dr. H. O. Kausch, Director,
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Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

My dear Dr. Kausch:-

From my communication of January 7th, I regret to note that one paragraph has been omitted, which has been communicated to the directors of other Lutheran missionary societies in Europe with which we are temporarily co-operating in the matter of foreign mission relief. Permit me to add it now.

In the interest of avoiding all misunderstandings and complications, I feel that it ought to be said that the gifts of the National Lutheran Council are special for foreign mission relief and not to be considered as regular income with a view to giving any per cent of it or of the total income of your society including the gifts of the Council for the support of the mission of any other society whatever outside of your own.

We are of course awaiting very anxiously your communication of the final decision of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society in regard to the articles of agreement covering the future maintenance and support of the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church of India. It is important for us to have from your society directly a statement of the conditions under which your work will be conducted in the future and of what assistance you deem necessary temporarily in view of that agreement from the National Lutheran Council.

With best wishes for the year 1926, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

J. A. Morehead
J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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P.S. We fully agree with your
suggestion, and feel sure that, when
advised in your letter January 14th 26.
H.O.K.

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Prof. Dr. J.A. Morehead.

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Bethel, Friedman, 27. Jan. 1926.

My dear Professor Morehead,

I thank you very much for your letters dated
January 9 and January 14, 1926, enclosed the
copy of a letter of January 9, 1926 to Rev. Isaac
Cannaday in regard to the remittance of \$7,500 in
American money, being an advance payment for the
first quarter ¹⁹²⁶ at the same rate as last year.

I am very glad, that I can tell you, that
our committee already in his January-meeting
has adopted the "Proposals of special committee
in general
concerning return of German Missionaries." But
there are only one or two points about which
we wish to hear the exposition of our delegate-
missionary and member of our committee Rev.
Lic. J. Throck, whom we expect in the next days
from his visitation to India for our February-
meeting, in which we intend to ratify the Propositions
named above. [We are very thankful that that visitation

has been a full success by the grace of our God, and also, humanly spoken
by the help of the National Lutheran Council, especially by yourself and
your representatives in India.
The Lord bless you and all your colleagues sincerely
Yours very truly
H.O. K.

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National Lutheran Council
437 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Office of the Executive Director
Prof. Dr. J. A. Morehead

Berlin - Friedenau, 14. Febr. 1926

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My dear Professor Morehead,

in consequence of my letter dated January

▷ 27 I can report to you, that our committee
now after the return of our deputy missionary
the Rev. Joh. Hooch ^{and} after having heard his
^(in our February session) explanation has fully adopted the „Proposals
definitely and
of special committee concerning the return of
German Missionaries.“

Again and again I can assure you, that
we in high degree appreciate the assistance of
your friends in America and on the mission field
too. We were very glad to hear from Rev. Hooch, now
by mouth, how brotherly and unanimously he and
his German colleague Rev. John have worked
during the whole visitation together with Rev. Cairnaday
and Rev. Warner. Δ In the Love yours very sincerely

H. O. Rauph, Dir. of the Gossner
D. Ev. Luth. Society

Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerystraße 19/20.

7 and member of our Curatorium

Really the Gossner Christa Nuyens Mission
is worth of our main tenance by the Grace
of God. We think that your own missionaries
have confirmed this opinion to you.

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February 19, 1926.

AN AGENCY OF

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Dr. H. O. Kausch, Director,
 Gossner Missionary Society,
 Handjerystrasse 19/20.
 Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

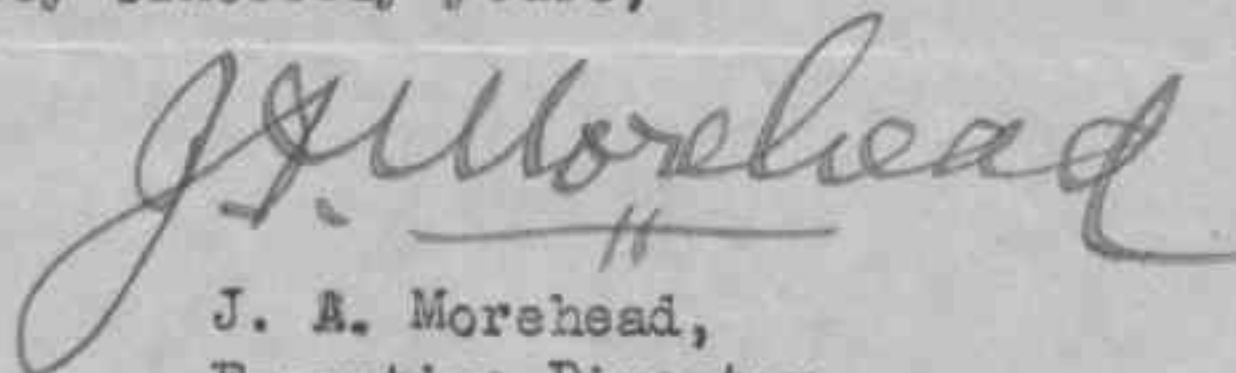
As you will note from the enclosed copy of a letter to the Rev. Isaac Cannaday, foreign missionary in the service of the Gossner Autonomous E.L. Church, we have decided under proper conditions to continue assistance to the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society in the support of its India field for the year 1926 in the full amount which you have requested, unless you find later that the income of your society will justify you in assuming a portion of this burden of loving service.

You will note that we are sending to Missionary Cannaday a balance of \$1,125. to make up the quota of \$8,625 for the first quarter of the year 1926. An acknowledgement of this remittance on your part will be appreciated.

We shall be pleased to learn in due time of the return of Commissioner Stosch and the action of the Gossner Missionary Society upon the Proposed Agreement.

With cordial personal greeting and good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



J. A. Morehead,
 Executive Director.

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February 19, 1926

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The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

Dear Brother Cannaday:-

It gives me pleasure to advise you that the National Lutheran Council has decided to assist the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church through our American missionaries and the Administrative Board to the extent of at least \$35,000. for the year 1926, unless the income of the Gossner Society in Berlin shall justify it in assuming a part of the budget. Negotiations have not yet been completed with Dr. Kausch in regard to this matter. He has petitioned on behalf of the Gossner Missionary Society in Berlin that the sum of \$35,000. shall be allowed by the National Lutheran Council for the support of the Gossner India Work for the current year.

The Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference at its recent meeting in Chicago recommended a maximum of \$40,000. for the Gossner work for the year 1926. Having this recommendation and all of the circumstances in view, the National Lutheran Council, as indicated above, has decided to begin quarterly payment on the basis of \$35,000. for the year. It gives me pleasure to enclose draft on the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Calcutta, in pounds sterling for the equivalent of \$1,125., which, if added to the sum of \$7,500. which was sent you in January, will make up the proper quota for the first quarter. Kindly send a receipt as usual.

It is understood that the salaries of foreign missionaries, who have been loaned by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church for service in the Autonomous E.L. Gossner Church, shall be the first part on the gifts of the National Lutheran Council. The salaries and allowances of these missionaries shall be just the same as those customarily made to its missionaries by the Board of Foreign Missions of the U.L.C.A. The balance of the gifts remaining shall be available as in the past for the approved purposes of the Gossner Autonomous Church under the Administrative Board.

With cordial greeting and good wishes for you and all the other missionaries, pastors, and native pastors and workers of the Gossner E.L. Church, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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March 23rd, 1926.

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D. theol. H. Kausch, Director,
 Gossner Ev. Luth. Society,
 Handjerystrasse 19/20,
 Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

Your letter of February 14th, advising us of the action of the kollegium approving the "Proposals of Special Committee Concerning Return of German Missionaries", was received in due course. I have delayed a reply until the opportunity came to lay the same document before the National Lutheran Council for ratification.

Dr. Warnshuis, American Secretary of the International Missionary Council, advised me that the governmental authorities in India require the approval of the Gossner Missionary Society, of the Gossner E.L. Church of India, and of the National Lutheran Council as a supporting agency as a pre-condition of the return of German missionaries to the India field. In view of these facts, I presented the matter to the National Lutheran Council at a special meeting in the city of Chicago on March 18th. The following action was unanimously taken at the time and place indicated:

RESOLVED, That the "Proposals of Special Committee Concerning Return of German Missionaries" to the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church of India be approved.

I have communicated officially this action of the National Lutheran Council to Dr. Warnshuis and he has cabled the fact that it has been taken to the London office of the International Missionary Council. Hence I trust that there may be no delays in final action on the part of the International Missionary Council and the British Government looking to the prompt return of the missionaries of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society. We are thankful to God for this confidently expected result of all the interruptions and dislocations occasioned by the World War.

With warm personal greeting and praying God's blessing upon your society at home and your important work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in India, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

J. A. Morehead
 J. A. Morehead,
 Executive Director.

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April 3, 1926.

AN AGENCY OF

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Missionsdirektor H. Kausch,
 Gossner Mission,
 Handjerystrasse 19/20,
 Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

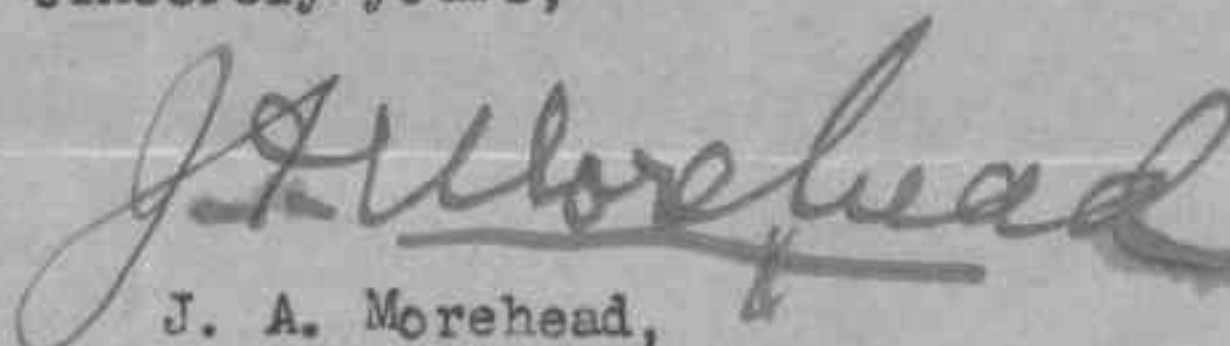
Dear Dr. Kausch:-

The enclosed copy of a letter to Missionary Isaac Cannaday, with which was enclosed a draft of £ 1,774 - 13 - 10, for the support of the India work of the Gossner Missionary Society of Berlin, explains itself. It is a great pleasure to send this additional remittance for the support of the great work of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Mission in India. The Lutherans of America make this gift with the prayer that God may bless it for the extension of His Kingdom and for the upbuilding of our beloved Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Kindly send in due time a receipt covering this remittance.

With cordial greeting to you and your colleagues in the work of the Gossner Missionary Society and wishing you a blessed Easter, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



J. A. Morehead,
 Executive Director.

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The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

Dear Brother Cannaday:-

Your letter of March 10th, enclosing statement of the Gossner Mission account for January and February, 1926, is acknowledged with assurances of appreciation. I have noted carefully all that you say.

You have doubtless received my letter indicating that the National Lutheran Council has undertaken definitely to remit a minimum sum of \$35,000 in quarterly payments for the assistance and support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of India during the year 1926. We have approved tentatively the maximum limit of \$40,000, but whether we will remit the additional \$5,000 bringing the total up to \$40,000 during the current year will depend upon the results of our 1926 World Service Appeal and also upon our further negotiations with the Gossner Society in Berlin and the Gossner Autonomous Church in India. The questions to be settled in this connection are merely will we have sufficient funds to do more and a need of more being done actually after the Gossner Society has done all it can do. This question is in our minds because the Gossner Society in Berlin has asked only for \$35,000.

It gives me pleasure to enclose draft No. 62/10 on The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Calcutta, for 1,774 £ - 13 - 10, which is the equivalent of \$8,625, the same amount sent you for the first quarter in two installments. This is our remittance for the second quarter of the year 1926. I note that our Financial Office has made a mistake by \$125. in making out the drafts for the first and second quarters, for the amount of each of these quarterly drafts should have aggregated one-fourth of \$35,000 or \$8,750. I will see to it that our next draft carries these items aggregating \$250. which we are wanting in the remittances for the first two quarters.

Kindly send acknowledgments and receipts as usual.

With cordial regard and good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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April 26, 1926.

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The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

Dear Bro. Cannaday:-

Your letters of March 24th and 31st with enclosures as stated are acknowledged with assurances of appreciation. We are glad to have the receipts in due form covering the balance on the remittance of the National Lutheran Council for the first quarter of the year 1926 and we are especially happy to have the report of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Autonomous Church for the year 1925.

We sincerely hope that the adoption by all concerned on the report of the Committee on proposals for the future of the Autonomous Lutheran Church of the Gossner field in India may gradually result in complete understanding, the harmonious working together of all and new life and development in the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Autonomous Church. Our communication of April 3rd, enclosing the equivalent in English money of \$8,625 for the second quarter of the year 1926, has evidently crossed your letter to us. Before yours of March 26th came, we had detected the mistake to the disfavor of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in the exact proportion of \$35,000 which should have been sent for the first and second quarters. This was an inadvertent error in calculation by our business office. We have decided to make the matter good now in order that the money may be available for use in the systematic planning and conduct of the work by the Advisory Board. Therefore, it gives us pleasure to send you herewith draft No. 62/13 on the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation for \$ 51-8-11, the equivalent of \$250. Kindly send receipts in duplicate as usual.

I sincerely hope that Mr. John and other German missionaries may soon find helpful introduction and enlistment in the actual work of the Gossner Autonomous Church.

The National Lutheran Council will be making its 1926 World Service Appeal during May and the months following. A copy of our new World Service folder and offering envelope may be of interest, particularly as we are now featuring the needs of the foreign missions of European societies on the relief list of the National Lutheran Council. For the moral effect in creating the consciousness that they are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church throughout the world, I shall appreciate it if you will make known to the native pastors and Christians what the program and appeal of the National Lutheran Council really are.

Praying God's continued blessing upon the workers and the work of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, I remain, with regards and greetings for all,

Very sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead

J. A. Morehead, Executive Director.

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Dear Dr. Morehead

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- I acknowledge with thanks
- receipt of your letters dated April 3rd and April 27th with enclosures informing us of your having made a remittance of £ 1,774-13-10 and an additional remittance of £ 51-8-11 to Mr. Cannaday. We note that this is the equivalent of one quarter of \$ 35000 you kindly promised to spend for Gossner's work in 1926.

I need not repeat that we are heartily grateful for all you have done and are doing for the support of our Indian field.

Very sincerely yours

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National Lutheran Council,
Office of the Executive Director

437 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated April 3rd and April 27th with enclosures informing us of your having made a contribution of \$51-3-11 to Mr. Cassady. We note that this is the equivalent of one quarter of \$55,000 you kindly promised to spend for Gossner work in 1926.

Thank you very much for the hearty greeting for all you have done and are doing for the support of our Indian field.

Very sincerely yours

D. Fred R. P. Olson

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July 2nd, 1926.

AN AGENCY FOR

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Dr. H. Kausch, Missionsdirektor,
 Gossnerschen Missionsgesellschaft,
 Handjerystrasse 19/20,
 Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

Your communication of June 18th, addressed to Dr. Morehead, has been received at our office during his absence in Europe. In order that Dr. Morehead might be fully informed as to the contents of your letter, I have forwarded a copy to him at Dresden, where he is attending the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention.

For your information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which was sent to Missionary Cannaday. With this communication to Missionary Cannaday was enclosed a draft for \$8,750 in American money for the support of your mission activities in the Gossner field in India for the third quarter of the current year.

Kindly send proper acknowledgment of this gift for the benefit of your work in India, in order that our files may be complete.

With cordial personal greeting and good wishes for you and your work, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Liquid C. Wilson
 Secretary to Dr. Morehead.

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July 1, 1926.

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The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar,
India.

Dear Brother Cannaday:-

Your letters of May 11th and 26th, with enclosures as stated, are acknowledged with assurances of sincere appreciation. All that you say has been carefully noted.

In accordance with your suggestion that it would be more advantageous to have remittances from the National Lutheran Council sent to you in United States currency, we have complied with your suggestion and take pleasure in enclosing herewith draft No 25/22 of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, payable at Calcutta, for \$8,750.00. This is the gift of the National Lutheran Council for the third quarter of the year 1926 for the encouragement and support of the good work of the Gossner Autonomous Church in India.

Kindly send us receipts in duplicate as usual in acknowledgment of this gift.

With true Christian greetings and good wishes for you and all the missionaries on the field, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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AN AGENCY FOR

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Dr. G. Kausch, Missionsdirektor,
 Gossner Missionary Society,
 Handjerystrasse 19/20,
 Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

It gives me pleasure to enclose a copy of a letter written today to Missionary Isaac Cannaday with which was enclosed a check of \$10,750.00 for the support of the Gossner Autonomous E. L. Church in India. You will note that this includes a remittance of \$8,750.00 for the fourth quarter of the year 1926 and a special gift of \$2,000.00 to help somewhat that the year may be closed without debt and hurtful retrenchments in the work may be avoided. Kindly acknowledge in the form of receipts these remittances when you have been notified that the money has been received in India.

I am sure that the Gossner Missionary Society of Berlin, of which you are the honored director, will do all it can in like manner by regular and special gifts to maintain the work so that it may go forward without hurtful retrenchment or the accumulation of debt.

Permit me to enclose a copy of a questionnaire showing the present facts about the India mission of the Gossner Missionary Society. We desire full information with a view to considering with all the facts before us any requests which the Gossner Missionary Society may make for continued emergency support during the year 1927. I am frank to say that the National Lutheran Council earnestly hopes that every missionary society, whose foreign work has been temporarily assisted by the Lutherans of America through the N.L.C., will endeavor to the utmost of its strength to resume the control and support of its own work. The National Lutheran Council desires to withdraw from the field as early as practicable for its foreign work is of the nature of temporary relief and it has no desire to remain permanently active in the work of foreign missions. Under these circumstances, I am sure that the Kuratorium of the Gossner Missionary Society will make any request for help during the year 1927 as small as it can in view of their own probable income and the necessities of the work. Of course the National Lutheran Council, which has unselfishly entered this field of foreign mission relief for the service of the Lutheran Church in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, desires that the work shall not suffer. Kindly let me have your requests for 1927 with the questionnaire carefully filled out at your early convenience.

Your letter of June 18th, which came during my absence in Europe for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention, was answered by my secretary but has escaped my personal attention on my return until now. Unfortunately, the copy of your letter which was sent to me abroad, did not reach me until my arrival in Paris on the way to the steamer for America. I am very sorry not to have been able to have a personal conference with you during my brief visit to Germany but there was no opportunity as I did not have the time to visit Berlin on account of pressing duties in South Eastern

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Europe. For the satisfaction of your mind, as I hope, permit me to refer now to certain questions raised in your letter.

Of course I am very sorry that there are difficulties in the entrance of the missionaries sent out by the Gossner Society into their full and normal place and work. Great patience and tact on their part and on the part of all will be required. My earnest prayer is that God may guide all of his servants into full understanding of what is wise and right in the premises and to unselfish and loving action.

The local government in India has requested that missionaries from America be temporarily retained in the service of the Gossner Autonomous Church. We would gladly withdraw them for they are needed in the missions of American Lutheran Boards. But in the interest of the Gossner mission and in the interest of the missionaries of the Gossner Society, it seems right for us to grant this request. The officials of the local government have never intimated to us that the German missionaries should be controlled by the American missionaries and we have not previously had and do not have this view of the matter. It is our understanding that both the American missionaries and the German missionaries should work together in the spirit of brotherly love for the good of the native Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We understand that the Gossner Missionary Society in Berlin is really the home board of the Gossner Autonomous Church and that it shall under the constitution become the owning and controlling foreign agency, so far as owning and controlling is involved in the circumstances, just as soon as the local India government consents for this to take place completely. Our understanding is that the American missionaries have not become members of the Gossner Autonomous E.L. Church merely because their position in this work is quite temporary. They have been loaned to this work for the sake of the Gossner Autonomous Church and for the sake of the Gossner Missionary Society in Berlin. As soon as the government in India is satisfied for the Gossner Missionary Society and its missionaries to have complete possession of the Gossner Autonomous Church under the constitution without American missionaries, assuming at the same time full responsibility for the support of the work, the American missionaries shall be very cheerfully withdrawn. I really think that the most of the questions raised in the third paragraph of your letter should be worked out by the representatives of your society in India through the Advisory Board with the local government. The real problem lies in the attitude of the local India government with which we all have to reckon.

So far as I have been able to ascertain from the records of the National Lutheran Council, because the Gossner Missionary Society is confessionally Lutheran, the remittances for the support of your India mission have been gifts and not loans. Since I succeeded Dr. Larsen, this question has never been up for consideration at any of the annual meetings. At the next regular yearly meeting of the National Lutheran Council in January, I shall present this question for definite consideration and final action. I shall be happy then to write you an official answer.

Of course, my dear doctor, for the love of the Church of our faith and for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, the National Lutheran Council has cheerfully made large gifts during these years since the World War for the support of the Gossner mission in India. While the National Lutheran Council may not make any legal claim whatever on account of its investments in the Gossner mission, for it has been a labor of love, I am sure you will appreciate the fact that there is some moral right on the part of the Council to express its opinion in regard to the ultimate disposition of the property. We want nothing for ourselves but we want very much what will be best for the future of the native Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church and fair and just to the Gossner Society in Germany. Personally, I believe that you and your associates want just the same thing.

Dr. G. Kausch,-----3.

September 29th, 1926.

With cordial greetings to you and all your co-laborers in the Gossner Missionary Society,
I remain,

Very cordially yours,

J. A. Morehead
J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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September 29th, 1926.

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Brother Cannaday:-

Your letters of August 18th and other dates, with enclosures as stated, are acknowledged with assurances of appreciation.

We are deeply interested in all that you say in regard to the condition and progress of the work. We note the struggle you constantly have to keep the accounts from showing a debit balance. We dislike, just as much as you do, to think of retrenchments in any essential work of the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church. I sincerely hope that the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society of Germany, which founded this mission and has under God's blessing developed it, may be able increasingly to assume responsibility for its support. Of course we hope that within a very few years the home society in Berlin will be able to take over for entire maintenance their own work.

In view of the fact that the Gossner Missionary Society in Berlin will need time to recover normal financial strength and in view of the fact that the work of the Gossner Autonomous Lutheran Church ought to be maintained and developed without hurtful retrenchment, in remitting the regular amount of \$8,750.00 for the fourth quarter, we have decided to add a special gift of \$2,000.00 as some assistance toward closing the year without debt. Hence it gives me pleasure to enclose dollar exchange check No. 6982 on the Fifth Avenue Bank of New York for \$10,750.00, made payable to your order. This makes a total of \$37,000.00 contributed by the National Lutheran Council for the year 1926 toward the support of the Gossner Autonomous E.L. Church in India. Kindly send formal receipts as usual and also notify Dr. Kausch, Director of the Gossner Missionary Society, that this remittance has been made.

I sincerely hope, by the way, that the Gossner Missionary Society has been able in response to your request to send a substantial remittance to meet the necessities of the Gossner Autonomous Church and to avoid the making of hurtful retrenchments.

I am sorry you found it difficult to make the most favorable sale of the last check sent you by the National Lutheran Council because it was drawn on a particular bank in India. This time, I have purchased a dollar exchange check payable to your order with the thought that you can endorse it and sell it to the best advantage where you will. Kindly let me know the result.

I hope you can write me very soon that the missionaries sent out by the Gossner Society have been assigned to definite fields, receive full recognition, and are given freedom

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to work for the good of the Gossner Autonomous Church. I can appreciate the fact that discretion on their part and fraternal tact and consideration on the part of our American missionaries will be necessary to accomplish without friction and with good feeling all the readjustments necessary. The desire of the National Lutheran Council is that the Gossner Autonomous E.L. Church may ultimately have restored to it the true relationships, influence and helpfulness of the founding society in Berlin. I am sure that you will work wisely and tactfully to this end. Of course it is our desire, so long as funds are contributed by the National Lutheran Council, for them to be administered through our American representatives. But we do not desire that the influence thus accruing shall be used otherwise than for the proper support and encouragement of the German missionaries sent out by the founding society. This paragraph is prompted by a communication from Dr. Kausch referring to rumors of various kinds. We are all deeply interested in the triumph of Christian brotherly love in all the complicated relations which exist under the present emergency situation of the Gossner Autonomous E.L. Church in India. I am sure we can count upon the missionaries of the United Lutheran Church in America, who have been loaned for temporary service of the Gossner work in India.

I enclose a copy of a letter written today to Missionsdirector Kausch.

I am enclosing a copy of a questionnaire, such as we are sending to all missions and their home societies that are being assisted by the National Lutheran Council at the present time. Kindly fill out this document as accurately as possible and return at the earliest practicable moment. The replies we receive from the missions and from the home societies will furnish us the information necessary as the basis of action for the year 1927.

With cordial greetings and good wishes to all the missionaries, pastors and congregations of the Gossner Autonomous E.L. Church, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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FROM

THE REV. Lic. J. STOSCH,

Secretary, German Mission H. E. School, Ranchi.

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SIR,

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Berlin - Friedenau, 20. Oct.
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Dear Dr. Morehead,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of September 29th, 1926. We note that you have sent \$ 8750.00 for the fourth quarter of 1926 to the Rev. I. Cannaday and have added \$ 2000.00 as a special gift. When we have been notified that these remittances have been received in India I shall send you a formal acknowledgement.

We have sent \$ 2500.00 for the support of the Gossner Church to Ranchi and hope to be able to contribute

other \$ 2500.00 before the end of March 1927. This was the utmost we were able to do at present since the financial condition of Germany was not at all improving in 1926 as you may have heard.

I beg to return the 'Questionnaire' filled in, it shows however only the status of December 1925. The latest figures are not yet known to us.

Very many thanks for what you write about your attitude towards your work in Chota Wagpur. We want just the same thing as you.

Yours in our common Lord

very sincerely

D. H. Rankh,

Mission Director.

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To the
National Lutheran Council
c/o. Professor Dr. Morehead,
437 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Morehead,

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of September 29th, 1926. We note that you have sent \$ 8 750.00 for the fourth quarter of 1926 to the Rev. I. Cannaday and have added \$ 2 000.00 as a special gift. When we have been notified that these remittances have been received in India I shall send you a formal acknowledgement.

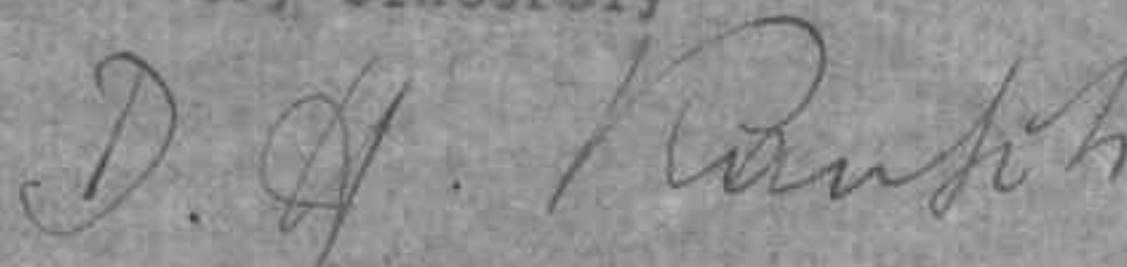
We have sent \$ 2 500.00 for the support of the Gossner Church in Ranchi and hope to be able to contribute other \$ 2 500.00 before the end of March 1927. This was the utmost we were able to do at present since the financial condition of Germany was not at all improving in 1926 as you may have heard.

I beg to return the „Questionnaire“ filled in, it shows however only the status of December 1925. The latest figures are not yet known to us.

Very many thanks for what you write about your attitude towards your work in Chota Nagpur. We want just the same thing as you.

Yours in our common Lord

very sincerely



Missionsdirektor.

D. theol. H. Rausch
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Acted for
Holf America
 Missionsdirektor Dr. H. Kausch,
 Gossnersche Missionsgesellschaft,
 Handjerystrasse 19/20,
 Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

Your letter of October 20th, enclosing our questionnaire in regard to the status of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India, which you have kindly filled out in considerable part, has been duly received. I wish to thank you for your promptness in giving the National Lutheran Council the information requested.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the fact that the Gossner Missionary Society is beginning to receive such gifts from its circle of friends interested in foreign missions as to have been able to send the very considerable sum of \$2,500 for the support of the Gossner Church in India. We are very thankful to God for the renewal of missionary interest and activity in Germany through the Gossner Missionary Society. We trust and pray that with God's blessing the work of your society may rapidly grow until in due time it is able to return to a normal position.

I note with very great interest the fact that the Gossner Missionary Society expects to send to the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in India another contribution of \$2,500 before the end of March, 1927. Are you in a position to indicate now approximately the amount of further contributions which you may expect to send to the Gossner Church in India during the remainder of the year 1927? It is very important for the National Lutheran Council to know just what the Gossner Missionary Society will contribute for the support of its India field and the minimum amount which you may desire to request the National Lutheran Council to contribute for the support of your India work during the year 1927? Otherwise, we of the National Lutheran Council will not be in a position to act intelligently in planning our budget for 1927. Permit me to state frankly that, since the Gossner Missionary Society is resuming activities in India, we desire to take no action for the support of the Gossner work without your definite request based upon a full statement of the condition and needs of the Gossner Church in India. X)

Inasmuch as the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America and the National Lutheran Council will need very soon to enter into conference about their budget for foreign mission relief for the year 1927, I trust you can write me definitely on this subject very promptly.

With true Christian greetings on the basis of our common faith in Christ as confessed by our beloved Evangelical Lutheran Church and with all good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead
 J. A. Morehead, Executive Director.

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Mein lieber Onkel!

When in preparation for action, both,
I remember not without last/longer your
Anticipation "in due time."

Jetzt haben wir viel Ruhe und gest. 2

Mein Hauptzweck ist eigensichig nach wie weit es ab-
 tun in statu. By Tuerke an Michel Angelo

Konst.: „Auf Wunsche kann keine Feindung eingeleitet werden. Für
Ihre Zufriedenheit immer näher bei uns. Liebe
Ihre, wo es sich obliegt, Rücksicht zu
nehmen. Ist, Sie bei uns oder nicht.“
(Hof. A. Wolkenstein)

Das meine frommen ist's freilich nicht. Auch Angelo nur
ein so großer Pöbel. Luffas der größte Fiesco.

Les 6^{es} J. y a, les 1^{ers} en griffant,

John T. Lane

Berlin-Friedenau

Nov. 24th, 1926

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Berlin-Friedenau
Handlerystraße 19/20.

Yours Gossnerlike Miss Geo
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Nov. 24th, 1926.

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Gossnersche Missionsgesellschaft.

D. G. Rauh

Secretary
January 16, 1927.

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Sehr verehrter, lieber Herr Dr.,

Ich verzapf gestern, die beiden
Briefe von Cannadaq & Morehead zu-
rückzugeben; an Morehead habe ich eine
verläufige Antwort verfasst & einzu-
legen. Bitte gib mir die beiden Briefe vor
der nächsten Sitzung, damit diese Dinge zu-
geordnet werden. Es muß auch als eine
Kunst auf der Tagesordnung: Unser jährliches
zu den laufenden Ausgaben die Abrechnung.
Kaufmännische 1927.

Es war eine sehr schöne Sache, die ich bei
dir zu sein & die neuen zu finden. Auf dem
neuen Fortschritt und ich sehr, wollte ich
auch die nächsten Sitzung nicht kommen. Es
gibt ja auch mein Auge, das wirklich
ganz so eine Freude, das kommt die
Bewertung. Sehr sehr sehr
die 4. Nov.

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Dr. Theol. H. Kausch, Director, Gossner Missionary Society,
 Handjerystrasse 19/20,
 Berlin-Friedenau,
 Germany.

My dear Dr. Kausch:-

Your letter of November 24th has been duly received this morning. I am glad to hear from you. However, I note that you are not in a position to set forth the requirements of your Indian work for 1927 and the ability of your Missionary Society to meet them, until after your Committee assembles in the month of December. We shall await with very great interest a statement of your plans for the future maintenance and development of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India, a work which God has so richly blessed in your hands.

In order that you may understand fully the problems of the future of the Gossner work in India from the standpoint of the National Lutheran Council, I am sending you herewith a copy of a recent letter from Missionary Cannaday and also a copy of my reply. You will note that it is the desire of the American missionaries to withdraw from the field, in order to return to the work of their own Board, just as soon as the Gossner Missionary Society of Berlin is in a position to send out an adequate force of missionaries to its India field with the complete recognition of the local Government. I join Missionary Cannaday in the hope that the Gossner Missionary Society of Berlin may find it possible, under the free and full permission of the India Government, to send out strong missionaries who may occupy the field as before the World War and so render the presence of American missionaries no longer necessary. Our sole desire is the genuine welfare of the mission and the true development of the native Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church. With this frank statement together with the fuller discussion of the enclosed letters, I will conclude until we hear from you again.

Perhaps I should add that the coming meetings of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America, (which gives advice to the National Lutheran Council about its foreign mission relief program) and the National Lutheran Council will make very important decisions on the future policy of the Council in the matter of the continuance of temporary foreign mission relief. May God guide us all to the doing of His will.

Wishing you and all the members of your Committee a blessed Christmas season and with kindest regards, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

J. A. Morehead
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 Executive Director.

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THE ADVISORY BOARD
of
The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chotanagur and Assam

Ranchi Nov. 2nd, 1926.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D.,
National Lutheran Council,
437 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Morehead,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 29th September, enclosing a check for \$10,750.00 and a copy of your letter of the same date to Dr. Kausch.

Please accept our heart-felt thanks for the regular gift for the quarter and the extra amount of \$2,000.00. This is another proof of the deep interest which you and the Council have in the Autonomous Church and your willingness to help it even at great sacrifice. We thank God that He has put in your heart to hear our pleas and grant our requests. I shall report this matter with great joy to the next meeting of the Advisory Board on November 23rd. Enclosed please find my formal receipt for the check. As soon as I hear from it (I have already sent to Mr. Manley, Calcutta, for collection) I shall let you know how it has turned out. I am so glad that you sent it in negotiable form. The dollar exchange has been improving slightly of late.

Your letter to Mr. Kausch pleases me very much. We think that, barring one or two minor points, you have stated the case admirably and we are glad that you took the trouble to set forth the position of the Council and the American Missionaries so clearly and yet so kindly. And it pleases us much to read in your letter that the money sent for the Gossner work is to be regarded as a gift-not as a loan. Of course no one can for a moment deny the moral claim which the Council has on the Gossner work. That is a point which Mr. Oldham for example, in respect of all missions, strongly supports--namely, the right of "occupying missions" to have a say in the final arrangements of German missions.

Not as to a point or two in particular: I am sorry that I cannot as yet tell you of the good news of the arrival of more German missionaries. There seems to be a hitch somewhere, or it may mean only that the wheels of Government turn very slowly. What we do know is that the names of five additional missionaries (including one lady), together with their wives and children, have been sent up by the National Christian Council for approval to the Government of India and the local Government (Bihar and Orissa). This was sometime ago, and there was a rumour about a month ago that the local Government had sanctioned the coming of these missionaries, but we have not had a word officially. In Calcutta recently I inquired personally at the N. C. C. office, but was told that no word had arrived. I shall be in attendance (as Treasurer) at the biennial meeting of the Council in Calcutta November 6-11 and I hope to find out something definite by that time. As for the status of these missionaries when they arrive, I see no reason why they should not have all the rights and privileges that we Americans and other non-British subjects enjoy, but I cannot say positively that the local Government will remove all restrictions. We can only go on tactfully urging it to do so.

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As for some implications in Dr. Kausch's letter to you (to which you make reference), my advice is: take them somewhat mildly. Dr. Kausch himself really knows very little of the situation here. It is inevitable that he should form his opinions largely from what Mr. John writes him. Now Mr. John is a good sincere man who is here out of pure love of the work of the Kingdom and in most ways we all like him very much. A real affection has grown up between him and the Werners with whom he has been living. (He has now been permitted to live in Kinkel and is in residence there). But Mr. John finds it hard naturally, to adjust himself to the situation and difficult even to understand the situation rightly. Although he was permitted to stay in India as a special favour under Memorandum C(I think it is), yet he cannot seem to understand why any restrictions at all should be put upon him. Yet that is the Government's order and it cannot be helped. Both we and the Indian brethren have exhorted him many times to exercise patience for in due season all these restrictions will be removed. Now that he has settled down in Kinkel--His old station-- I think he will be quite satisfied.

As for the implication that the Germans are under the Americans, that of course is not true. It is true, however, that Mr. John is under the Advisory Board. Government has made that plain in several communications which I have here in the file--all of which I show to Mr. John(confidential, though they be). And it so happens that the Secretary of the Advisory Board is an American. This is all that there is to that point.

Now as to us American Missionaries: What you have written to Dr. Kausch is just right. We are Temporary -- there has never another thought about it. We have no status in the Autonomous Church-- have never sought nor been offered any such status. When the Advisory Board is abolished (and several are clamoring for its abolition) and it may be abolished soon, say, inside six months, then we American missionaries will have no status here at all. The Church Council knows this. So we Americans want to leave just as soon as it is possible for us to do so without in any wise shirking our duty or making it hard for the German brethren. We have come to the conclusion that our continued presence here really militates against the German brethren-- by keeping them from coming into their own fully. Government is too much inclined to deal with us only. It is only fair to say that Mr. John does not agree with this view-- he is wholeheartedly in favour of the American connection being maintained indefinitely. But we think differently. Recently I went to Rajahmundry to try to secure another American missionary for Ranchi to take our places as we expected to go home in 1927. Our furlough has been sanctioned by our Baltimore Board. But I found it impossible to get another man-- both because of the recent loss of five missionaries(one by death)in the Guntur-Rajahmundry Mission and because of the belief in the Mission that the time has come to sever the American connection. (It was also voted to sever completely the American connection with the Breklum Mission). And not only did I fail to get another man for Ranchi: the Mission Council voted nem con to recall Mr. Werner from Ranchi to Rajahmundry as from January 1st, 1927: That will leave only Mrs. Cannaday and myself to struggle on here in 1927 until the German brethren return, and even then we have no absolute assurances that we can make over to them. The Indian members of the Church Council present in the recent Advisory Board Meeting were of opinion that we could not make over to the German brethren that they are expected out. Then there is the property. It cannot be made over to the German brethren until Government give the order for it and no one can say how long it will take to get a new order from the Government of India. However, we are not discouraged: we live on in faith and hope and patience. God will show us the right way out of these difficulties-- all of them.

Now what I think you ought to do is to urge Dr. Kausch to send out a man or two strong caliber-- men who know english well and have executive and financial ability and who can deal with Government officials. We see no such men in sight now. But surely

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there are plenty such men in Germany. The Board should get hold of at least one or two and send them out without delay. Also we are afraid that Dr. Kauch is going to plead poverty and say that he can not send out any body because of a lack of funds. We are given to understand (from Mr. John's statements) that there is no money in the Berlin Board's treasury and very little coming in from the churches. Cannot you offer to pay for sending a few missionaries or lend the Berlin Board the money for it? It will cost less to maintain German Missionaries here than it does to maintain us with our higher scales.

May I ask a question or two? Is there any objection to having N. L. Council funds administered by the German brethren alone? Is there any objection to having the Council's funds administered by the Church Council in which two or three German missionaries (but no Americans) will be members? Is it not true that the Council's funds will continue as long as possible or necessary irrespective of the presence of American missionaries here.

Now as to the statistics for 1926, for which you have sent a form. I am getting them ready, But I am not sure whether I can enclose them in this letter. I hope so.

As for 1927-- the joint budget committee will meet soon and prepare a budget for 1927. But I feel sure that in view of all our pressing needs it will be necessary to ask for at least what we asked for this year, namely, \$40,000.00. Of course it is no concern of the Board and the Council (Church Council, I mean) whether this money comes entirely from the N. L. Council or in part from the Berlin Board. It is gratefully received from any source.

With our kindest regards and best Christian greetings, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

I Cannaday.

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December 14th, 1926.

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Brother Cannaday:-

Your letter of November 2nd, enclosing receipts covering the last remittance of the National Lutheran Council and the questionnaire duly filled out showing the status of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India, is acknowledged with assurances of appreciation. I am very glad to have the business documents in such good order and appreciate your good long letter which sets forth the present administrative situation of the Gossner mission so fully and in such good spirit.

I want to acknowledge your letter now although on account of pressing business, I must write you somewhat briefly. Personally, I am very much pleased with the attitude of our American missionaries who are temporarily serving in the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially in the matter of their relationship to German missionaries and their evident desire for the Gossner E.L. Missionary Society of Berlin to return to the field in full force with the result of the withdrawal of the American missionaries just as soon as it is clear that such arrangements will be consistent with the welfare of this great mission field of the Lutheran Church.

In reply to your question, I answer without hesitation that the National Lutheran Council has no objections whatever to the administration of funds contributed by this organization for the temporary relief of the Gossner Church. Whenever the government of India places normally the administration of the affairs of the Gossner Autonomous Church in the hands of the German missionaries duly accredited by the Gossner Missionary Society in Berlin, thus enabling the American missionaries to withdraw without injury to the work, we shall be very happy as a National Lutheran Council to contribute what funds we feel we ought to contribute for the maintenance of the Gossner Autonomous Church through the missionaries of the Gossner E. L. Missionary Society. Our donations from the treasury of the National Lutheran Council for the support of the Gossner Autonomous Ev. Luth. Church in the past has in no sense been conditioned upon the presence of American missionaries there. We have given through the American missionaries simply because they were administratively recognized by the government in connection with the Advisory Board. However, it is only fair to say that when the Gossner Missionary Society returns normally with full authority for the administration of affairs of the Gossner E.L. Church in India, we assume that this society will renew its financial strength and provide for the support of its own work. It is scarcely to be expected that the National Lutheran Council will continue to subsidize this mission indefinitely, since its vocation in the field of foreign missions is a relief vocation.

I am now in correspondence with Dr. Kausch with a view to arriving at a definite under-

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,-----2.

December 14th, 1926.

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standing about all the vital questions involved with reference to the future of the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church in India. May God by His Holy Spirit guide us all to the doing of just the right and wise thing for the conservation and development of this important field.

For the full information of Dr. Kausch, I am sending a copy of your letter and a copy of my reply to him. This intimates to you how much pleased I am with your letter.

The Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America and the National Lutheran Council will hold their annual meetings in January, when the question of the future partnership of American Lutherans in the continued support on a temporary basis of the work of the Gossner Missionary Society in India will be decided.

Wishing you and Mrs. Cannaday a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, I remain, with true Christian greetings,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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A b s c h r i f t .

Berlin-Wannsee
20th January 1927.

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Dear Dr. Morehead

You may remember my name, I am one of the two Missionaries who visited the Chota Nagpur field in 1925. Today I write on behalf of Dr. Kausch who is in hospital. He is seriously ill and quite unable to work.

We have to apologize that you had no reply to your letter of December 14th. When we discovered this in our Committee meeting of January we decided to telegraph to you, and I was asked to write to you.

We regret that the Werners have been withdrawn from Ranchi and that the Cannadays are going to leave Ranchi before the end of this year without an American Missionary taking their place. We know they do excellent work, we shall miss them.

You know from the papers that the financial status of Germany leaves much to be desired, it is worse than in 1925. All the Mission societies have to struggle for their daily bread not only the Gossner Society. This explains our requesting you to continue your financial help for the Chota Nagpur field. We are not able at present to pledge ourselves to contribute a fixed sum. We hope to make fresh efforts to get money and shall contribute as much as we can towards the budget of the Gossner Church. As we said in our telegram we shall pay for the equipment etc. of the Missionaries we intend to send to Chota Nagpur say in October. Mr. Cannaday suggest in his letter to you dated Ranchi 2nd November 1926 that you might offer to pay for sending a few German Missionaries, but I hope we shall be able to cover these expenses.

With kindest regards
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gez. J. Stösch.

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New York

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Ranchi, Jany 12, 1927.

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Dear Dr. Morehead,

Enclosed please find our financial statement for December, 1926. This shows that we are closing the year with a credit balance of Rs. 2861-6-7. This, according to the precious joint resolution of the Advisory Board and Church Council, will be made over to the Council and added to its share of the 1927 budget.

During 1926 we received from you \$35,000 as a regular budget and later \$2,000 as a special gift. We also received from the Berlin Board the equivalent of \$2,500. This all amounted in rupees to 108341-10-8. To this should be added Rs. 909/ received from Rev. Fr. Holter, Brooklyn, N. Y.

We are now awaiting with hope and confidence your decision concerning the 1927 budget for this work.

I am sorry to report that no definite word has come yet concerning the coming of additional German missionaries. A letter from Dr. Kausch indicates that there has been a failure on the part of some one, in the Government or in the International Missionary Council, to inform him of the sanctioning by the Governmental authorities of the coming of the additional missionaries. I am now urging the National Christian Council, Calcutta, to cable the information to Dr. Kausch. Mr. John is very happy in his old work at Kinkel.

I have had a conference with Mr. Paton of the Natl Christian Council, Calcutta, concerning the disposition of the property. Mr. Paton had just returned from Delhi and Patna where he had had interviews and tentative understandings with the Government officials concerned on this matter. Mr. Paton will now begin official correspondence on the subject and we all hope that the process of arriving at final decisions concerning all former German mission properties in the different parts of India will not be too long-drawn-out. I hope to hear from Mr. Paton again soon on the subject.

The Werners left Ranchi for Rajahmundry on the 4th inst and we are now the only Americans here. We have agreed to stay on another year. This plainly seems to be God's will for us.

With our kindest Christian greetings, I am,

Yours sincerely

(signed)

I. Cannaday

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 Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Dr. Kausch:-

Your letter and radiogram, requesting the National Lutheran Council to continue its support of the Gossner Autonomous Evangelical Lutheran Church in India to the same extent as in 1926, were duly received. I am glad they came to us in time for presentation at the annual meetings of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America and the National Lutheran Council which were held in the city of Chicago, January 19th and 20th. I am now in a position to give you a definite reply.

By the way, I am very sorry to learn that you have been ill, my dear Doctor, and desire to give you assurances of good wishes and prayers that God may bless you with health and restore your strength for service in the mission work of our beloved Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America gave very serious consideration at its meeting in Chicago, January 19, 1927, to the question of a wise foreign mission relief policy to recommend to the National Lutheran Council for the future. The representatives of the Foreign Mission Boards of the various participating Synods, which constitute the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America, have heavy responsibilities of their own. It is extremely difficult to raise sufficient funds for the maintenance and development of their own foreign missions for which they are primarily responsible. In order that foreign mission interest may be developed to the best advantage among the Churches within the various Synods or Church Bodies of America and in order that the foreign mission fields occupied by the boards of these Lutheran Church Bodies may be developed faithfully for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, it is deemed right to concentrate the foreign mission efforts of American Lutheran Churches upon their own work just as rapidly as this can be done without jeopardizing the foreign missions of European Lutheran societies, for whose relief and assistance the Lutherans of America have for seven years been contributing through the National Lutheran Council. On the other hand, it is assumed that the European foreign missionary societies, whose economical strength was temporarily weakened by the World War, will desire at the earliest possible moment to assume full responsibility for the control, administration and support of their own work.

Hence the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference adopted the following recommendations, which were presented for the consideration of the National Lutheran Council at its annual meeting January 20th:

January 26th, 1927.

"That the policy be adopted of informing the European Foreign Missionary Societies, under the assumption that they will desire at the earliest possible moment to care entirely for their own work, that the National Lutheran Council will as quickly as possible bring the work of foreign mission relief to a conclusion, at latest within the period of three years.

"That, subject to minor adjustments, the foreign mission relief budget for the year 1927 be made $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ less than that of the year 1926."

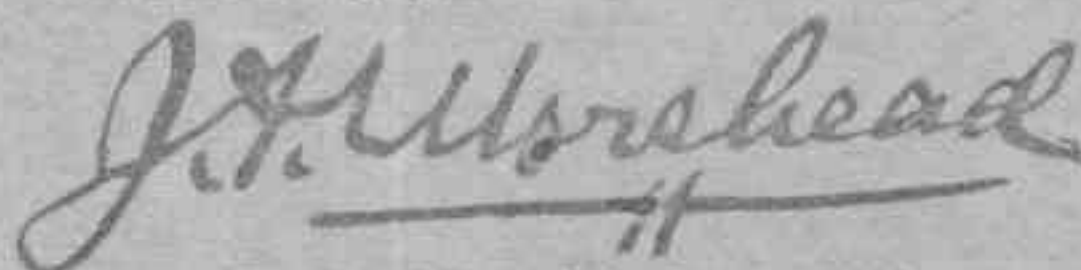
After mature consideration, the National Lutheran Council approved these recommendations. This means that the amount contributed in 1927 by the National Lutheran Council in the form of gift or loan for the aid of the seven Lutheran foreign missions on the relief list of the National Lutheran Council will be reduced $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ uniformly. In other words, provided the congregations can be brought to contribute the necessary funds, for collections for this purpose are increasingly difficult as the time since the war recedes, the National Lutheran Council will contribute in four quarterly payments the sum of \$24,666 for the aid of your India mission during the year 1927. We today have the pleasure of transmitting the payment for the first quarter, amounting to \$6,166.50 to Missionary Isaac Cannaday, as you will note from the enclosed copy of a letter to him with which the draft was sent. We shall appreciate the usual acknowledgment for this gift.

As you know, one of the American missionaries has been withdrawn from the Gossner field, Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Cannaday only remaining. Pastor John has become a member of the Advisory Board. You plan to send out additional missionaries. It may not be necessary for you to send many at first, since the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India is so finely organized and so fully developed. But it does seem to me important, if I may be allowed to express an opinion, that you send two or three very strong, tactful, consecrated and competent men. It does seem to me also that the time has come when the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society, in order to return to its own position of strength and influence in the Gossner Autonomous Church, must make the sacrifices necessary to contribute largely to the support of that work from its own contributing missionary circles. Hence, although it may seem a hardship that under the above plan the temporary relief aid of the National Lutheran Council is to be rapidly withdrawn, in the end we feel confident that it will be to the advantage of the Gossner Missionary Society on its own field in India to assume at this particular stage more fully its own financial burdens. We are trying to see all the problems involved from the point of view of the welfare of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in India and of the society which founded it. The National Lutheran Council has been glad to share in the work of preserving to the Lutheran Church your great field in India, not for any material selfish gain, but as a matter of brotherly love for the preservation of the foreign mission interests of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

A copy of this letter will be forwarded to Missionary Cannaday.

Trusting that ultimately this adjustment of matters may be satisfactory and encouraging to you and to the Gossner Missionary Society, I remain, with all good wishes and prayers for the continued success of your work,

Faithfully yours,



J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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I sincerely hope that God may guide with His grace and wisdom the re-establishment of relationships between the Gossner Church of India and the Gossner Missionary Society of Berlin for the welfare of the Church and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. I assure you that it has been a pleasure for the Lutherans of America through the National Lutheran Council to step into the breach made by the World War but we confidently expect that our emergency work will be finished within the period of ten years after the World War.

I shall be thankful if you will keep us advised in regard to the progress of the affairs of the Gossner E. L. Church in India.

With cordial greetings and good wishes for you, Mrs. Cannaday and all the pastors and congregations of the Gossner Church, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

JAM:F.

February 11th, 1927.

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, Secretary,
International Missionary Council,
25 Madison Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. Warnshuis:-

Under date of January 12th, I have a letter from the Rev. Isaac Cannaday, serving the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chota Nagpur and Assam, India, which contains the following paragraph:

"I am sorry to report that no definite word has come yet concerning the coming of additional German missionaries. A letter from Dr. Kausch indicates that there has been a failure on the part of some one, in the Government or in the International Missionary Council, to inform him of the sanctioning by the Governmental authorities of the coming of the additional missionaries. I am now urging the National Christian Council, Calcutta, to cable the information to Dr. Kausch. Mr. John is very happy in his old work at Kinkel."

Missionary Cannaday is an American, temporarily loaned for service in the Gossner field, who is the authorized foreign mission representative through whom and the Advisory Board, of which he is secretary, the National Lutheran Council contributes its annual gifts for temporary relief.

We shall be extremely obliged to you if you will see to it that Dr. Kausch, Missions-director of the Gossner Missionary Society, Handjerystrasse 19/20, Berlin-Friedenau, Germany, is notified by the proper official of the government or of the International Missionary Council of the sanctioning by the governmental authorities of the sending of additional German missionaries to the Gossner field in India, if such sanction has been given and if such notification has not already been made. Please let me hear from you on this subject.

Do you publish periodically a bulletin of any kind reporting conditions in China as they affect Christian missions? If so, I shall be pleased if you will send such bulletins to me regularly.

A letter from Director Tarkkanen, of the Finnish Missionary Society in Helsingfors, under date of January 27th, contains the following paragraph relative to conditions in the Hunan field of these Lutheran Finns:

"In Hunan, China, we have had in the last two months much trouble, closings of schools, destroying of missionary property and prosecution of the Christians. One missionary and 2 native pastors have had to flee to Hankow. But no apostasy is reported, instead very good attendance in churches & chapels."

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, -----2.

February 11th, 1927.

Before sending them to you, I am undertaking to have revised the figures covering the population of Russia in terms of religious faith. Our Lutheran scholars in Germany put the present total population of Soviet Russia down at 130 million. But recently the Soviet Government sent out from Moscow a semi-official announcement to the effect that the present population is 165 million. Of course there has been no census in Soviet Russia in the sense that the government conducts census work in America. All results reported from Russia are estimates. But more of this later.

You may be interested in the enclosed copy of the News Bulletin for this week, which we send out to seventy or more church papers, particularly on account of the note showing the population of Yugoslavia in terms of religious faith. The Mohammedan mission task in Yugoslavia is not inconsiderable. However, perhaps the Christians in Yugoslavia have a first responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel to the non-Christians in that country.

With cordial personal greeting and good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

JAM:SW

February 11th, 1927.

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Brother Cannaday:-

Your letter of January 12th, enclosing statement of accounts of the Gossner Church for December, 1926, was duly received yesterday. I am very glad indeed to hear from you. It is delightful to note that the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church concluded the year 1926 with a small credit balance. Here is wishing you many returns of this experience!

I wish to express especial satisfaction on account of the decision you and Mrs. Cannaday have made to remain in the service of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church for another year. I feel also that this is God's will concerning you both. The fact is that we dare not desert the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church until through its own strength and by the renewed normal activity of the Gossner Missionary Society in Berlin the work can go forward without essential loss.

I sincerely hope that our communication of January 26th, advising you of the decision of the National Lutheran Council touching its future foreign mission relief policy, which was adopted on the recommendation of the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America, was not too great a disappointment. The fact is that, in my view, it simply means the beginning of the shifting of the main basis of support of the Gossner Autonomous Church in India. The Gossner Missionary Society must be brought to realize its responsibility and to assume its burdens if it proposes to be the controlling and administrative foreign board in relation to the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, as it has the right to be. Therefore, do not be discouraged. Let us all hope and pray that the Gossner Missionary Society in Berlin may face the crisis and make sacrifices in order to do what is necessary in addition to the gift of the National Lutheran Council to finance the work of the Gossner field in India, just as the other German Lutheran missionary societies are doing. Several of them have voluntarily offered to relieve the National Lutheran Council of a considerable part of the financial burden of their foreign missions.

I enclose a copy of a letter written today to Missionary Stosch, who writes for the Gossner Missionary Society on account of the illness of Dr. Kausch, who is seriously sick in a hospital. This will explain the position of the National Lutheran Council and what we are trying to do to work out the problems of the future of the Gossner E.L. Church of India.

In view of the fourth paragraph in your letter of January 12th, I have written a letter to Dr. Warnshuis today, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

Praying that God may give you and Mrs. Cannaday health and good faith and courage for

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,-----2.

February 11th, 1927.

your important work, I remain, with greetings to all the pastors and people of the Gossner E. L. Church of India.

Very cordially yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

JAM:SW

P. S. What effect will the departure of Rev. and Mrs. O. V. Werner have upon the minimum budget necessary for the Gossner Church?

After conference with Dr. John Aberly with reference to provision for Mr. Lakra, who will return to India this year, there is some good news to report. Dr. Powell, of Washington, Ill., says that his congregation will support Mr. Joel Lakra up to \$600 a year for service in the Gossner Autonomous Church. This means a new trained worker and his support at least in part provided for. I am encouraging Dr. Aberly to arrange for Mr. Lakra's passage money so as not to complicate matters with the National Lutheran Council's 1927 contribution to the budget which ought to be over and above these items.

J.A.M.

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To Dr. Kausch, Director of the
Gossner Missionary Society or
his Representative,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

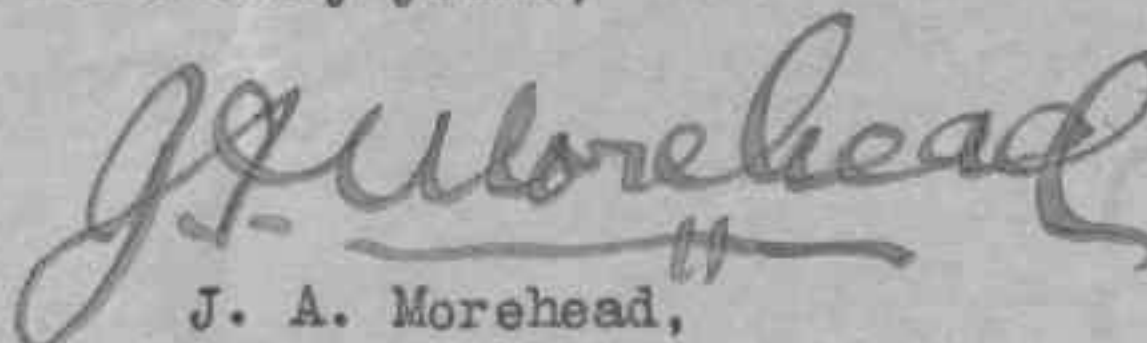
My dear Dr. Kausch:-

Although no communication has come from the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society of Berlin in response to my communication of January 26th, which outlined the new foreign mission relief policy of the National Lutheran Council and its proffered continued financial aid for the year 1927, I am today sending Missionary Cannaday a check of \$6,166.50 for the second quarter of the current year, as you will note from the enclosed copy of my communication to him. This action has been taken without any confirming word with regard to the proposition of the National Lutheran Council from the Gossner Missionary Society, lest the work of the Gossner field in India suffer. Kindly acknowledge in due form this additional remittance for the relief and assistance of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India.

In sincerely hope that Dr. Kausch has been granted by God's grace and mercy better health or at least the beginnings of recovery from his illness. If he is not able to give attention to business, it is earnestly requested that his representative reply to this communication and to my former official letter on behalf of the National Lutheran Council under date of January 26th.

With assurances of abiding interest in the welfare of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society and praying God's blessing upon all of your work for the advancement of His Kingdom, I remain, with best wishes for a blessed Easter,

Faithfully yours,



J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

JAM:SW

Berlin-Friedman

24th April, 1927

Dear D Morehead

Your letter dated the 26th
of January and 28th of March
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First I try to inform you
that Dr H.O. Kausch died on
the 12th of April after a long
period of suffering.

We are very sorry that you
had no reply to your letter of
Jan. 26th. To-day I write
with hearty thanks that you
sent to Chota Vaupis \$6166.50
in January and the same amount
in March.

Your letter of Jan 26th will be
sub mitted to the Committee
at their meeting of May 5th
when due attention will be given
to the resolutions laid down in
your letter.

You will have a full reply
in just after the 5th of May

Yours faithfully
(Sd) Lemmings
Acting Director

Berlin - Wannsee

April 25th, 1927

Dear Mr. Morehead

I am in receipt of your kind letter with enclosures and I ~~thank~~ with to thank you cordially for pointing out to me your ~~attitude~~ future policy. I wanted to have endorsed my reply to you by the Kuratorium of Gossner's Mission, but now I prefer to put it down at my own responsibility in order to keep you waiting no longer.

You have heard of Dr. Kausch's departure. In our next meeting we shall try to rearrange our Mission Agency and discuss your letter. You will hear them officially from the Berlin Board.

True, nothing can be done for Christ's Kingdom without devoted service and real sacrifice. Gossner's Mission must double their efforts and try all that is possible to ~~re~~ replace you financially. Do you realise how difficult that is? I am afraid you cannot.

My parish is
I am in charge of one of the wealthiest
suburbs of Berlin, just ~~last~~ this month
I raised funds for a poor district of
the Metropolis and know now better than
ever, what it means to collect only a
few thousand Marks even for humanitarian
work. The well to do people of prewar
times are ~~now~~ generally speaking
poor now. Those who gained in the
war and by the war are of a type
that will never contribute towards
any relief work, not to speak of
Missions work. The ordinary middle
classes do give and would like to give
much more, but they are weighed down
by their economic ~~condition~~ situa-
tion.

In the German Parliament a few
weeks ago the statement was made
that the amount Germany has to
pay to her former enemies accor-
ding to the Paris arrangement
equals the whole prewar budget
of Germany. This statement ~~is~~
was as ought I know not con-
tradicted.

It is hard to extract money
for ~~Mission~~ work from people whose
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The ~~collections~~ for Protestant Missions in Germany amount to one third of what we had before the war.

You say in your letter that the other Lutheran Missionary Societies of Germany are raising funds more largely than Gossner's Mission. It is true. Other Societies have more than one Missionfield and at least one field they could work during the war. Gossner's Mission had "no work" as it ~~was~~ used to be styled during the war. The consequence was that many of Gossner's friends sent their contributions to other Societies and it remains to be seen ~~at~~ how many of them will come back to us. This is the situation we have to face.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

J Stosch

Berlin-Wannsee

May 24th, 1927

Dear Dr. Morehead,

I expect you have received my letter of April 25th in which I frankly expressed my opinion regarding the future of our common work in Chota Nagpur. At our last meeting I submitted this letter of April 25th to the Home Board of Gossner's Mission and invited their opinion. The Home Board then endorsed my letter and directed me to inform you of this. I therefore need not repeat what I wrote as to the situation of Protestant Missions in Germany in particular of Gossner's Mission.

We are trying to rearrange our work and shall make all efforts possible and hope we shall be able to fulfill our duty towards our Chota Nagpur work. We are, however, not able to contribute this year \$ 16 000 to the Budget of the Autonomous Church. What we are getting now from our friends is scarcely sufficient to keep our Home work going and to equip and send a few Missionaries in October.

We fully realize what you have done and are doing for our work in India and highly appreciate it. We also understand your intention to concentrate your efforts upon your own work and dare not ask our American friends for a special gift for the Autonomous Church. But we feel we have to give you this information regarding our finances.

Unless there be any special funds available in America, the Autonomous Church will have to make those retrenchments which they are still hoping to avoid.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

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To the Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society,
 Handjerystrasse 19/20,
 Berlin-Friedenau, Germany.

Dear Friends and Brethren:-

The relatives of the late D. theol. Hans Kausch have kindly sent us an announcement of his departure from this life on April 12, 1927. We have learned with sincere sorrow of the great loss sustained, not only by his relatives, but also by the Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society, in the death of this noble man of God. To both his relatives and to the society which he served so faithfully, personally and on behalf of the National Lutheran Council, I desire to express deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Dr. Kausch was a man of lovely Christian spirit, of noble character, and of great devotion and power of leadership in the work of Christian missions as Director of the Gossner Missionary Society. The splendid Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India is in no small part a monument to him and to his work. We thank God today for all that he was enabled to do and we pray that in His mercy and wisdom He may be pleased to raise up other workers who shall worthily succeed him and perpetuate the great work to which his life was devoted.

Realizing that the illness and death of Dr. Kausch has made difficult the situation confronting the Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society, we are today sending far in advance the gift of the National Lutheran Council for the support of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church in India the amount pledged for the third quarter of the year 1927. As you will note from the enclosed copy of the letter to Missionary Cannaday, we are forwarding today to him the sum of \$6,166.50 for the support of the work of the Gossner field in India, with the understanding that this remittance is to be counted as payment for the third quarter. We trust that this action will give time for the reorganization and adjustment of the work of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society without the embarrassment of the regular activities on the field in India. Kindly send an acknowledgement of this gift in due time.

Again assuring the Gossner Missionary Society and the relatives of Dr. Kausch of our profound sympathy in their sorrow and of our grateful memory of him who has been called to his eternal reward, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

J. A. Morehead
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 Executive Director.

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For Director Kausch

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May 6th, 1927.

The Rev. Isaac Cannaday,
Ranchi, Bihar, India.

Dear Brother Cannaday:-

According to promise, I am sending you the enclosed check of \$6,166.50, which is the amount pledged for the support of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of India for the third quarter of the year 1927. It is a great pleasure to be able to arrange, even if it almost exhausts our balance, to send this remittance in advance, pending the resolute action of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society in Berlin in providing this year for the larger support of its own mission. Kindly send receipts in duplicate covering this gift of the Council.

I am sure you appreciate the fact that this remittance is made in advance, not only to give the Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society in Berlin time to make arrangements to meet the larger budget falling to its share but also to prevent hurtful retrenchment on the Gossner field in India. I am sure that you and those working with you will endeavor to adopt wise and conservatively progressive financial plans for the year so as to avoid a dangerous deficit at the end. I am especially glad to note from your letter of April 6th that the governments grants have been received in the aid of schools so that the first quarter's account was closed without a big debt. God has blessed the management thus far, so we can only be thankful to Him for His goodness.

Doubtless you have heard of the death of Dr. Kausch which occurred on April 12th. A lovely spirit has passed to his reward. We are thankful for the work done by the Gossner Missionary Society under his leadership and we pray that God may raise up an efficient successor.

With cordial greeting and good wishes to you and all who are laboring for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom through the Gossner Ev. Luth. Church of India, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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The Rev. J. Stosch, Director,
Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society,
Berlin-Wannsee, Germany.

My dear Director Stosch:-

Your letters of May 24th and June 22nd have been duly received and compared with your communication of April 25th. These communications together with the printed news items we have seen in the church press of Germany enable us to understand at least to some extent the situation and attitude of the Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society.

The public press reports that you have been chosen Director to succeed Dr. Kausch. Accept heartiest congratulations upon this honor and call to a very important service for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom through the upbuilding of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our prayer is that God may give you grace and wisdom for the important task of developing anew the strength of the Gossner Missionary Society, whose work in India in the past has been so highly honored by the Head of the Church. It is also noted from the church press that the Gossner Missionary Society has determined to maintain its separate identity and not unite with the Berlin Missionary Society. We trust that these decisions are in accordance with the will of God and we beg to extend to you and to the Gossner E. L. Missionary Society every good wish for increasing usefulness in the years to come.

Your expressions of appreciation of the support of the work of the Gossner Missionary Society in India by the Lutherans of America through the National Lutheran Council since the World War is noted gratefully. We have truly tried with God's help to give sympathetically and in a brotherly spirit the financial help necessary to maintain the work of the Gossner E. L. Autonomous Church in India efficiently until our fellow-Lutherans of the Gossner Missionary Society in Germany should be able to re-enter the field and to resume responsibility for the conduct and support of their own work. In the Providence of God, the doors have been opened for the return of all German Missionary Societies to their foreign fields beginning at least with the year 1927. Therefore, quite naturally, the National Lutheran Council has begun in a practical and definite way to make its plans to turn over fully the missions in China, India and Africa, which we have been assisting, to the great missionary societies of Europe which founded them. Of course with the return of these foreign missions (and the National Lutheran Council has no other desire than to return them) to the ownership and control of the German Missionary Societies which founded them, it is only just and proper that said missionary societies shall support them as well as own and control. This explains the action of the National Lutheran Council at its annual meeting in January, 1927, deciding to retire gradually according to a three-year plan from its emergency task of the assistance by gift or loan of the foreign missions of the Lutheran Missionary Societies of Europe. This action was intended to be brotherly and considerate but at the same time right in principle and just to all concerned.

Now there are certain elements in the present situation so far as the Gossner Ev. Luth.

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Missionary Society and its mission in India are concerned, which give us grave anxiety. I desire to discuss them frankly with you as Director of the Gossner Missionary Society. However, kindly note that my motive in the discussion is solely the safety and welfare of the Gossner field in India and its preservation to the Evangelical Lutheran Church for the service of the cause of Christian missions in India. Two elements in the situation, considered as a whole, require in our view careful consideration. In the first place, the Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society is quite ready, as is proper, to return to its field in India and to resume control and direction of the work but seems quite unprepared as indicated in your letters of this year to accept its responsibility of providing for the Gossner mission more adequately. In the second place, apparently the Gossner E. L. Autonomous Church of India must have and have it promptly regular and adequate financial support. For example, under date of July 12th, we have a letter from the Gossner mission, requesting that on account of deficits and needed funds for current expenses the National Lutheran Council advance its pledge of \$6,166.50 for the fourth quarter of the year 1927 in order to give the Gossner Ev. Luth. Missionary Society of Germany more time to make its expected remittances for the support of the work. We were not in a position to send the full amount but we did forward to Missionary Cannaday under date of August 19th the equivalent of \$4,000.00 (Rs. 11,034-8-0) in part payment of our pledge for the final quarter of the year 1927, in order that the work might not suffer meanwhile.

Under the presupposition that the Gossner E. L. Missionary Society of Berlin proposes, as it has a perfect right to do if able, to resume complete possession, control, and direction (of course with proper consideration of the rights of the native Christians and Churches), there are grave questions which remain unanswered so far as our knowledge goes. I beg leave to submit these questions to you because your fellow-believers of the National Lutheran Council have invested prayer, labor, and money in the Gossner mission in India and naturally desire to be assured that pending arrangements and provisions for its future are wise, sound and promising of success with God's blessing. These unanswered questions are in part as follows:

1. Can the Gossner E. L. Missionary Society of Germany resume possession and control of the Gossner mission responsibly without providing in a greatly increased measure the missionaries and money necessary to conduct the work?
2. If the Gossner Missionary Society fails to give in substantial measure financial support to the missionaries, native pastors, Christian schools, and other current needs of its field in India, can it recover its position and influence with the native Church?
3. Can the annual budget for the support of the Gossner mission in India be substantially reduced, by reason of the gradual retirement of the National Lutheran Council from its emergency task of foreign mission relief, without serious retrenchments and the decrease of the efficiency of the work of the Gossner mission?
4. If, as your recent letter seems to indicate, you see no other way than that retrenchments be made under the circumstances, involving smaller salaries to native pastors and teachers, failure to keep church buildings in repair, etc., etc., unless the Gossner Missionary Society makes a special effort to meet the situation by the grace of God, will not the result be the discouragement of the native Christians of the Gossner Autonomous E. L. Church and an unfavorable reaction toward the home missionary society in Germany?

These questions, which have not been suggested by anyone in India but which arise in my own mind in view of my administrative knowledge of the situation are frankly submitted for your serious consideration. The most fundamental question for the Gossner Missionary Society and for all of us is the safety and development of the Gossner E. L. Church or

August 24th, 1927.

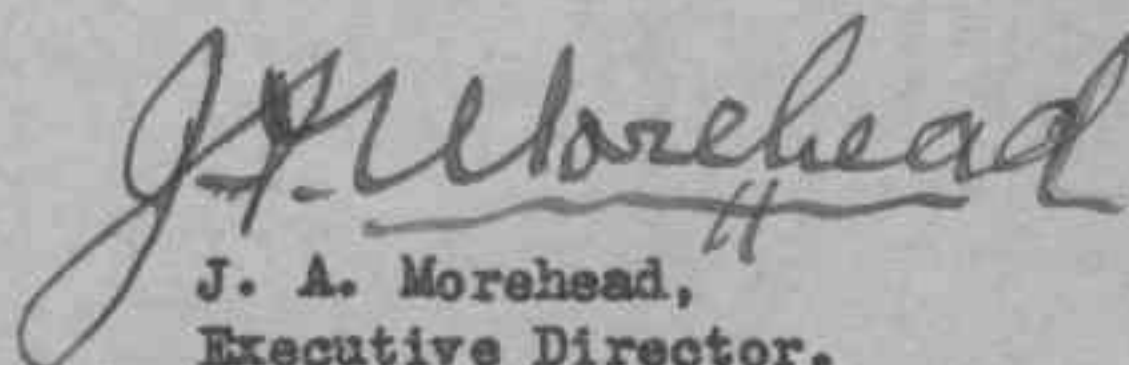
mission in India.

I need not remind you of the fact that the National Lutheran Council at its annual meeting last January took a uniform action on the subject of foreign mission relief, which applies equally or just in the same way to everyone of the seven European Missionary Societies on its relief list. Moreover, with the reduction of one-third this year and a like amount next, the Gossner mission in India receives about 50% of the entire amount appropriated for foreign mission relief by the National Lutheran Council. We are giving very generous treatment to your society, doing it of course out of love to the Lutheran Church and devotion to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in non-Christian lands.

Since plans for next year must be tentatively made in the near future and since these issues are of far-reaching importance, we shall appreciate your kindness in giving us as promptly as possible a full explanation of the position, purposes and plans of the Gossner E. L. Missionary Society regarding the care of its own work in India in the future.

With true Christian greetings and good wishes for you and your colleagues of the Gossner E. L. Missionary Society, I remain,

Faithfully yours,


J. A. Morehead,
Executive Director.

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P. S. To the four points on page 2 of the foregoing letter, we may well add the following:

5. Is it not of essential importance that questions and doubts as to the competency of the Gossner E. L. Missionary Society to resume full control and financial support of its field in India, on the part of the native Christians, of the Anglican and other Churches, or of the British government in India be avoided by wise forethought and efficient action? Will not irreparable loss follow to the Gossner E. L. Autonomous Church of India and to its home society if complete provision is not made in advance for the care of its work by the latter?

J.A.M.

September 21st 1927

To

Dr. J. A. Morehead
Executive Director
National Lutheran Council

39 East 35th Street

New York

Dear Dr. Morehead,

Your letter of August 24th. I gather from the Papers that you are expected to come to Budapest in the end of October. As you ~~go~~ probably go by Germany I should like it very much and deem it a privilege to meet you.

In replying to your letter I beginn with assuring you that nobody feels more the grave anxiety of our present situation than myself. I need not repeat what I wrote about the situation of Mission work in Germany in general and of Gossner's Mission in particular in my letters of April and May. You remind me of the fact that the National Lutheran Council at its meeting last January took an uniform action on foreign Mission relief, which applies equally to every one of the seven societies aided. May I plead that the Gossner Mission is really a special case. It was immensely difficult for us to hold our own and win new friends as we could not work our field in India during the war and after the war. This situation of Gossner's Mission is unparalleled. I have to add one thing more that handicapped us just this year. I see from your

letter that you have read of a proposed union of our Society with the Berlin Mission. We carefully considered the questions involved and came to the conclusion that we should not unite. During the time of those negotiations viz. from January to April by a propaganda uncalled for the public opinion was influenced to the effect that many thought Gossners Mission had already given away its identity and ceased to send their subscriptions.

At present we are preparing a printed appeal and will give it a broad publicity. It will go out in the beginning of October. The summer is no good time for such an undertaking, therefore we delayed the matter hoping for a better success in October. I hope we shall regain our strength. Without this confidence I should have declined to succeed Dr. Kausch. But we must be given time, some time more than we are allowed. The plan of the National Lutheran Council was, if I am not mistaken, to pay to the Autonomous Church in 1927 two third of \$ 40,000.00 viz. \$ 26,666.00. In 1928 again one third of this amount was to be deducted and the contribution would be between \$ 18,000.00 and \$ 19,000.00. In 1929 the deduction of one third would mean that \$ 12,000.00 would be contributed by the National Council. With the end of 1929 the contribution would cease.

I heartily confess that the action was not only brotherly but very generous indeed. Yet it does not meet the present emergency. I often think, if the National Lutheran Council only would have given us one year more, taking the action of 1927 in 1928 and so on to 1930 we might avoid a disaster.

Let me now answer your questions in part.

1. It was in 1925 that the Gossner Society decided to resume control of their Indian fields. We could then not foresee that the economic situation of Germany was to get worse than in 1924 and 1925. We still

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hope to recover and to provide the Missionaries and the money necessary.

2. We know our Missionaries cannot recover their influence in Chota Nagpur unless we aid the church by money. We hope it is only a transitory state that we have to plead poverty.

3. Though we urge on the Autonomous Church that our Indian Christian must do all they can to increase the local subscriptions, we are aware that it will not take three years but many years more untill the Autonomous Church is selfsupporting. They need help from abroad

4. Surely this discouragement will take place. From this reason I said in my letter to you, dated May 24th, that unless there be any special funds available in America, the Autonomous Church would have to make retrenchments, we all should wish to avoid.

5. I am of your opinion that irreparable loss will follow, if we now fail to give the church the necessary help. This leads me to ask you to kindly consider, if it is possible to postpone the action of the National Lutheran Council taking the step intended for 1927 in 1928 and so on.

I know it is much I ask you. I do it, because I know the future developement of our Indian church may be at stake.

With true Christian greetings and cordial thanks
for all you did for our work

faithfully yours

J. Stord

Berlin-Wannsee, 12th September 1927.

To The Church Council G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi (Behar)

Dear Brethren,

I write to-day to inform you, that the Curatorium of Gossner's Mission hope to send in November the Rev. M. Prehn, Mrs. Prehn, Barbara Prehn (13 years old) and Miss F. Heintze. They will probably reach Ranchi in the beginning of December. We suggest that Mr. Prehn should be stationed in Ranchi as a general Missionary. We hope the theological Seminary will be reopened again and think Mr. Prehn and Mr. Yuel Lakra should be on the teaching staff. Miss F. Heintze is coming to Ranchi to take over Mrs. Canaday's work when Mr. and Mrs. Canaday leave Ranchi for their furlough. We request the Church Council to see to their accommodation.

In January I was asked by the Curatorium to succeed D. Kausch. Knowing that I am not fully qualified for this post and that my health is not strong enough I hesitated to accept this honour, hoping that some better and younger man could be found. After D. Kausch's death the Curatorium renewed their request and I felt that I had to obey. For certain reasons I shall have my residence in Berlin-Wannsee where I am and shall be in charge of a parish receiving my pay from the Church and not from the Mission. Arrangements have been made that I can give a considerable part of my time to Gossner's Mission. In October we intend to appoint a second Inspector to our Mission, the Rev. Lokies, son of our late Missionary Ch. Lokies.

The Home Committee of Gossner's Mission have to make great efforts to hold their own. During the war and the time after the war many of our friends ceased to make their contributions to foreign Mission work. Generally speaking the annual contributions for Mission work are now one third only of the amount given before the war.

Our success in regaining our old friends and winning new friends depends greatly on our reports given in our Magazine. It is therefore essential that the Church Council through their secretary regularly report on Mission Work in Chota Nagpur. We cannot ask our friends to pay for what they do not know.

May our Common Lord guide us and bless us!

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Yours sincerely

J. Stosch

Dec. 22nd 1927

To The Rev. Dr. F. H. Knubel
437 Fifth Avenue, New-York.

Dear Dr. Knubel,

I learn from Dr. Morehead that you intend to visit our Indian field. I assure you that you are very welcome there. Two years ago I was in India. It was resolved then that the Berlin Bord should take charge of the Gossner Church in Chota Nagpur, our old field. The National Lutheran Council of America very generously used to contribute towards the budget of the so called Autonomous Church in Chota Nagpure \$ 40.000.00 per annum. Now the N.L.C. is beginning to cut down their contribution and we are unable to make up the deficit in Germany. In collecting money for Mission work we make the experience that our circles cannot give as much as they did before the war. Germany is a poor country, those who are rich, do not give. My request to you is to kindly consider the case of Gossner's Mission. It is a special case, because in addition to the difficulties, which all Mission societies have to face, Gossner's Mission had no active work in a missionfield from 1915 to 1925, as we lost our only field viz. Chota Nagpur.

It is obvious that many of our old friends sent their contributions to other Mission societies, we are trying to win our friends back, but it takes time.

I hope you will find yourself in India that the Gossner Church deserves our attention.

With kindest regards, Yours faithfully

J. Stosch

Decemb. 22nd, 1927

To The Rev. Dr. J.A. Morehead

39 East 35th Street, New-York.

My dear Dr. Morehead,

It was very unfortunate that we could not meet on November 9th, it was my desire to have a conference with you and I asked you before your leaving for Budapest to give me an opportunity to meet you. Now it was on the 9th of November afternoon when your Secretary asked me to come to your Hôtel. My house in Wannsee is 70 minutes from your Hôtel by the shortest way, I had to be in Wannsee from 3 to 5 o'clock and again for a service from 7 to 8. The time was so short that I could not rearrange my work.

The Questionnaire was sent by us to Ranchi, as most of the questions can only be answered in Ranchi. Our last Census is of 1925.

1. You ask how many Missionaries our Society will have in India in 1928. As the Prehn's arrived in Ranchi in December 1927 we shall have 3 men, A. John, W. Diller, M. Prehn. Two of them are married men. The Diller's have their daughter living with them. Miss Diller is a trained Missionary. With the Prehn's Miss F. Heinze came to Ranchi to replace Mrs. Cannaday.
2. The budget of the Autonomous Church used to be \$ 40.000.00 per annum. Salaries and contingencies for the Missionaries are not included in this amount. For 3 Missionaries and two single ladies, their salaries, houses, travelling allowances etc. we shall

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have to spend about \$ 8.000.00.

3. The total amount of money raised by the Gossner society in 1927 was 106 000 M or \$ 26.000.00. This is about 30 000M more than in 1926.

4. To meet our expenses at home we need between 70 and 80 thousand Mark per annum. We hope, our income will be increasing in 1928, as it was in 1927 though we were handicapped in many ways. Supposing we can raise 140 000 M, we can spend for our India work between 60 and 70 thousand Mark.

5. Though we shall do our utmost, I do not think we can reasonable expect more than 140 000 M in 1928. If so, we can spend about 30 or 35 thousand Mark for our Indian Missionaries and the same amount for the Autonomous Church. This amount of about 32 000 M or \$8.000.00 contributed by the Berlin Bord leaves to be met from other sources \$ 32.000.00. In my opinion the Autonomous Church will be able to bear part of this burden.

I am glad to hear, that Dr. F. H. Knubel intends to visit the Gossner field.

The Cannaday's will leave Ranchi in March and go by Germany to America. Personally speaking I resent it, that all the American Missionaries are withdrawn from our Indian field. You may remember that it was I who urged the desirability of the American Missionaries remaining on the field for a few years more. I should think it a good plan, if the Rajamundry Mission could spare an able man to take the Rev. I. Cannaday's place and have charge of the American money. But this is my personal opinion, I shall put the matter before the Kuratorium at its next meeting on January 4th and inform you immediately after that meeting.

The Senior Missionary out in the field will be the Rev. M. Prehn.

He has a seven years experience of our work in Ranchi, I know him well, he was my Assistant Principal of our Seminary and High School.

I enclose one copy of your Questionnaire filled in.

With heartiest thanks for all you have been doing and are doing for our Indian work

I remain
sincerely yours

J. Storch

April 23th, 1928.

To

The Rev. Dr. J.A. Morehead

Executive Director

National Lutheran Council

NEW - YORK.

Dear Dr. Morehead,

Your letter of April 5th has been thankfully received.

Allow me first to make a few comments on the Budget of the Autonomous church. I talked the matter over with the Rev. I. Cannaday, whose visit we now enjoy, so my statement is backed by the authority of the man with whose help the budget was worked out. -- The gist is on the sheet entitled G.E.L. Church budget for 1928, Expenditure, where the net amounts required for each heading of expenditure are shown. It comes to the total of 107,768 Rs. From this amount is to be deducted the net amount of receipts from various sources totalling 25,233 Rs. This leaves the sum of 82,535 Rs. to be contributed by home boards. The Rev. I. Cannaday tells me that this figure agrees in substance with the amount previously reported by him, before the detailed budget was worked out. -- Sheet B marked G.E.L. Church budget for congregational work, shows under credit the income expected from each parish. the net debit difference between these two columns viz. 18,456 Rs. is carried over to sheet G.E.L. Church budget, mentioned above and shown under the first heading 'congregational work'. The only inconsistent figure is that of High School Expenditure.

In the Expenditure sheet it is shown as 13,248 where as in the detailed budget of the High School it is shown as 13,748 Rs. This last figure is manifestly an error and the first figure is to be accepted.

May I say a few words in reply to your remark that many of the Lutheran leaders in America feel that the Gossner society too much proportionally expend on their home base. As you know German I invite reference to the printed 'Jahresrechnung' on the last page of 'Die Biene auf dem Missionsfelde' February issue which I enclose. This financial statement shows that 25,568 Mark were sent to India. This sum includes 5,016 Mark for the support of the Autonomous Church. In 'Reisekosten' 4,094 Mark are included which amount was spent for the voyage of our Missionaries to India. The two items 'Ausrüstung Missionare' 1 174,65 Mark and 'Fracht der indischen Kisten' 499,80 Mark are spent for our Missionaries. The total amount spent on our Missionaries in India and for the Autonomous Church is between 31.000 and 32.000 Mark. Against this the biggest amounts spent on our Home base are 'Gehälter' 32.712,47 Mark and Pensionen 16.424,70 Mark.

We have reduced the number of our paid officers to the utmost and do not think that anything can be cut from the salaries. Much work is done honoray; I for instance do not draw my salary or part of it from the Mission. 'Pensionen' are given being given to our retired Missionaries and to the widows of former Missionaries. They are very low. Though we think we cannot reduce the amount spent on our Home base, this amount may be considered as a fixed sum. If the contributions from our friends increase this increment will almost entirely be spent on our Indian fields.

As to 1928 January to March, the income of this quarter was 32.875 Mark. Multiplying this by what we may hope for an annual income

for we may hope for an annual income

of about 130.000 Mark in 1928.

You ask for information as to the definite amount, the Berlin Board will pledge to contribute to the general treasury of the Autonomous Church. In my letter of December 22nd, 1927 under number 5 I wrote to you assuming that we might raise our income to 140.000 M we hoped to send for the Autonomous Church 32.000 Mark - \$ 8 000.00 This is the goal at which we aim and shall use every means to reach it.

I regret Mr. and Mrs. Cannaday are not back to America by the 9th of May. They might render valuable help to understand our difficulties.

With heartiest thanks for your deep interest in the Missionwork in Chota Nagpur and cordial greetings

Very sincerely

Yours

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July 14 th, 1928.

To

the Rev. F.H. Knubel

President of the United Lutheran Church

39 East 35th Street

New York

My dear Dr. Knubel

very many thanks for your letter of June 21th.
of course, I was somewhat disappointed when I heard you had
not been able to go to Ranchi. I should have liked it very
much; but I understand that you were taken ill and had to be
in bed. I am so glad to hear that you reached America safely.

Our Missionaries and Indian christians highly appreciated
your visit to India and the opportunity to talk to you about
our work.

Allow me to thank you heartily on behalf of the Gossner
Committee for all you have done and are doing for our Indian
work.

With cordial greetings

I remain

sincerely yours

J. Stosch

Missionspraeses.

July 14th, 1928

To

the Rev. J.A. Morehead
Executive Director

39 East 35 th Street
New York

My dear Dr. Morehead,

I am in receipt of your letter from Copenhagen. I should have liked it very much to personally express my own and the Gossner Committee's deeply felt thanks for the generous help you kindly promise for the current year. It was noted by the Gossner Committee as a act of particular kindness and generosity that the National Lutheran council resolved that in future the official negotiations will be carried on with the representatives of the Gossner E. L. Missionary Society of Germany and not with its Missionfield in India.

I need not assure you again that we shall do our very best to raise money in Germany for the support of the Antonomons church in India.

Would you kindly let me know if for your meeting in September any further information is required.

In November we intend to send two young Missionaries to India who just have finished their course of instruction
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under the Rev. Sutton Page in London.

In the session of the Gossner Committee in June I informed those gentlemen who are editing our Mission Magazine (die Biene) of your criticism of the expression (American help) by which sometimes the help of the N. L. Council had been briefly referred to.

I enclose acknowledgement of your last remittance to Rev. M. Prehn.

With cordial and thankful greetings

I remain

very sincerely yours

J. Stosch

Praeses der Gossner Mission.

July 14th, 1928.

To

the Rev. J o e l L a k r a

G. E. L. Compound

R a n c h i (B i h a r)

British India

My dear Mr. J o e l L a k r a,

many thanks for your letter of February. I am glad to hear you have been appointed Principal of the High School. When our Theological Seminary is reopened I hope you will find time to teach there also, for the Seminary in my opinion is the most important part of our School System.

Probably in November we intend to send two young Missionaries to Ranchi. I think it would be a good plan to put one of them in charge of our boardinghouse, the position which Mr. Peters had. Please, let me know your opinion.

You write about an addition to our High School and ask for Rs 30 000. The attendance is as you say 500 boys. May I ask : do you think that all these boys or at least most of them can have a real advantage of High School education. Are we instified in spending so much money on higher education ? Would it not be more advisable to reduce the number of students ? It is than better to have a small and efficient school than a big one in which are many boys who should not at all go up to a high school.

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As to the finance I am very glad to say that the National Lutheran Council of America is prepared to contribute a considerable amount to the budget of the church. The exact figure will not be known before September.

Let me write to you on another point. I see your salary is fixed on Rs 250. No doubt you are entitled to this amount according to your attainments. Still, in our present situation it occurred to me if it would not be wise if you would say : as we have so struggle for the financial autonomy of the church I do not wish to have the salary I am entitled to. We shall never come to a full autonomy, if we have to pay high salaries. Moreover, here in Germany we raise subscriptions from poor people. Can we do it with a pure conscience if we spend the money on salaries for above that what is really needed. Another difficulty arises from the fact that the President and other officers of the church, not to speak of our Pastors are drawing comparatively small salaries. Mission work is service and the more it is service the more it is blessed by the Lord. I know you from your boyhood and loved you because I felt, you are ready for true service. Please, think over this matter and let me have your opinion. Take this letter as a question to you and your conscience. I may be wrong in my premises. Therefore I do not wish to come to a conclusion before inviting your opinion. I am free

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to write this to you not only out of our old friendship, but because I myself followed these lines when I was a Missionary. As the President of the Mission and Principal of the High School in 1913 and 1914 my salary was Rs 120. It was far below the amount I would have got in Germany. When I came out I was a Licentiate of the Berlin University. Licentiate in Germany means more than in England. In Germany it is the first step in a theological professorship.

In the Mission we used to give to every worker what he needed for his daily bread and his work. It is obvious that a Indian in his country can live comfortably with far less money than an European or American. That has nothing to do with superiority.

May our Lord bless you and your work. My kindest regards and disn Sahay to you , your sister and your brothers and to all your fellow workers.

Your truly

J. S. To S. H.

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August 28th 1928.

To

The Rev. I.A. Morehead
Executive Director
39 East 35th Street

New - York .

My Dear Dr. Morehead,

I hope you have received my letter of July 14th. To-day I send by book-post the last issues of "Die Biene auf dem Missionsfelde" and "Die kleine Biene" containing the different appeals we made to our friends. Our contribution to the support of the church in Chota Nagpur was in June and July 5 000 Mark, in August 15000 Mark. May I ask you to send the gifts from the National Lutheran Council for Transmission to the Gossner E.L. Church in India to:

Dresdener Bank Depositenkasse Y

Berlin-Friedenau

für Conto 250 (Gossner Mission).

We should like to transmit money as soon as possible.

According to your letter of May 23rd 1928 you hope to be able to contribute \$ 16.800.00 in 1928. If I am not mistaken you sent to the Gossner Church in India \$ 8,010.50 in 1928 viz. \$ 4.010.50 in January and \$ 4.000.00 in May.

I need not enlarge again on the difficulties Mission-work has to face in Germany now and on the efforts we are making. As matters are we cannot expect that our income in 1929 will be sufficient

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to give to the Indian church the amount of money it needs. The time of emergency has not yet passed. We trust and pray that our American Lutheran friends will continue to aid us in the support of our Indian field.

Will you kindly convey the hartiest thanks of the Gossner Society to the National Lutheran Council at their meeting in September.

I enclose a statement of accounts prepared by the Rev. M. Prehn.

Trusting that our Lord may guide us in the right decision of all questions which arise in our Service of His Kingdom

I remain

sincerely yours

J. Stasch Missions-Praeses

August 28th 1928.

To

The Rev. F. H. Knubel

President of the United Lutheran Church

39 East 35th Street

New - York.

Dear Dr. Knubel

In September the National Lutheran Council will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its organisation. The Gossner Society in Germany feels that we are highly indebted to our Lutheran bretheren in America for all they have been and still are doing for the good of the Gossner Church.

The National Lutheran Council was in God's providence the Agency which prevented the breakdown of the Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur.

As you are probably presiding at the Meeting I address this letter to you. I wish to congratulate you on behalf of the Gossner Society upon the work you had the privilege to do in the service of the Kingdom of God.

By book-post I am sending the last issues of our Magazines to you.

I remain

sincerely Yours

J. Stosch

Missions-Praeses.

Berlin-Wannsee.

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-----September 28th.

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To

The Rev. Mr Paton

Secretary of the International Missionary Council

2 Eaton Gate

L o n d o n S.W.I.

My dear Mr. Paton,

You ask me about H.Roterberg and his claims on Rs.1000. He is a Pastor in Berlin, has 7 children, his eldest daughter will marry soon. Though H.Roterberg is not destitute it would be a very good thing if you could push this matter with your Government.

Regarding the G.E.L. property in the Ganges valley I communicated the views of our Home Board to you in my letter of May 24th. Just now we learn from A. John that the D.P.I. wishes to take over the Ghazipur High School in case the Wesleyans decline. On behalf of Government he offers 50% of the value of the Buildings minus the cost of repairs made from say 1917 - 1928. This solution is ^{not} acceptable.

Three years ago in the beginning of October Mr. John and I came to your home in Calcutta.

Please remember me to Mrs.Paton.

I remain

very sincerely Yours

J Stosch

Berlin-Wannsee
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-----September 28th,
1928.

To

The Rev. J. A. Morehead
Executive Director
39 East 35th Street

New - York .

My dear Dr. Morehead,

We are in receipt of your letters of August 30th and August 31st. Shortly before you wrote these letters and sent your cablegram I sent you a letter on August 28th. Now we got Missionary Prehn's explanation of his radiograms to us asking for Rs.10 000 and to you stating his urgent need of Rs.72 000. The cablegram to you was sent by Prehn before he received the cabled money from us. We were as unable as you to understand the figure. Now we learn that Rs. 72 000 mean the whole balance for 1928. There was no unusual emergency. It is as you anticipated the leaders of the Gossner Church in Ranchi have been embarrassed, because they could not pay the salaries to the Mission workers and teachers.

As I informed you we sent 5000 Mark in June and July and 15000 Mark in August. It would be a very great help if you could make your next remittance now. We are dealing with Dresdener Bank Depositenkasse Y, Berlin-Friedenau für Conto 250 (Gossner Mission).

In your letter of August 30th you advise me to borrow funds for the church in India if gifts are not immediately available. We do and have done this only in case of urgent need if we can hope to repay the borrowed money soon. Borrowing money is expensive in Germany at present. The bank takes an interest of 12%. You will understand that under these circumstances borrowing money is of a

disastrous effect to our financial policy.

May I give you a few figures to explain our situation regarding finance. At the last meeting of the Kuratorium I asked the treasurer about the receipts of the date of the meeting (6th September). He replied that he received 200 Mark. These 200 Mark came from 25 contributors. Before the war the average amount of 25 contributions was between 800 and 1000 Mark. This shews that our friends are not lacking in willingness but in ability to give.

May I invite your attention to the following comparative statement:

1913: gifts received 420 000 Mark from 8700 contributors

1926: " " 83 600 " " 3140 "

1927: " " 93 100 " " 3150 "

1928: " " 92 400 " " 3400 " (January to August)

This shews 1. Owing to our 10 years' absence from our sole Missionfield the number of our friends has decreased, we have only 40% of what we had. 2. These 40% of our prewar contributors could give us in 1926 20%, in 1927 22% of our prewar income only. 3. In the current year we received from January to August (two third of the year) approximately as much as in the 12 months of 1927. 4. Though we can gratefully state a considerable progress in 1928 we have to face the fact that in the near future we cannot hope to give the church in India all it needs and must ask the N.L.C. to kindly not withdraw their help from our Indian work.

Let me thank you heartily for your remittance of \$ 2,000 to Mr. Prehn. I shall send you a formal receipt as soon as I hear from him.

With my best wishes for your recovery I remain

Yours very sincerely

J Stosch
Missions Praeses

Berlin-Wannsee,

October 11th 1928

To

The Rev. Dr. J.A. Morehead
Executive Director
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th Street

NEW - Y O R K .

My dear Dr. Morehead

Very many thanks for your letter of September 25th and \$ 1,000 we received from the National Lutheran Council through the Deutsche Bank of Berlin. I asked our treasurer to send this money to India without delay, and wrote to Mr. Prehn that it is a contribution made by the National Lutheran Council. As we have to pay this month the fare to India for two young Missionaries viz. M. Schiebe and F. Schulze we cannot make a remittance for the Autonomus Church in October.

I am thankful you allow me to write to the Rev. M. Prehn that the National Lutheran Council has agreed to a subsidy of \$ 18,800 for the Gossner Lutheran Church in India for the year 1928, provided the funds are contributed for this purpose by the churches. It will certainly encourage the Missionaries as well as our Indian Christians to know that they can expect more than \$ 7,000 before the end of this year as a contribution from the National Lutheran Council. ~~address another letter of greeting to the Executive~~

I carefully note what you write regarding Dr. Knubel and shall ~~address~~

Director for the regular meeting in January 1929.

The National Missionary Society who wish to be represented on the new Board of Trustees has nothing to do with the Church of England. It is a Society formed by Indian Christians of different denominations. This N.M.S. has been given our Gossner E. Lutheran property at Jharsuguda (Bengal Nagpur Railway) on short lease. An Indian Missionary, a lutheran christian of the Leipzig Mission made Jharsuguda the Headquarters of his work in some fendatory states as I understand.

Neither the Church Council in Ranchi nor the Home Board in Berlin can see a reason for a representation of the N.M.S. on the new Board of Trustees. We anticipate difficulties if the N.M.S. is allowed so great an influence upon our property.

I am so glad to hear that your health is improving. May God bless yourself and your work.

Sincerely Yours

J. Gossner

Mission Praeses.

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Berlin-Wannsee,

October 11th 1928

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To

The Rev. Dr. J.A. Morehead
Executive Director
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th Street

NEW - YORK .

My dear Dr. Morehead

Very many thanks for your letter of September 25th and \$ 1,000 we received from the National Lutheran Council through the Deutsche Bank of Berlin. I asked our treasurer to send this money to India without delay, and wrote to Mr. Prehn that it is a contribution made by the National Lutheran Council. As we have to pay this month the fare to India for two young Missionaries viz. M. Schiebe and F. Schulze we cannot make a remittance for the Autonomous Church in October.

I am thankful you allow me to write to the Rev. M. Prehn that the National Lutheran Council has agreed to a subsidy of \$ 18,800 for the Gossner Lutheran Church in India for the year 1928, provided the funds are contributed for this purpose by the churches. It will certainly encourage the Missionaries as well as our Indian Christians to know that they can expect more than \$ 7,000 before the end of this year as a contribution from the National Lutheran Council. ~~address another letter of greeting to the Executive~~

I carefully note what you write regarding Dr. Knubel and shall ~~address~~

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Director for the regular meeting in January 1929.

The National Missionary Society who wish to be represented on the new Board of Trustees has nothing to do with the Church of England. It is a Society formed by Indian Christians of different denominations. This N.M.S. has been given our Gossner E. Lutheran property at Jharsuguda (Bengal Nagpur Railway) on short lease. An Indian Missionary, a lutheran christian of the Leipzig Mission made Jharsuguda the Headquarters of his work in some fendatory states as I understand.

Neither the Church Council in Ranchi nor the Home Board in Berlin can see a reason for a representation of the N.M.S. on the new Board of Trustees. We anticipate difficulties if the N.M.S. is allowed so great an influence upon our property.

I am so glad to hear that your health is improving. May God bless yourself and your work.

Sincerely Yours

J. Gossner

Mission Praeses.

Wannsee

October 31st 1928

Florastr. 3

To

The Rev. Dr. J.A. Morehead

Executive Director

National Lutheran Council

39 East 35th Street New York U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Morehead

I hope you are in receipt of my letter dated October 3rd. It has crossed your communication of October 11th regarding the new Board of Trustees. As to the National Missionary Society I should think it easy to bring home to the Government of India that their representation on the Board of Trustees is not desirable. I have already informed Mr. M. Prehn that we see no reason for the N.M.S. being represented on the Board. You go a step farther than we, the Berlin Board, can go. You are more disinterested^{ly} in the matter of the Lutheran property than we are, we are therefore grateful to you that you raise this question in your letter to the Mr. P.O. Philip of October 3rd.

With kindest regards and best wishes

Yours very sincerely

J. Stosch

Missionspräses.

Alfred
Berlin-Wannsee,
Florastrasse 3

November 28th
1928.

To

The Rev. Dr. John A. Morehead
39 East 35th Street

New - York.

Dear Dr. Morehead,

Your letters of November 1st and 5th with enclosures have been received. I enclose to-day Mr. M. Prehn's receipt for \$ 2 000. and a receipt for \$ 1 000. remitted by ~~the~~ Deutsche Bank, Berlin to Dresdener Bank, Depositenkasse Y, Berlin-Friedenau Conto 250 on behalf of the National Lutheran Council. We highly appreciated your kind help and sent the money to India immediately after receipt.

Permit me to postpone my full reply regarding the financial question you raise in your letter of November 1st till after the December meeting of the Kuratorium on the 6th of December. I intend to suggest a scheme of ^{our} ~~your~~ future financial policy to the Kuratorium. You will understand that I prefer to have endorsed my suggestions before writing to you about them.

Only one point I wish to touch to-day. You say the Gossner Society should first reassume full responsibility for the support of the G.E.L.Church in India, without help from the Council, before it increases its budget for the sending out and support of foreign Missionaries.

i) What we hear from Chota Nagpur leads us to think that our Indian Christians need the advice of our Missionaries far more than they themselves know.

ii) The two young Missionaries M. Schiebe and F. Schulze sailing for India finished their four-years-course of instruction in

March 1928. We had either to tell them to go to any other Missionary Society or to send them to India now.

iii) In Germany more than in America, as far as I know, the financial efficiency of a Society depends on a certain number of Missionaries on the field. The history of the Gossner Society from 1915 - 25 is proof enough. Our Indian Christians have not yet learnt to write any reports. We cannot publish our Magazine without the contributions of our Missionaries. We believe that the increased number of German Missionaries on the Indian field will strengthen our financial position.

You will hear from me immediately after the next meeting of the Kuratorium.

With kindest regards

Yours very sincerely

J. Stöckli

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Berlin-Wannsee,
Florastr. 3

----- December 20th 1928

To

The Rev. Dr. John A. Morehead
39 East 35th Street

NEW - YORK.

Dear Dr. Morehead,

I received with thanks your letter of Nov. 2nd with enclosures regarding the Lutheran World Conference. My letter to you of Nov. 28th was crossed by your letter of Nov. 23rd.

After the December meeting of the Kuratorium I directed the gentlemen in charge of our finance to work out a financial statement for 1928. We have the proper figures only for eleven months, ending with November 30th. In order to give a comparative statement for 1927 I added one eleventh of the figures for January to November 1928 to these figures. The figures under 1928 in the enclosed financial statement therefore show the probable receipts and expenditure in 1928. The exact figures are not available before January.

You will be pleased to learn that the Berlin Board has fully met its share of the budget of the Gossner Autonomous Church for 1928. The 32 000 M we had pledged have been sent to India.

Our receipts in 1928 are ¹²⁴152 000 M against 110 000 M in 1927. This is a real and substantial progress. The plus of 42 000 M in receipts in 1928 was spent almost entirely for the Autonomous Church and our Missionaries in India.

Some time ago I pointed out to you that our expenditure on our home work would not increase considerably. This statement may

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seem to be inconsistent with some figures in the enclosed paper. The explanation is that in 1927 we had for 6 months only one paid Missionsinspektor and our papers and magazines were issued in monthly editions only from October to December. For printing etc. in 1928 we therefore spent 12 000 RM against 4 457 RM in 1927.

Our budget for 1929 is based on the figures of the enclosed financial statement. We shall try to keep our expenditure for our home work on the present level, in order to be able to contribute to the budget of the Gossner Church 50 000 RM in 1929. As the current year will close with a deficit of more than 15 000 RM, we shall have to find in 1929: about 167 000 M (expenditure in 1928) plus 15 700 M deficit in 1928 plus 18 000 M additional contribution for the Gossner Church; that is in total more than 200 000 M. I am afraid this is more than we can reasonably expect; we shall have to keep a deficit.

The Autonomous Church has not yet submitted a budget for 1929. As we know they need between 150 000 RM and 160 000 RM, or \$ 37 000.00 to 40 000.00 \$. It would in my opinion be very encouraging to them if the National Lutheran Council could contribute as much as the Berlin Board in 1929 viz. 50 000 RM or \$ 12 500.00 under the condition that the remaining 50 000 M of their budget must be found in India.

In the beginning of December we received from the National Lutheran Council \$ 2 000.00 for remittance to India. We thank you cordially for this gift. I enclose a receipt from the Rev. M. Prehn on \$ 1 000.00.

Praying God's blessing upon your work, I remain with my best wishes for you personally

very sincerely Yours

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Comparative financial statement for 1927 and 1928.

	1927	1928
Einnahme (receipts)	110 000 RM	152 000 RM
Ausgabe (expenditure):		
An die Kolskirche (contribution of the Home Board toward the budget of the Aut.Church	5 006 RM	32 000 RM
Nach Indien gesandt (salaries for the Missionaries on the field etc.)	20 552 "	31 046 "
Ausrüstung der Missionare (equipment of Miss.)	1 175 "	2 307 "
Reisegeld nach Indien (Missionaries voyage to India)	4 094 "	1 722 "
Fracht nach Indien (boxes sent to India)	500 "	---
Gehälter in der Heimat (salaries of Mission workers at home)	32 712 "	40 238 "
Pensionen (pensions for retired Missionaries)	16 425 "	16 554 "
Erziehung (education of children of Miss.)	660 "	425 "
Reisekosten (travelling expenses)	3 861 "	4 834 "
Druckkosten (printing of papers, magazines)	4 457 "	11 767 "
Porto, Telephon (postage, telephone)	2 295 "	6 100 "
Zöglinge, Kurse (Seminary, courses of instruction)	5 948 "	4 850 "
Missionshaus, Reparatur (Missionhouse, repairs)	2 562 "	3 500 "
Renten und Zinsen (annuities, bank interest)	986 "	5 400 "
Steuern und Abgaben (taxes)	2 925 "	3 838 "
Prozesskosten (law-costs)	1 892 "	-----
Buchhandlung (book-shop)	710 "	866 "
Allgemeine Ausgaben (sundries)	4 389 "	2 300 "
	111 159 RM	167 747 RM
Total of receipts in 1928	152 000 RM	
Total of expenditure	167 747 RM	
deficit	15 747 RM	

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Berlin-Wannsee, ----- January 2nd 1929
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To The Rev. Dr. John A. Morehead
Executive Director
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th street

NEW - YORK.

Dear Dr. Morehead,

I apologize I forgot to enclose Mr. M. Prehn's receipt in my letter of December 20th. I send it to-day.

Please accept enclosed letter of greeting and congratulation for the Tenth Jubilee of the National Lutheran Council.

With kindest regards and best wishes

very sincerely Yours

J. H. O. Sch.
Missions Praeses.

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Berlin-Wannsee,

January 2nd 19

Florastr.3.

To the Rev. Dr. John A. Morehead

Executive Director

National Lutheran Council

39 East 35th street

NEW - YORK .

Dear Dr. Morehead,

We learn that on January 16th and 17th the National Lutheran Council will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its organisation. I write on behalf of the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission Society and the friends of Gossner's work to ask you to convey our heartfelt greetings and congratulation to the National Lutheran Council. We all feel that we are highly indebted to our Lutheran brethren in America for all they have done and still are doing for the good of the Gossner Church in India.

The National Lutheran Council was in God's providence the Agency which prevented the breakdown of the Lutheran Church of- in Chota Nagpur.

Personally I wish to congratulate you on behalf of the Gossner Society upon the work you had the privilege to do as the Executive Director of the N.L.C. in the service of the Kingdom of God.

I remain

sincerely Yours

Missions Praeses.

Berlin-Wannsee,
Florastr.3.

February 28th 1929.

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To

The Rev. J.A. Morehead
Executive Director
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th Street

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My dear Dr. Morehead

Your letter of January 23rd, advising us of the action taken by the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference and of the National Lutheran Council at their annual meetings, was duly received. I read it to the Kuratorium of the G.E.L. Mission at their February meeting. The Kuratorium asked me to convey our cordial thanks to the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference for the very generous promise to pay the unpaid balance for 1928 and \$ 10 000 for 1929, if funds are collectible. It is a strong encouragement for the Berlin Board as well as for the Indian Church. We note that the promise is made with the understanding that the Berlin Board shall pay its full pledge of \$ 12 500 to the Church in India in 1929. To the Autonomous Church we sent a message by the week's mail informing the Secretary and the Senior Missionary of the kind promise of the National Lutheran Council and of our pledge of \$ 12 500. We said in our message that we expected the Church in India to use its utmost endeavours to contribute its share to the budget.

We are grateful to God for this experience of brotherly love.

We highly

2. To the Rev. J.A. Morehead, February 28th 1929.

We highly appreciate it that the National Lutheran Council does not withdraw its help before the Gossner Society can reassume the full responsibility, as we trust.

May I inform you that we sent to India three times 8000 RM, due January 1st, February 1st, March 1st, in total about \$ 6 000. From the National Lutheran Council we received \$ 1 000 ^{in the beginning and \$ 1000} in the end of February. We understand that this gift of \$ 2 000 is to be credited on the tentative promise of \$ 13 800. I beg to enclose receipt.

Please find enclosed three receipts by the Rev. M. Prehn. The first, dated November 22nd 1928, means your remittance of \$ 1 000 received in Berlin on the 14th of November 1928. The second dated 13th December 1928 acknowledges \$ 2 000 received from you in Berlin on Dec. 6th. The third receipt (30th January) gives the figure of £ 391-18-0 in which \$ 1 000 received from you in Berlin on January 8th. - The dates of receipts show that these remittances were cabled by us to India. This fact explains that Rev. M. Prehn says 'received from the Berlin Board'. By letter we duly informed him that the money was a gift from the National Lutheran Council, but the letter reached him after his writing the respective receipt.

Your enclosure viz. copy of your letter of January 11th 1929 was carefully read.

With my best wishes and cordial greetings

I remain

very sincerely Yours

J. Stosch

Missions Praeses.

Berlin-Wannsee,
Florastr. 3.
March 13th 1929

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To
The Rev. Dr. J.A. Morehead
Executive Director
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th street
NEW YORK

My dear Dr. Morehead,

Your letter of February 26th has crossed my letter to you dated February 28th, giving you full information regarding finance. I enclosed receipts for \$ 2 000 to be credited on the sum of \$ 13 800 the N.L.C. has tentatively pledged for 1929. To-day I enclose receipt for \$ 1 000 you very kindly ordered under the date of February 23rd. We include this amount in our remittance of 11 000 Mark to the Rev. M. Prehn at the disposal of the Church for April. The receipts of the Church from January to April 1929 are three times 8 000 Mark and one time 11 000 Mark. You will note that these 35 000 Mark for 4 months are exactly one third of 105 000 Mark viz. \$ 13 800 = 55 000 Mark we hope to receive through the National Lutheran Council of America plus 50 000 Mark we hope to find in Germany. In these 35 000 Mark there are included three contributions of \$ 1 000 each from you, the equivalent of 12 000 M.

I need not say that we have overdrawn your bank accounts. We did it because we think it necessary that the Gossner Church in India can rely on regular monthly remittances. We hope by the help of our American and German Lutheran friends we can soon make up our deficit.

May I enclose two copies of letters to India. The one I wrote on February 27th to the Secretary to give him the information regarding the promised help of our lutheran friends in America, exactly as you desire me to do in ~~our~~ ^{of} your letter from February 26th. The other is a pastoral message of the Kuratorium for the meeting of the General Conference of the Church to be held on April 6th - 11th. You will not mind that it is in German.

Many thanks for News Exchange Bulletin of February 25th, 1929.

With cordial greetings and good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours

A. Stosch

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Berlin-Wannsee
Florastr.3
April 10th

To
The Rev. J.A. Morehead

Executive Director
National Lutheran Council

39 East 35th street

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Dear Dr. Morehead,

Very many thanks for your kind letter of March 27th.
We received \$ 1 000 on March 11th, for which amount I enclose
receipt. Of the \$ 1 000 you instructed the Deutsche Bank to
forward to Dresdner Bank on March 27th we have not yet heard.
Surely we shall get notice from the Dresdner Bank in a few days.

Please find also enclosed a receipt by the Rev. M. Prehn
dated Ranchi February 28th with a remark by me.

Regarding the representation at Copenhagen we have not
advised the Gossner Church in Chota Nagpur. The Church Council
decided as they did without consultation with the Home Board.
Of course, I do not wish to *blame them for this, I only wish to* make the situation clear. In my
opinion neither M. Prehn nor A. John can be easily spared from
work now for three months or more.

It would be comparatively easy for me to represent the Gossner Missionary society at Copenhagen. As I was a Missionary in Chota Nagpur from 1907 to 1915 and as I have been permanently in touch with the Church since, I think the Church would not object to my representing it at Copenhagen. I write this on behalf of the Curatorium who will pay the expences, if you wish me to go to Copenhagen. In this case I should ask you to move the Executive Committee to nominate me as a delegate.

With cordial greetings and my best wishes

I remain

Very sincerely yours

J Stosch

Missions Praeses.

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Berlin-Wannsee
Florastr. 3
May 23rd, 1929.

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To
The Rev. Dr. J.A. Morehead
Executive Director
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th street
NEW YORK

Dear Dr. Morehead,

I enclose to-day receipts in *duplicate* for \$ 1 000 advised by you on March 27th, received in Berlin on April 19th and for \$ 1 000 advised on April 29th, received on May 15th, thanking you heartily for your faithful assistance. Including these two gifts of \$ 1 000 each the National Lutheran Council has contributed for 1929 \$ 5 000. We keep the Church in Ranchi informed through the Rev. M. Prehn regarding the Contributions of the N.L.C. I think Mr. Prehn will write to you direct. As to our remittances in 1929 I can report that including RM 8 750 for June we have sent RM 52 500. That is exactly one half of RM 105 000 viz. RM 50 000 the Berlin Board undertakes to contribute plus RM 55 000 (the equivalent of \$ 13 800) the N.L.C. tries to collect for the Autonomous Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur.

Many thanks for the copy of the News Exchange Bulletin for April 12th you enclosed.

With kindest regards, I remain
Very sincerely yours

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Sendungen des National Lutheran Council für 1929

Das National Lutheran Council fasst ins Auge, für
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5th Sept. 1929

Berlin-Wannsee
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To
The Rev. Dr. J.A. Morehead
Executive Director
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th street
NEW YORK

My dear Dr. Morehead

I enclose a formal receipt for the amount of \$ 1000, for which I had the pleasure to thank you informally in Copenhagen. It would relieve the present situation if you could send us a contribution from the National Lutheran Council very soon. We were unable to send to India the full amount due for August and September.

Though the subscriptions from German friends kept on the usual level they are not sufficient to meet all our obligations.

I have the pleasure to send you by to-days mail a copy of 'Stand und Arbeit der Gossnerschen Mission' 1927 und 1928. This is our yearbook. You will find in it a paper by me on the work done by the Lutheran brethren of North America for Gossner's Mission, pages 40 to 45.

With hearty greetings

Yours very sincerely

September 20th
1929

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Berlin-Wannsee

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To The Rev. J.A. Morehead, D.D.
* Executive Director, N.L.C.
39 East 35th Street

New York

My dear Dr. Morehead,

Your letter of August 28th has been gratefully received and contents carefully noted. It was a great privilege to meet you and our other American Lutheran friends at the Second Lutheran World Convention at Copenhagen. I am looking back to those days in Denmark with great satisfaction. May God's blessing be upon the Lutheran World Convention movement.

Your communication must have crossed mine of September 5th, I thank you heartily that you did what I asked for before you received my letter. I enclose a receipt in duplicate. I am afraid you missed the copy of my last receipt with my letter of September 5th. I apologize that this was overlooked. Please, accept the copy herewith.

You will be pleased to hear that including our last remittance of RM 8750 sent to the treasurer of the Autonomous Church on September 12th the total amount spent for this purpose from January 1st 1929 up to September is RM 78 782. The pledge for 1929 was RM 105 000. So three third of it have been paid for these nine months. The salaries for our European

Missionaries are not included in this amount as you know. We had to postpone printing of pamphlets and little books for distribution and sale and other important things in order to give the Indian Church what we had promised to give. We are very grateful that the subscriptions are slowly increasing. In the end of August a special gift of RM 5000 saved the situation. The international negotiations at the Hague regarding the financial obligations of Germany are a heavy blow on our political economy. There will be no prosperity in the near future for the German nation. This of course must reflect on the willingness and even the ability of the people to contribute towards Mission work. As I pointed out to you some months ago the number of contributions ^{now} towards our Gossner Mission work is increasing, the amount they are able to give individually is decreasing.

The amount of RM 78 782 sent for the Indian Church in 1929 is roughly speaking the equivalent of \$ 20.000. In these \$ 20.000 there are \$ 8.000 from the National Lutheran Council, viz.

from New York	Amount	Date of receipt
Jan. 23rd	\$ 1000	Febr. 28th
Febr. 7th	\$ 1000	Febr. 28th
Febr. 23rd	\$ 1000	March 13th
March 27th	\$ 1000	April 20th
April 29th	\$ 1000	May 5th
June 29th Copenhagen	\$ 1000	July ^{3rd} (Copenhagen.) <i>Journal Aug. receipt in August</i>
Aug. 28th	\$ 2000	Sept. 20th
	<u>\$ 8000</u>	

Along with my last letter I sent you a copy of our Gossner Yearbook hoping it will interest you. I should be glad to have the address of some German speaking lutheran friends in America who would care to have an information about the present situation of ~~the~~ Gossner Mission.

I wrote to the leaders of our Indian Church in March, asking them to prepare their budget for next year as early as possible. I hope it will reach us in November. I hope our American friends will not cease to give support to the Gossner work with the end of this year. I should be very glad if I could write now that we are able to bear the burden ourselves. But I cannot say this. If you go through our yearbook and our Magazines (die Biene auf dem Missionsfelde) you will understand this statement. I may conscientiously say that we do what we can. Why the Autonomous Church could not do more will be clear from a letter in Hindi the translation of which you find into German in the last number of the 'Biene'. I am sending a copy by this mail. May I ask you to be so kind as to move the National Lutheran Council to continueⁿ their generous support to some extent and to let me know what kind of information you want from us as a basis of your consideration of this matter.

With renewed thanks for all your kindness and all good wishes for you~~x~~ personally and for your work

very sincerely yours

Missions Praeses.

December 4th, 1929

Berlin-Wannsee

Florastr. 3

To

The Rev. J.A. Morehead, D.D.

Executive Director

National Lutheran Council

39 East 35th Street

New York

My dear Dr. Morehead,

with hearty thanks for two remittances of \$ 1000 each I beg to enclose two receipts in duplicate. The first remittance reached me on November 18th, the second on December 3rd. This brings the amount contributed by the National Lutheran Council towards the budget of the Gossner Church in India in 1929 to \$ 10 000.

I should have liked to give you the information asked for in your letter of October 3rd sooner, but I was and still am waiting for the budget of the Gossner Church in India. As soon as we get it, I shall write to you again.

You will be glad to hear that on the 3rd November we sent to India the last remittance due in 1929 viz. RM 8750 for December. So we have kept our promise to give the Autonomous Church RM 105 000 in 1929. In this amount the Missionaries' salaries etc. are not included. We could do so only by overdrawing our account.

In the first ten months of the current year free gifts from our friends accounted to RM 120 500 (against RM 106 000 in January to October 1928!)

From other sources we received in the same time RM 32 800, viz. house-rent, interest of 'Reichsschuld' a special contribution of RM 5000 from the Government's Culture fund etc. Our whole income from January to October 1929 was RM 143 300 (against RM 118 200 in the same period of the previous year). According to our budget we ought to have received RM 182 000. So we were short of RM 38 700 on October 31st. You will forgive us that we count on the tentative pledge of our American Lutheran friends, though we know it was not a promise in the proper sense of the word. Up to the end of October our receipts from the National Lutheran Council in 1929 had been \$ 8000. The total in prospect for 1929 was \$ 15 800. The remaining \$ 5800 if deducted from the above debit balance would reduce our deficit by \$ 5800 = RM 24 000. In November and December \$ 2000 of these \$ 5800 have been received.

I have already mentioned that we are still awaiting necessary informations from Ranchi regarding the budget for 1930. In 1928 the income of the Autonomous Church for parish work (schooling not included) was Rs 43 000 = \$ 10 000, a satisfactory progress in my opinion. I am sending to your address the last number of the 'Biene' in which you find my short article on the contributions of the Indian christians. As to the present statistics I can only refer to our publication on the Census in 'Stand und Arbeit der Gossnerschen Mission' which I enclose. We have no recent figures from Chota Nagpur.

Our tentative budget for 1930 I am enclosing. The total of Expenditure is RM 345 680. If we asked our German friends to contribute RM 240 000 (against RM 218 400 in the budget for 1929) we go to the utmost. It is not reasonable to expect more than RM 20 000 monthly. There would be a balance of RM 105 680. If our American Lutheran friends can send \$ 8000 -RM 33 600, the Autonomous Church would have to find RM 72 000, provided their budget for 1930 is not higher than it was for 1929. That we do not yet know. You will kindly allow me to give you the exact figures in my next letter.

Poor Russia is very near to our hearts, I am very grateful for your letter of October 3rd with enclosures. I shall make such a use of these informations as you desire.

Personally I wish to congratulate you and ourselves on your reelection to the Presidentship of the Executive Committee. I was very pleased to learn this, I am assured it was the right way.

May God give you strength and health enough for your work!

With kindest regards and best wishes

I remain

very sincerely Yours

J. H. S. S.

Tentative budget for 1930.

(the figures in the second column show the budget of 1929)

Expenditure

a) Mission field		RM	RM
1. To the Autonomous Church		160 000	160 000
2. Salaries of Missionaries in the field etc.		48 800	44 000
3. Equipment of Missionaries and voyage to India		6 400	6 400
4. Seminary for future Missionaries		10 000	6 950
b) Home base			
5. Salaries of Mission workers		47 675	45 000
6. Pensions of retired Missionaries		18 895	16 570
7. Education of children		480	480
8. Taxes		1 600	4 410
9. Travelling expenses		5 500	5 000
10. Printing of papers etc.		30 000	22 000
11. Postage, telephone		8 000	6 170
12. Annuities		580	580 580
13. Servants		1 250	1 250
14. Mission House, repairs, Bookshop		5 500	5 500
15. Bookshop		----	1 090
15. Sundries		<u>3 000</u>	<u>3 000</u>
		347 680	328 400

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January 13th 1928

To

Dr. F. H. Knubel

C/O Thos. Cook & Son

Passenger on World Tour of S. S. Franconia.

13 Promenade des Anglais

Nice France.

Dear Dr. Knubel,

I am not certain whether my letter of Dec. 22nd 1927 reached you in America. I therefore beg to enclose a copy of it. Dr. J.A. Morehead as well as my uncle, the Rev. F. Richter, Clinton, wrote ^{to} me about your tour to India. Dr. Morehead suggested, you might ask the representatives of the Gossner Church to meet you on tour, say in Calcutta. May I take the liberty to ask you to go yourself to the centre of our Missionfield viz. Ranchi and spend there a few days or at least one, leaving Calcutta by the evening mail at 21 or 22 o'clock, you reach Ranchi at 9 p.m.

It is so important that you not only hear of our work but see it. You will find yourself that it is worth seeing.

This brings my kindest regards

Yours sincerely

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DER VOLLZUGSAUSSCHUSS DES LUTHERISCHEN WELTKONVENTS IN BUDAPEST.

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Einer durch Bischof Raffay und Baron Kass ergangenen Einladung der Lutheraner Ungarns Folge leistend, trat der Vollzugsausschuss fuer die Fortsetzung der Arbeiten des lutherischen Weltkonvents zu seiner fueften jaehrlichen Sitzung vom 25. Oktober bis zum 4. November 1927 in Budapest zusammen. Alles war praechtig vorbereitet worden. Die Mitglieder des Vollzugsausschusses wurden als Gaeste eines Kreises ungenannt gebliebener Lutheraner Ungarns im schoenen Hotel Hungaria in Budapest untergebracht, an den Ufern der blauen Donau, jenseits deren Gewaesser mit ihrem gewaltigen Schiffsverkehr man den koeniglichen Palast auf den Hoehen von Buda und die herrliche Landschaft der Umgebung beobachten konnte. Alles nur Erdenkliche wurde in diesem charakteristisch ungarischen Gasthofe geboten, um den Aufenthalt der Gaeste nach jeder Richtung hin angenehm zu gestalten.

GASTFREUNDSCHAFT UND DIENSTLEISTUNG.

Unter der Leitung von Baron Adelbert Radvanszky, dem Generalinspektor der Evangelisch Lutherischen Kirche Ungarns, waren weitgehende Vorbereitungen fuer den Besuch der Vertreter des Weltluthertums getroffen worden. Den Lutheranern des Landes war er natuerlich bekannt, dass der Vollzugsausschuss gewohnt ist, bei seinen jaehrlichen Sitzungen einen Doppelplan einzuhalten mit einem Programm fuer die geschaeftlichen Verhandlungen und einem der Gastgeber fuer gesellschaftliche Zusammenkuenfte oder oeffentliche Versammlungen im Interesse der Kirche ihres eigenen Landes und des oekumenischen Luthertums durch die Foerderung persoenlicher Bekanntschaft, bewusster Einigkeit im Glauben und des Geistes gemeinsamer Arbeit. Die grenzenlose Gastfreundschaft bot bei einer Fuelle gesellschaftlicher Veranstaltungen, Ausfluege in Stadt und Land und oeffentlicher Versammlungen und Gottesdienste weit mehr, als Zeit und Kraft der Gaeste anzunehmen erlaubte. Doch passte das, was an gesellschaftlichen Kontakten und oeffentlichen Versammlungen verblieb, bei freudigem und vorteilhaftem Zusammenarbeiten herrlich in den Rahmen der ausgezeichneten Plaene des Vollzugsausschusses zu ihrem, und wie wir hoffen, auch zum Wohl der lutherischen Kirche Ungarns. Mangel an Raum gestattet nur eine Erwaehnung der Hauptereignisse, an denen die Glieder des Vollzugsausschusses sich beteiligen konnten.

Der Willkomm der Lutheraner Ungarns wurde in beredter Weise wie folgt im "Evangelikusok Lapja" fuer den 23-sten Oktober (dem religioesen Wochenblatt der Ungarisch Lutherischen Vereinigung) ausgedrueckt:

"Wir entbieten unsere achtungsvollen und herzlichsten Gruesse den Mitgliedern des Vollzugsausschusses des Lutherischen Weltkonvents, unseren Bruedern in Christo und im Bekenntnis seines Namens. Unsere hochverehrten Gaeste, hervorragende Vertreter des Weltluthertums, finden hier eine lutherische Kirche treu

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zum Augsburger Bekenntnis. Unsere Kirche und ebenso auch unser Vaterland kaempfen mit grossen Schwierigkeiten infolge des Weltkrieges, der Revolution und des Trianoner Vertrages. Aber weder das Vaterland, noch die Kirche haben ihre Hoffnung und Vertrauen verloren, und harren getrost einer gluecklicheren und herrlicheren Zukunft entgegen. Den Grund dieser Hoffnung und dieses Vertrauens bildet hauptsaechlich der Glaube an den gerechten und barmherzigen Gott. Mit dem kontinentalen Protestantismus erlebt auch unsere Kirche eine schwere Zeitperiode. Moege die Konferenz des Ausschusses einen weiteren Schritt bedeuten zur Verkirklichung des erhabenen und edlen Zieles: zur Staerkung des lutherischen Weltbewusstseins durch Niederreisen jener verschiedenen Schranken, welche ihrem Wesen nach die Einheit der Lutheraner und der lutherischen Kirchen in allen Landen und unter verschiedenen Voelkern nicht verhindern. Indem wir denselben Gott, dieselbe Bibel und dasselbe Bekenntnis haben, duerften doch keine unueberwindlichen Schwierigkeiten auftauchen auf dem Wege, der zur Schaffung eines Zentralorganes fuer alle lutherischen Kirchen fuehrt. Gottes reichster Segen ruhe auf den Sitzungen, Beratungen und Beschlussen des Ausschusses!"

Bischof Alexander Raffay, Dr. theol., entbot bei der Ankunft des Vollzugsausschusses den offiziellen Willkomm und Baron A. Radvanszky lud ihn ein als seine Gaeste an einem Festmahl in seinem Klub teilzunehmen, um dort die Fuehrer des kirchlichen und buergerlichen Lebens Ungarns kennen zu lernen. Ungarns Auslandsminister, Ehrw. Ludwig Walko, ein Mitglied der evangelisch lutherischen Kirche, lud Vertreter der Kirche Ungarns und den Vollzugsausschuss als seine Gaeste zu einem informellen Essen. Es wurde ferner eine Audienz bei dem Regenten, Nikolaus von Horthy, einem Protestantan ("Kalvinist"), vorgesehen. Waehrend ihres Aufenthalts in Budapest waren die Mitglieder des Vollzugsausschusses verschiedentlich Gaeste bei Festmahlen die von Baron Kass, Professor der Politischen Wissenschaft an der Universitaet von Budapest, und Bischof Raffay veranstaltet wurden. Absichtlich war die Zeit der Tagung so gewaehlt worden, dass sie mit der gleichzeitigen jaehrlichen Sitzung des General-Konvents der evangelisch lutherischen Kirche Ungarns zusammenfiel. Ein Fruehgottesdienst mit Predigt von Bischof Raffay wurde am 27-sten Oktober abgehalten. Gleich darauf wurde die erste Sitzung des General-Konvents mit Baron Adelbert Radvanszky und Bischof Henrich Geduly als Vorsitzenden eroeffnet. Alle vier Bischoefe, die Inspektoren der Distrikte und viele andere Pastoren und Laien waren zur Stelle. Die anwesenden Mitglieder des Vollzugsausschusses des lutherischen Weltkonvents wurden offiziell empfangen. In einer herrlichen Ansprache sagte General-Inspektor Radvanszky Folgendes:

"Eine historische Stunde ist dies fuer das Weltluthertum, denn Sie haben sich deshalb hierher bemueht, um in unseren Reihen den zweiten lutherischen Weltkonvent vorzubereiten, von dem wir die Konstituierung, zum mindesten aber die Vorbereitung des lutherischen Weltbundes in zuversichtlicher Hoffnung erwarten. Eine historische Stunde ist es aber ganz besonders auch fuer das Luthertum in Ungarn. Das Gefuehl, das uns erfuellt, ist in Worten garnicht auszudruecken, da wir die offizielle Vertretung des Weltluthertums gelegentlich unseres Jahresgeneralkonvents in unserem Kreise sehen und begruessen koennen. Wir fuehlen die uns entgegenstroemende Herzenswaerme von 80 Millionen Lutheranern der Welt. Wir sind um die Erfahrung bereichert, dass wir in unseren Sorgen und Kaempfen, Befuerchtungen und Hoffnungen nicht auf uns allein angewiesen sind --eine kleine Gruppe von 500,000 Lutheranern mitten in einem Heere

von Andersglaeubigen. Es wuerdigt und stuetzt uns, die - gottlob - zur Wirklichkeit gewordene lutherische Weltsolidaritaet.

"Ich bitte Sie, meine Herren, die speziellen Verhaeltnisse unseres zerstuellten Vaterlandes und der am meisten dezimierten Kirche desselben zu studieren und vergessen Sie uns nicht, wenn Sie wieder scheiden und wenn sich irgendwann und irgendwo Gelegenheit bietet, von unsoren Rechten zu zeugen.

"Das hochgehaltene und besorgt bewachte evangelische Erbe der lutherischen Reformation und die Liebe gegen seine Miterbe war jene Triebkraft, die den lutherischen Weltkonvent ins Leben gerufen hat und denselben in allen seinen Bestrebungen leitet, welche die Erhaltung des Glaubens und Rechtsbesitzstandes des Weltluthertums bezwecken. Dass diese Kraft auch im Leben unserer vaterlaendischen Kirche zur Herrschaft gelange und ihre Macht in allem beweise, im Zustandebringen der notwendigsten Einrichtungen, sowie des Theologenheims, des Predigerseminars, des neu zu organisierenden Pastorenpensionsinstitutes, sowie auch in der Erhaltung und Mehrung unseres Rechts- und Kultur-Besitzstandes, dazu fordere ich die Mitglieder des Generalkonvents in dem Vorbilde des in dem lutherischen Weltkonvente zusammengeschlossenen Weltluthertums auf.

"Gott gebe, dass Ihr hiesiger Aufhalt mit der Macht des Beispiels wirke und durch die Befolgung Ihres Vorbildes reiche Fruechte trage."

Der Praesident, der Vize-Praesident, der Verfasser dieses Berichtes und Bischof Ihmels antworteten fuer den Vollzugsausschuss.

Das Reformationsfest wurde in den fuefzehn lutherischen Kirchen von Budapest am Sonntag, dem 30-sten Oktober, begangen. Bischof Ihmels predigte bei dem deutschen Gottesdienst in der am guenstigsten gelegenen lutherischen Kirche der Stadt. Am abend des 31-sten Oktober wurde eine grosse Massenversammlung in der Hauptaula des Alten Parlaments, das heute als Konzertsaal eingerichtet ist, abgehalten. Dreitausend Personen fuellten den Saal bis zur Fassungskraft, und daher musste eine weitere Versammlung, in einer anderen Halle untergebracht werden. Hier waren 800 Teilnehmer. Dr. Pehrsson und Dr. Jorgensen ueberbrachten Gruesse von Schweden und Daenemark.

DER ZUKUNFT ENTGEGEN.

Die lutherische Kirche Ungarns enthaelt ausser den Magyaren auch deutsche und slovakische Elemente, die in der Muttersprache beten. Man freute sich ueber den Einfluss auf kulturellem, sozialem und politischem Gebiet, den die Lutheraner Ungarns ausueben, ist er doch weit groesser als die Zahl ihrer Mitgliedschaft annehmen liesse. Mit rechtem Glaubensmut sehen sie auf die Entwicklung ihrer Kirche unter schwierigen, neuen Verhaeltnissen. Mit dem Verlust an Land nach dem Weltkrieg verlor auch die lutherische Kirche Ungarns zwei theologische Schulen an andere Laender. Nur die lutherische theologische Fakultae der Universitaet Sopron verbleibt. Waehrend man wohl die wissenschaftliche Ausbildung in der Theologie hoch einschaezt, so macht sich dennoch, wie allgemein in Europa, das Verlangen nach einem "praktischen Seminar" bemerkbar, weil auch die hervorragend wissenschaftlich gebildeten Universitaetsleute ausgiebige geistliche und praktische Anleitung fuer das Seelsorgeramt brauchen. Ohne die noetigen Gelder, dazu mit anderen Lasten ueerbuerdet, beschloss der Generalkonvent trotzdem eine praktische Schule fuer die Vorbereitung von Pastoren ins Leben zu rufen, wahrscheinlich in Budapest.

Ein Heim fuer solohe Studenten wird noetig sein. Der Pensionsfond wurde durch den Krieg und seine Nachwehen zerstoert. Die Schaffung eines wohl-vorbereiteten, ergebnen Seelsorgerstandes, seine ausreichende Versorgung, die Fuersorge fuer alte Pastoren und deren Familien und die Erhaltung der Kirchenschulen bilden nur einige der brennenden Fragen. Als Minderheitskirche, welche angesichts einer neuen Reihe praktischer Fragen, diese Maepfer zu loesen versucht, verdienen die Lutheraner Ungarns die volle Sympathie, die Gebete und die Unterstuetzung ihrer Glaubensbrueder in aller Welt. Sie bilden einen wertvollen Besitz fuer ihr eigenes Land, jedoch in weiterem Sinne auch fuer die Kraefte des Weltluthertums.

NEUES AUS DEN VERHANDLUNGEN DES VOLLZUGSAUSSCHUSSES.

Es hatte sich eine derartige Menge Arbeit fuer den Vollzugsausschuss im Verlauf eines Jahres angehaeuft, dass taegliche Sitzungen waehrend des Aufenthalts in Budapest noetig wurden und dazu noch Konferenzen auf der Bahn und in Hotels in Verbindung mit Reisen der Abgesandten. Trotzdem wurde Manches auch da nur zeitweilig erledigt und an Unterausschuesse verwiesen. Berichte an die kirchliche Presse koennen daher nur auf Dinge eingehen, die von unmittelbarem Interesse und augenblicklicher Bedeutung sind.

Bei der Eroeffnung wurde bekanntgegeben, dass Dr. L.W.Boe von Amerika und Baron Wilhelm von Pechmann, Deutschland, infolge von Krankheit nicht anwesend sein konnten. Ihre Abwesenheit wurde tief bedauert. Gluecklicherweise ist inzwischen die Nachricht eingelaufen, dass beide nach schwerem Leiden sich auf dem Wege der Besserung befinden.

Der Heimgang von Prof. Karl Paul, Dr. theol. Dem Protokoll wurde ein Ausdruck hoechster Wertschaetzung des Charakters und der hervorragenden Verdienste des Professors Karl Paul, des frueheren Direktors des Leipziger Evangelisch Lutherischen Missionsvereins, um das oekumenische Luthertum einverleibt. Prof. Paul war der faehige und ergebene Vollzugsausschuss Sekretaeer des ersten Lutherischen Weltkonvents in Eisenach 1923. Nach Eisenach war er zum Mitglied des Weiteren Ausschusses fuer Fortsetzung der Arbeit ernannt worden. Seit Jahren hatte er lutherisches Zusammenwirken ueber die nationalen Grenzen hinaus auf dem Gebiete der Heidenmission betont. Als Direktor des Leipziger Missionsvereins hatte er die Zusammenarbeit der Lutheraner vieler Laender und Rassen zustande gebracht. So war er nach Geist und Herz fuer eine Loesung der neuen Probleme des Weltluthertums nach dem Weltkriege besonders ausgeruestet. Er kannte das Herz seiner Mitlutheraner in Amerika dank jahrelanger Zusammenarbeit mit ihnen in den Hilfsaktionen des National Lutheran Council in Deutschland. Prof. Paul war ein treuer Sohn seiner Heimat, ein konservativer Lutheraner, ein ergebener Christ. Waehrend er treu zur Allgemeinen Evangelischen Lutherischen Konferenz stand, der er auch als Mitglied ihres Hauptkomitees diente, setzte er sich voll und ganz fuer die umfassendere Bewegung des lutherischen Weltkonvents ein. Als Mitglied des Weiteren Ausschusses diente er dem Vollzugsausschuss in seiner ruhigen, aber erfolgreichen Weise in unschaetzbar faehiger Art bei der Rettung und dem Aufbau der Evangelisch Lutherischen Kirche Russlands. Ein ueberzeugter und treuer Vertreter der Sache des Weltluthertums ist abgerufen worden. Wir werden ihn sehr vermissen, doch schickt Gott in seiner Allmacht andere in die Arbeit, die Er gutheisst. Das Gedaechnissblatt des Protokolls aus der Feder Bischof Ihmels schloss mit folgenden Worten:

"Gott wird unserem lieben Bruder einen gnaedigen Lohn gewaehren; moechte er aber uns helfen, nach dem Beispiel dieses wahrhaft Glaebigen zu wirken, so lange es Tag ist."

Neue Ausschussmitglieder. Die Luecken in der deutschen Mitgliedschaft des Weiteren Ausschusses infolge des Todes von Dr. Paul and Dr. Haccius wurden durch die Ernennung von Missionsdirektor Dr. Carl Ihmels von Leipzig und Prof. Dr. Werner Elert von Erlangen ausgefüllt.

Erweiterung des Internationalen Kirchlichen Nachrichtendienstes. Seit langer Zeit befasst sich der Vollzugsausschuss mit der Frage des Wertes und der praktischen Notwendigkeit eines internationalen lutherischen Nachrichtendienstes der ganzen Welt, um genaue und prompte Nachrichten bezueglich der Lutheraner aller Laender fuer die lutherische Kirchenpresse zu erlangen. Ein begrenzter Versuch ist in der Tat waehrend der vergangenen zwei Jahre mit der Drucklegung des "News Exchange Bulletin" schon gemacht worden. Um den zweiten lutherischen Weltkonvent richtig vorzubereiten, und besonders auch im Hinblick auf die Pflege einer lutherischen Weltanschauung, wurde in Budapest beschlossen, diesen internationalen lutherischen Pressedienst systematisch zu erweitern und ihn regelmaessig der lutherischen Presse in aller Welt zukommen zu lassen. Die Mitteilungen des internationalen lutherischen Pressedienstes werden in englischer und deutscher Sprache erscheinen. Der Dienst ist hauptsaechlich fuer Schriftleiter bestimmt.

Das Handbuch der lutherischen Kirche der Welt. Dr. Jorgensen berichtete ueber die Plaene und den Fortschritt des Herausgeberkomitees fuer die in Aussicht genommene Herausgabe eines Handbuchs fuer die lutherische Kirche der Welt, dessen Veroeffentlichung vor der Tagung des zweiten lutherischen Weltkonvents in Kopenhagen wuensenswert ist, um eine handliche Nachschlagequelle fuer die Kraefte der lutherischen Kirche in aller Welt zu bieten. Es wurde berichtet, dass Prof. Elert infolge seiner unerwarteten Ernennung zum Rektor der Universitaet Erlangen leider vom Herausgeberkomitee zuruecktreten musste. Der Vollzugsausschuss unternahm sofort Schritte, um einen deutschen Nachfolger fuer Prof. Elert zu gewinnen, der in Verbindung mit Dr. Jorgensen, dem Vertreter des nord-europaeischen Luthertums, und Prof. Wentz von Amerika als Herausgeberkomitee fuer die Vorbereitung und Veroeffentlichung eines Handbuchs fuer das Weltluthertum Sorge tragen soll.

Kontakt durch Delegaten. Die Arbeit der Zusammenschweissung der lutherischen Kirchen der Welt brachte es naturgemaess mit sich, dass der Vollzugsausschuss bei der weiteren Verbreitung der verschiedenen Kirchen sich mit der schwierigen Frage des Bekanntwerdens untereinander, sowie des Verstehens und richtiger Zusammenarbeit auf dem Boden einer gemeinsamen lutherischen Ueberlieferung und Glaubenserbschaft befassen musste. Wohl mag vieles auf dem Wege des Briefwechsels erreicht werden, aber der persoenliche Kontakt ist ungleich hoeher einzuschaetzen. Die Jahresversammlungen des Vollzugsausschusses werden absichtlich im Interesse der Ausschussarbeit sowie der Kirchen selbst, die besucht werden, auf Einladung in verschiedenen Laendern abgehalten. Folglich hat man auch die Entsendung von Delegaten in Laender, die an das Land, in dem die jeweilige Jahresversammlung abgehalten wird, angrenzen, als weitere Vorbereitung auf den naechsten Weltkonvent begonnen.

In Verbindung mit der Budapester Versammlung z.B. besuchten Mitglieder des Vollzugsausschusses, die Herren Dr. Ihmels, Dr. Pehrsson, Dr. Jorgensen und Dr. Morehead Rumaenien, wo die mit Vertretern der beiden lutherischen Landesgruppen zusammentrafen, naemlich denen der magyarischen lutherischen Kirche, etwa 30,000 Glieder stark, und denen der deutschen lutherischen Kirche, die sogenannten "Sachsen" eingeschlossen, die in Transylvanien wohnen, ferner die Gemeinden von Altrumaenien und Bessarabien, zusammen etwa 320,000 Glieder. Offizielle Besuche wurden auch zwecks Konferenzen in Oesterreich mit seinen 175,000 Lutheranern, in Polen mit seinen 500,000 Lutheranern und in der Tschechoslovakei, deren lutherische Kirchen in Boehmen und Slovakien eine Totalgliederzahl von 620,000 haben, gemacht. In Warschau besprachen sich die Delegaten des Vollzugsausschusses mit den

Vertretern der lutherischen Abteilung der evangelischen Bewegung unter den Ukrainern in Galizien.

Die lutherischen Kirchen all dieser Laender, die von ihren Vertretern besucht wurden, gehoeren zu den religioesen Minderheiten ihrer Heimat. Sie haben um das Recht religioeser Freiheit und freier Entwicklung, oft gegen grosse Hindernisse zu kaempfen. Aber es war eine erfreuliche Erfahrung, ueberall die reichen Fruechte aus der Saat lutherischer Reformatoren und ihrer Nachfolger zu entdecken. Es sind viele Beweise regen geistlichen Lebens, einer Hingabe an die positive Botschaft der lutherischen Kirche und einer weisen, weitblickenden Fuhrerschaft vorhanden. Gott gebraucht diese Minderheitskirchen, um hier und dort in den Staemen der slavischen und lateinischen Rassen die Erbschaft der Reformation zu verbreiten. So wird ihnen schon aus diesem Grunde und auch darum, weil sie unter den denkbar widrigsten Umstaenden leben und wachsen, gedenken die Lutheraner in allen Teilen der Welt ihrer mit Sympathie. Es mag besonders betont werden, dass die Minderheitskirchen der Lutheraner allueberall zu den waermsten Befuerwortern der lutherischen Weltkonventbewegung gehoeren. Sie haben Verstaendnis fuer den Wert der moralischen Stuetze des Weltluthertums. Trotz ihrer eigenen finanziellen Noete und Buerden besitzen sie ein mitfuehlendes Herz fuer ihre weniger gluecklichen Brueder und tragen ausnahmslos in ausgiebiger Weise zur Sammlung fuer den Neubau der gefaehrdeten lutherischen Kirche Russlands bei. Sie werden zum lutherischen Weltkonvent in Kopenhagen 1929 ihre Vertreter entsenden!

Lutherische Hilfsaktion und Wiederaufbau. In der Dresdener Versammlung, 1926, empfahl der Vollzugsausschuss, dass eine bestimmte Summe von den zusammenarbeitenden lutherischen Kirchen, Gruppen und Wohltaechtigkeitsvereinen fuer bestimmte Zwecke der Hilfeleistung, des Wiederaufbaues u.s.w. in Russland, unter Minderheits- und anderen beduerftigen Kirchen und fuer Studentenversorgung gesammelt werden sollte. Unter Gottes Gnade sind mehr als \$60,000* fuer diese Ziele von Lutheranern in vierzehn Laendern der Welt mit Hilfe des Schatzamtes des Vollzugsausschusses oder in Verbindung mit ihm beigesteuert worden.

Der Vollzugsausschuss schuetzt diese Hilfsbereitschaft zwecks lutherischen Weltausdrucks, die fuer das bescheidene Programm lutherischer Bestandenserhaltung sich im ersten Jahre gezeigt hat. Unter Gottes Gnade und durch die Arbeit Seines Volkes konnte an strategischen Punkten rechtzeitig Hilfe geleistet werden, um wirklicher Not abzuhelpfen. Arme Studenten sind fuer das Pfarramt in gar vielen Laendern gesichert worden. Kirchen, die in vielen Landen unter den schwierigsten Verhaeltnissen ihren Bestand zu sichern suchten, erhielten kleinere Gaben. Das russische Seminar ist waehrend der letzten zwei Jahre und des Beginnes eines dritten Jahres erhalten worden. Mit erhobenen Herzen blicken die Lutheraner Russlands froh und hoffnungsvoll in die Zukunft und erwarten den naechsten Sommer, der die Ordination der ersten Abgangsklasse von sechzehn Kandidaten bringt. Auch andere wichtige Arbeit ist zur Erhaltung des Glaubens und seiner Zeugen in Russland geleistet worden. Nach langwierigen Verhandlungen seitens der russischen Lutheraner wurde z. B. die Erlaubnis bewirkt, eine bestimmte Zahl fuer den religioesen Unterricht bestimmter Buecher einzufuehren; der Vollzugsausschuss besorgte den Ankauf und Versand von 8,000 Exemplaren von Luthers Kleinem Katechismus und eine gleiche Zahl von biblischen Geschichten fuer verarmte Gemeinden. Der Ausschuss fuehlte sich gedrungen, diesen Schritt in Budapest wegen der dringenden Not zu unternehmen, trotzdem nur die Haelfte der fuer Ankauf und Transport benoetigten Summe zur Hand war. Diese Einzelheiten veranschaulichen die Fruchtbarkeit lutherischen Zusammenwirkens auf diesem Gebiet auf der Grundlage des gemeinsamen Glaubens.

* Nicht mitgerechnet werden hier \$46,407.66, die 1927 zur Unterstuetzung der Heidenmission europaeischer Vereine vom National Lutheran Council gesammelt wurden.

Doch diese mit guter Absicht begonnene Arbeit ~~harrt~~ dringend ihrer Vollendung. Ausgiebigere Huelfe muss an verschiedenen Plaetzen geleistet werden. Vom Weltstandpunkt aus fragt man sich: - Soll diese weitgehende Taetigkeit im Interesse der Rettung der bedrohten Kraefte der evangelisch lutherischen Kirche, ihrer Staerkung und Ausstattung fuer den Dienst im Aufbau des Reiches Christi in Gottes Namen weiter betrieben werden? Es kann noch viel mehr geleistet werden, wenn alle dazu bewogen werden koennten, an einem Programm der Unterstuetzung und Erhaltung, je nach dem Mass, mit dem sie von Gott gesegnet worden sind, teilzunehmen.

Der Ausschuss empfiehlt die Sammlung eines Fonds von mindestens \$60,000 im Laufe dieses Jahres seitens der sich daran beteiligenden lutherischen Kirchen, Wohlfahrtsvereinigungen und Gruppen. Der Voranschlag fuer ihre Verteilung ist folgender: 1) Fuer Hilfsaktion in Russland, einschliesslich des Seminars in Leningrad \$25,000. 2) Fuer Minderheits- und andere notleidende Kirchen, einschliesslich der in den zwolff Laendern der Budgetaufstellung genannten, \$25,000; 3) fuer theologische Studenten in Laendern, die durch den Krieg oder durch Revolution betroffen wurden und deren Hauptnot in ihrem Pastorenmangel zu finden ist, \$10,000.

Reifende Plaene fuer den zweiten Weltkonvent

Die Besprechung der Vorbereitungen fuer den naechsten Konvent wurden fortgesetzt. Waehrend er natuerlich nach Art der Eisenacher als freie Konferenz gelten soll, indem keine Person oder Kirche sich im Voraus an eine Beschlussfassung des Konvents binden soll, wird doch vorgeschlagen, den Konvent in ordentlicher Weise fuer wirkliche Arbeitsleistung zu konstituieren. Die Delegierten der offiziell teilnehmenden lutherischen Kirchenkoerper, wie z. B. die amerikanischen, und regelrecht ernannte Glieder des Weiteren Ausschusses aus Kirchen, die sich nicht offiziell beteiligen, sollen zu Sitz und Stimme berechtigt sein. Da der Konvent keine gesetzgeberische Gewalt besitzt, ist der Ausschuss der Ueberzeugung, dass die grosse Mehrheit der Sitzungen dem Publikum offenstehen sollte, wenn auch einige wenige Geschaefstssitzungen geschlossen bleiben muessen. Uebereinstimmend mit diesem Gesichtspunkt wurde auch der Plan, Kommissionen fuer Gruppenbesprechungen zu ernennen, abgelehnt. Die oeffentliche Vorlage und Besprechung grosser, einschlaegiger Fragen wird fuer Jeden Interesse und Wert besitzen. Einige definitive Entschluesse koennen heute schon mitgeteilt werden.

Zeit und Ort des Konvents. Der zweite lutherische Weltkonvent wird, beginnend am 21-sten Juni, 1929, in Kopenhagen, Daenemark, abgehalten und soll 8 - 10 Tage dauern. Da die Weltkonferenz der Lutheraner diesmal im nordeuropaischen Zentrum des Luthertums stattfindet, ist fuer eine Sitzung in der alten Kathedrale zu Lund, Schweden, gesorgt. Die besonderen Beziehungen der Weltkonferenz zu Norwegen, Finnland und anderen angrenzenden Laendern sind noch nicht endgueltig festgelegt worden mit Ausnahme der Einrichtung eines Redner Bureaus fuer den Konvent, durch den besuchende Lutheraner von Ruf fuer Reden bei besonderen Versammlungen in naheliegenden Laendern gewonnen werden koennen.

Das Programm. Bei einer provisorischen Auswahl von zehn Themata fuer das Programm des zweiten Weltkonvents hat der Vollzugsausschuss die Vierjahrhundertfeier von Luthers Kleinem Katechismus, die kommende Vierjahrhundertfeier der Augsburgischen Konfession im Jahre 1930, die gemeinsamen Probleme und Aufgaben der lutherischen Kirche in aller Welt und die Fragen, die durch heutige Stroemungen in der Christenheit aufgeworfen werden, im Auge behalten. Die Hauptthemasind schon laengst gewaehlt und bekanntgegeben worden. Man hofft, dass alle Tatsachen betreffs Mitgliedschaft des Kopenhagener Konvents dem Vollzugsausschuss bei seiner Sitzung von 1928 vorliegen, damit die Themata endgueltig formuliert und geeigneten Gelehrten und Fuehrern auf den verschiedenen Gebieten christlichen Denkens und Wirkens zugewiesen werden koennen.

Der Ausschuss beschloss einen vollstaendigen Bericht seiner Taetigkeit vorzubereiten, mit Empfehlungen fuer die Form und Leitung lutherischen Zusammenwirkens nach der Sitzung des Konvents in Kopenhagen. Diese Empfehlungen sollen dem Konvent vorgelegt werden.

Ausschuesse und Vorbereitungen in Kopenhagen. Dr. Jorgensen, dem bei der Dresdener Versammlung die Aufgabe mit den Behoerden der lutherischen Kirche in Daenemark betreffs lokaler Vorbereitungen uebertragen worden war, berichtete ueber erfreulichen Fortschritt. Ein Generalkomitee fuer lokale Vorbereitungen mit Bischof Ostenfeld als Versitzer und dem Kultusminister, sowie anderen bedeutenden Vertretern des kirchlichen und buergerlichen Lebens in Daenemark als Mitgliedern, ist gebildet worden. Ein Geschaeftsausschuss unter Vorsitz von Dr. Jorgensen ist ebenfalls zustande gekommen. Auf freundliche Einladung von Bischof Ostenfeld versammelten sich Dr. Pehrsson und Dr. Jorgensen als Vertreter des Vollzugsausschusses mit den Kopenhagener Ausschuessen. Der Nachmittag des 11-ten November wurde im Bischofspalast dieser Konferenz gewidmet und der Abend im Heim Dr. Jorgensens bei einer Aussprache mit guten Freunden und Vertretern der Stadtpresse verbracht. Das Resultat war aeusserst befriedigend. Der zweite Weltkonvent im Jahre 1929 wird aufs herzlichste begruesst und reichlich versorgt werden! "Bethesta", der grosse Sammel- punkt der Inneren Mission Kopenhagens, wird mit seinem Versammlungslokal, das 1200 - 1500 Personen fasst, und mit seinen grossen Komiteeraeumen dem Konvent zur Verfue- gung gestellt. Das Lokalkomitee wird ausserdem jedem Besucher ein Handbuch des Kon- vents mit den Hauptansprachen der Versammlung, in zwei Sprachen gedruckt, ueber- reichen lassen. Ein Bureau zwecks Erteilung noetiger Auskunft ueber Hotels und son- stige Lebensverhaeltnisse wird eingerichtet. Ein Sekretaer wird fuer diesen Zweck angestellt, der auch briefliche und andere geschaefthliche Angelegenheiten besorgt. Es steht zu hoffen, dass die grosse Bibliothek Kopenhagens zu einer Ausstellung ver- schiedener Ausgaben von Luthers Kleinem Katechismus bewogen werden kann. Moegen diese Andeutungen der guten Dinge, die zu erwarten sind, fuer heute genuegen.

Schlussbetrachtungen.

In der Liebesarbeit des lutherischen Weltkonvents haben die Mit- glieder des Vollzugsausschusses stets seinen wahrhaft geistlichen Charakter erkannt. Er sucht die bestehende innere Einheit zu entdecken, sie zu entwickeln und alle die zu verbinden, die wahrhaft eins sind im Glauben. Er tritt offen fuer konservatives Luthertum, fuer positives Christentum ein. Ob man an Stockholm denkt oder an Lau- sanne, es wird einem in wachsendem Masse klar, dass unser hoffnungsreichster Ausblick auf einen wirklichen Beitrag zu endlicher Einheit des Christentums in der Mobilisie- rung der Kraefte unserer Kirche mittels des lutherischen Weltkonvents gipfelt. Auf gleichem Wege liegt auch die beste Aussicht auf wachsende Treue gegenueber dem Erbe der Reformation und wachsende Tuechtigkeit in der Foerderung des Reiches Christi auf Erden. Man kann gar wohl auf der Grundlage des gemeinsamen Glaubens bei Benutzung der einfachsten Methoden und Mittel ein Diener Aller werden ohne irgendwie die Selb- staendigkeit irgend einer bestehenden Kirche zu stoeren. Wir haben, Gott sei Dank, lutherisches Zusammenwirken und - verstehen auf dem Heidenmissionsfelde, auf dem Gebiet der Diaspora, in der Liebesarbeit an unseren Bruedern in der Nachkriegsnot und in der Taetigkeit unter verarmten und geschwaechten Gemeinden. Sollen die lu- therischen Kirchen der Welt sich nun wieder zurueckziehen hinter ihre politischen Grenzen und eigenen Probleme, nachdem sie in solch herrlicher Weise in christlicher Liebe der Nachkriegsnot in rechtem Brudergeist abgeholfen haben? Oder soll der oekumenische lutherische Geist wachsen und lutherisches Zusammenwirken in Ausdruek- ken der Weltgeltung weiterbestehen? Diese Fragen muessen in Kopenhagen, oder auf dem Wege nach Kopenhagen, beantwortet werden.

Lasst uns in unseren Gebeten den kommenden Konvent im Jahre 1929 nicht vergessen.

Dixon High School

Dixon, Illinois

Aug. 14, 28

Großvater Wifiver Louisa!

Christenkirche gedenkt, daß
Ihr Wifiver blühten "in Linsen
von Iwan Rot, fanda ich die-
für Longa wofenalt \$10.00
von imfaren Tufertzunftat
das Wortbrey Kiroda Kufere
Gestalt, und ab mit und von
Geben der G. Wifiver zu
überfunden. Ich konnte
nicht das Fräulein nicht an-
von ab ich von der Rot
lob. Ich bin für menschlich ge-
undat kein wifiver Wifiver.
aber von Kurren der faine
Ganz menschlich, isofolger

Nur ist es nun nur bittet
Ihr Brief kommen!

Möge mich diese kleine Geben
Ihr Guss fesseln.

Auftrug gewißten

Ida. y. w.

Christ Hummel.

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Mr. Christ Hummel,
 Dixon, Illinois,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of December 12th, advising us that you have made an additional gift of \$10.00 for the benefit of the Gossner Mission, sending it through the Treasurer of the Wartburg Synod, is acknowledged with assurances of grateful appreciation.

Doubtless you know that the National Lutheran Council is obligated for about \$18,000 for the support of the Gossner Mission for the year 1928. We have no sources to look for this large amount of money except the cooperating Lutheran Synods and Church Bodies in America, one of which is the Wartburg Synod which is still due the most of its quota for Lutheran World Service, including the help of distressed German missions. Hence I trust you have directed the Treasurer of the Wartburg Synod to forward your gift for the Gossner Mission through the National Lutheran Council.

Wishing you a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

Robert Rappert Gossner.
 JAM:SW

J. A. Morehead
 J. A. Morehead,
 Executive Director.

*Sehr geehrter Herr! Ich danke Sie sehr für Ihren Brief vom 12. d. M. und für die Mitteilung, dass Sie die 10.00 \$ für die Gossner Mission gesendet haben. Ich hoffe, dass Sie die 10.00 \$ auch für die Gossner Mission gesendet haben. Mit Grüssen
 Ch. L.*

Lieber Herr Hummel!

Ihre Bitte ist erfüllt.
Ich habe am 19. September für
\$10.⁰⁰ für Gossner Mission an
das National Cuth. Council abgeschrieben.
Für Ihre Hoffnungen und
Zusagen wird Ihr
ganz ergebener Diener!

R. B. Tholein

P. P. Grossmissionen! Ein aufrichtiges
\$10⁰⁰ durch das National Cuth. Council.
Ch. Hummel.

January 29th
1930

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To

The Rev. John A. Morehead, D.D.
Executive Director
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th Street
New York
U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Morehead,

Your favor of December 31st, 1929, is acknowledged with assurances of our heartiest thanks. I beg to enclose receipts in duplicate covering the amount of \$ 1000 ordered by you on December 27th, 1929.

I regret it was not possible to send you a report on the budget of the Church in Ranchi by January 16th, the day of the Annual meeting of the National Lutheran Council. To-day I am able to give full information regarding the budget of the Gossner Church in India. I do not think it would be wise to submit to you the budget in its original form. It took me several hours to understand it though I am acquainted with the facts concerned. I worked out a brief survey for the Kuratorium which I enclose. You will not mind that it is in German. This budget I translated into English for our Lutheran friends in America omitting the less important details of the school budget. These you find only in the German copy. The English translation I enclose in duplicate.

The total of Expenditure for Parishwork and Missionwork is Rs 109 447, for Schoolwork Rs 157 974. The grand total of Expenditure is Rs 267 421 = (German) RM 400 000, (American) nearly \$ 100 000. The Autonomous Church is prepared to find in India Rs 159 232 = RM 240 000 = \$ 60 000 and asks for a contribution of Rs 108 189 = RM 162 000 = \$ 40 000. It was to our great surprise to learn that the Church needs RM 400 000 instead of RM 160 000, the amount you find in our tentative budget enclosed in my letter of December 4th, 1929.

The difference, however, is not as huge as it seems. In our budget for 1929 the expenses for Schoolwork as well as the income for Schoolwork viz. Grant-in-aid, schooling, boarding fees were left out of consideration, not totally but for the most part. The Hostels are self-supporting, the teachers' salaries are partly covered by the Government's Grant. The budget of the Church for 1930 includes all these items in 'expenditure' as well as in 'income! This may explain the high amount of Rs 267 421. You will notice, that the Church undertakes to find in India Rs 159 232. The Church Council asks from us a contribution ^{of} ~~by~~ Rs 40 000. The Increment is partly due to the intended erection of a new School building in Ranchi. This building is really needed, The Kuratorium in Berlin is not able to criticise the details of the budget of the Church, we believe that all the money asked for is needed. But we cannot promise to contribute Rs 108 000 in 1930. If we contribute the same amount as last year, viz. Rs 70 000 = RM 105 000, we must collect RM 20 000 monthly from our German friends. We cannot expect to get more. In addition to these gifts from German friends, we need \$ 8000 from our American Lutheran friends. We quite understand that our American friends ask why we cannot care for

our own work;

our American friends do not know and cannot know the financial and economic condition of the middle classes in Germany. As the Kuratorium is not willing to run into debt, we shall have to make deductions from last year's contribution, if our American friends cannot give us \$ 8000. We know your deep interest in Gossner's work in India and trust you will do what you can.

May God's blessing be upon our Lutheran Church and common work for our Lord's Kingdom.

With my best wishes and for you personally

Sincerely Yours

J. Stosch

DATUM

den 15. Februar, 1930.

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ZUR EINLEITUNG

Bis das Exekutivkomitee des Lutherischen Weltkonvents eine Zusammenkunft halten kann, um unter anderem auch die Einrichtung eines internationalen lutherischen Pressedienstes reiflich zu überlegen, sollen nach Beschluss von Zeit zu Zeit, wie bisher, die Mitteilungen des Lutherischen Weltkonvents herausgegeben werden. Was sie bringen, wird den hohen Beamten und Führern der lutherischen Kirche zur Information und den Schriftleitern der Kirchenblätter zur beliebigen Benutzung angeboten. Indem die Mitteilungen des Lutherischen Weltkonvents hiermit nach dem zweiten Weltkonvent ihre regelmässigen Besuche bei den Beamten, Redakteuren und Leitern der ev.-luth. Kirche in aller Welt wieder aufnehmen, schicken sie an sie alle die herzlichsten Brudergrüsse und die besten Wünsche voraus.

DIE DENKSCHRIFT ÜBER DEN ZWEITEN LUTHERISCHEN WELTKONVENT IST FERTIG

Auf Ersuchen und im Auftrage des Vollzugskomitees für Fortsetzungsarbeit haben Glieder des Sekretariats der Kopenhagener Versammlung eingewilligt, eine Denkschrift über den Zweiten Lutherischen Weltkonvent in deutscher und englischer Sprache zu verfassen. Die deutsche Ausgabe des Buches bearbeitet unter der Redaktion des Hofpredigers v. Kirchbach und erschienen bei Dörffling und Franke, Königsstrasse 13, Leipzig, ist nun versandbereit und kann bei den Verlegern bestellt werden. Die englische Ausgabe, bearbeitet unter der Redaktion von Professor Abdel Ross Wentz, D.D., Ph.D., mit Unterstützung von Dr. E. Poppen und herausgegeben von dem United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia, ist ebenfalls im Druck erschienen und kann von allen offiziellen lutherischen Buchhandlungen in Nordamerika bezogen werden. Diese Denkschrift enthält den offiziellen Bericht über die Ansprachen, Diskussionen, die Lehrstellung, das Arbeitsprogramm, die einfache Organisation und andere Verhandlungen des Zweiten Lutherischen Weltkonvents in Kopenhagen vom Jahre 1929.

LEHRBASIS

Obgleich alle, die daran besonderes Interesse nehmen, in der deutschen oder englischen Ausgabe der "Denkschrift" Zugang haben zu den Verhandlungen des Zweiten Lutherischen Weltkonvents samt dem Bericht des Resolutions- und Organisationskomitee erscheint es doch von Wichtigkeit, dass einige Beschlüsse sofort in der ganzen lutherischen Kirche zur allgemeinen Kenntnis gebracht werden. Aus diesem Grunde wer-

den sie in diesen Mitteilungen des Lutherischen Weltkonvents veröffentlicht. Die beiden folgenden Beschlüsse, eingebracht von dem Resolutionskomitee, wurden von dem Zweiten Lutherischen Weltkonvent in Kopenhagen 1929 einstimmig angenommen:

"I. BEKENNTNISERKLÄRUNG.

"Die Erklärung des Zweiten Lutherischen Weltkonvents über sein Bekenntnis kann nur ein Zeugnis enthalten, das klar und nachdrücklich das unbedingte und unveränderte Festhalten an der Heiligen Schrift und an den von unsern lutherischen Vätern ererbten Bekenntnissen, vor Gott und aller Welt zum Ausdruck bringt.

"Dieses Zeugnis des festen und unveränderten Festhaltens am Glauben unserer Väter darf nicht vermischt werden mit Zusätzen und Ermahnungen, die durch die gegenwärtige Sachlage hervorgerufen werden, aber die Aufmerksamkeit von dem eigentlichen Bekenntnisinhalt ablenken.

"Die Erklärung des Konvents muss so klar ausgedrückt werden, dass sie nicht missverstanden werden kann, aber auch in so kurzer Form, dass sie einen unauslöschlichen Eindruck auf Verstand und Gewissen macht.

"So hat schon der Eisenacher Konvent sein Festhalten an Schrift und Bekenntnis ausgedrückt, und wir empfehlen, dass die Bekenntniserklärung von Eisenach aufs neue bestätigt wird, wie folgt:

"Der Lutherische Weltkonvent bekennt sich zu der Heiligen Schrift des alten und Neuen Testaments, als der einzigen Quelle und unfehlbaren Norm alles kirchlichen Lehrens und Handelns, und sieht in dem Bekenntnis der Lutherischen Kirche, insbesondere in der unveränderten Augsburgerischen Konfession und im Kleinen Katechismus Luthers, die lautere Wiedergabe des Wortes Gottes.

"II. LUTHERS KLEINER KATECHISMUS

"Mit der ganzen lutherischen Christenheit schliesst sich der Zweite Lutherische Weltkonvent in dem dankbaren Gedächtnis zusammen, zu dem uns die 400 jährige Erinnerung an die Entstehung des Kleinen Katechismus Dr. Martin Luthers aufruft.

"Er bekennt sich mit Freuden zu der nach Form und Inhalt echt biblischen Darstellung der göttlichen Offenbarung, die gleichzeitig unentbehrlich für die Unterweisung der Jugend ist und richtunggebend und erbauend für die Gemeinde der Erwachsenen.

"Er sieht darum die Aufgaben der lutherischen Kirchen darin, dies gesegnete Büchlein in Haus, Schule und Kirche lebendig zu erhalten, und wünscht, dass es allenthalben gelingt, ihm insonderheit im Religionsunterrichte der Schule die Geltung zu erringen und zu erhalten, die ihm nach seinem Wesen und seiner Bedeutung zukommt."

DIE AUGSBURGISCHE KONFESSION IM JAHRE 1930 IM VORDERGRUNDE

Im Hinblick auf das bevorstehende Gedächtnisjubiläum der 400sten Jahresfeier der Augsburgerischen Konfession wurde auf Empfehlung des Resolutionskomitees am 4. Juli 1929 das Folgende von der Kopenhagener Versammlung einstimmig angenommen:

"VI. UEBER DIE FEIER DER AUGUSTANA.

"In der Frage der Feier des 400 jährigen Gedächtnistages der Augsburger Konfession beschliesst der Resolutionsausschuss auf Antrag des Herrn Landesbischofs

Dr. Behm, dem Präsidenten des Weltkonvents den Antrag zu unterbreiten: Der Zweite Lutherische Weltkonvent wolle folgenden Beschluss fassen: Der Zweite Lutherische Weltkonvent gedenkt der Tatsache, dass im Jahre 1930 das 400 jährige Gedächtnis der Uebergabe der Augsburger Konfession gefeiert wird. Er dankt Gott, dem Herrn, für diese Gabe des Bekenntnisses, welche er der lutherischen Kirche geschenkt hat. Der Zweite Lutherische Weltkonvent setzt es als selbstverständlich voraus, dass die lutherische Kirche in aller Welt sich in dem Dank für diese Bekenntnisgrundlage ihres Bestandes vereinen und auf diese Weise das Band der Einheit pflegen werde."

EIN AUFRUF ZUR WELTWEITEN FEIER DES JUBILAEUMS DER AUGUSTANA.

Das Katechismusjahr liegt hinter uns. Das Jubeljahr der Augustana beginnt. Beim Eintritt in dieses Jahr grüsst das Exekutiv-Komitee des Lutherischen Weltkonvents die Glieder der lutherischen Kirche in allen Landen und bittet sie, überall für eine rechte Feier des 400 jährigen Gedächtnisses dieses grundlegenden Bekenntnisses unserer Kirche zu sorgen.

Neben dem Kleinen Katechismus ist es ja die Augustana, die in allererster Linie ein Einigungsband um alle lutherischen Kirchen schlingt. Der Kleine Katechismus, ein Lehrbuch, das doch von Anfang bis zu Ende bekenntnismässigen Charakter trägt. Die Augsburgerische Konfession, ein Bekenntnis, das die Grundgedanken der Reformation lehrhaft ausspricht. Sachlich bildet für die Augustana wie den Katechismus das Bekenntnis des rechtfertigenden Glaubens den Mittelpunkt. Im Kleinen Katechismus begegnet der Ausdruck der Rechtfertigung freilich nicht. Aber tatsächlich lehrt der zweite Artikel uns in unübertroffener und unübertrefflicher Weise unsere Rechtfertigungsgewissheit bekennen, indem er uns anleitet, für Leiden und Sterben, für Zeit und Ewigkeit meinen Glauben ganz auf die Tatsache zu gründen, dass Jesus Christus, wahrhafter Gott und wahrhafter Mensch, mein Herr ist, der mich verlorenen und verdammten Menschen erlöst hat, auf dass ich sein eigen sei. Die Augustana aber spricht in ihrem vierten Artikel lehrhaft aus, was es um die Rechtfertigung ist: "Weiter lehren wir, dass . . . wir Vergebung der Sünden bekommen und vor Gott gerecht werden, aus Gnaden um Christus willen, durch den Glauben, so wir glauben, dass Christus für uns gelitten hat, und dass uns um seines willen die Sünde vergeben, Gerechtigkeit und ewiges Leben geschenkt wird. In allem klingen Gedanken der Schrift und insonderheit des Apostel Paulus wieder; aber aus ihnen wird ein persönliches Bekenntnis der Kirche, die sich neu um das Evangelium sammelt. Von diesem Mittelpunkt aus will alles andere verstanden sein, was die Augustana lehrt und bekennt: von Gott und dem Herrn Christus und dem heiligen Geist, der im Predigtamt durch Wort und Sakrament zum Glauben ruft, von der menschlichen Sünde und der Busse, von neuem Gehorsam und guten Werken. Und aus dem allen wird ein ganz neues Bekenntnis von der Kirche als der Versammlung der Gläubigen, bei welchen das Evangelium rein gepredigt und die heiligen Sakramente laut des Evangeliums gereicht werden. Mitten unter den einzelnen Lehrsätzen ein Bekenntnis zur Bedeutung der reinen Lehre: das lautere Wort und die dem Evangelium entsprechende Verwaltung der Sakramente sind für die Kirche grundlegend.

Das alles kann hier nicht ausgeführt werden. Aber es möchte die Glieder der Gemeinde locken, dass sie sich selbst von der Augustana in das Verständnis der Lehre unserer Kirche hineinweisen lassen. Zwar, wir werden nach Luthers eigenem Wort allzeit Schüler des Katechismus beleiben. Aber niemand, der in seiner Kirche und damit auch ihrer Lehre heimisch werden möchte, versäume, sich zugleich auch in die Augustana hineinzulesen und hineinzubeten. Mag auch manche einzelne Wendung einer Erläuterung bedürfen, so ist doch das, worauf es ankommt, allen zugänglich, die in der zentralen Gewissheit der Rechtfertigung stehen. Ja, sie werden zu ihrer eigenen Ueberraschung erfahren, dass hier im Bekenntnis nur das formuliert ist, was sie tatsächlich selbst erleben und - leben. Darum bitten wir die Pfarrer,

dass sie in Predigt und Unterredung ihre Gemeinden in das Verständnis der Augustana einzuführen versuchen. Die Gemeindeglieder aber bitten wir, dass sie in dankbarem Gedächtnis an die Väter der Reformation von ihnen aufs neue lernen, als Christen, die ihres Heils in persönlichem Glauben gewiss sind, fröhlich zu leben und am Aufbau ihrer Kirche dankbar mitzuarbeiten.

Unsere Zeit ist ja eine Zeit höchster Aufgaben, aber auch grösster Verwirrung. Die Zeichen der Zeit fordern heute wie vor 400 Jahren eine bekennende Kirche und Christenheit auf den Plan. Hier ist, - und wir bieten es dar, - jenes Klare und Feste, aus Gottes Wort herausgewachsen und mit seiner Wahrheit umgürtet, was unserer Zeit not ist. Nur die bekennende Kirche ist die Kirche der Kraft. Wie gross ist die Zahl auch der wohlmeinenden Christen, die sich nach jenem Wort der Schrift von allerlei fremden Lehren umtreiben lassen. Umso nötiger ist die Erinnerung eben dort: es ist ein köstlich Ding, dass das Herz fest werde. Das geschieht freilich durch Gnade, aber durch diese Gnade so, dass wir immer tiefer in ihr Verständnis hineinwachsen. Darum: Danken wir wirklich Gott für das, was er uns in der Reformation gegeben hat, dann lasst uns auch mit ganzem Ernst Schüler und Bekenner dessen sein, was die Reformation uns gelehrt hat. Dazu segne uns Gott dieses Jubeljahr!

In dankbarer Einigkeit des Bekenntnisses,

DAS EXEKUTIV-KOMITEE DES LUTHERISCHEN WELTKONVENTS.

ORGANISATION DES NEUERNANTEN EXEKUTIVKOMITEES.

Der Zweite Lutherische Weltkonvent, versammelt in Kopenhagen im Jahre 1929, wählte einstimmig alle bisherigen Glieder des Komitees wieder für die folgenden 6 Jahre. Das neuernannte Exekutivkomitee für Fortsetzungsarbeit hielt nach Vertagung des Weltkonvents Versammlungen und zwar in Kopenhagen am 4. Juli und in Örebro, Schweden, vom 6. bis zum 8. Juli 1929. Es organisierte sich, wie folgt:

Dr. John A. Morehead, Präsident;
Sr. Magnifizienz Landesbischof D. Dr. Ludwig Ihmels, Vizepräsident;
Propst Dr. Per Pehrsson, Vizepräsident;
D. Wilhelm Frhr. von Pechmann, Schriftleiter;
Dr. Alfred Th. Jorgensen, Schatzmeister;
Dr. L.W.Boe, Hilfsschatzmeister.

Im Interesse gründlicher, wohlbedachter und gereifter Beschlussnahme und Handlung in der Zukunft wurde jedem Mitglied des Exekutivkomitees bestimmte Arbeit zur Erforschung, zum Studium und dann zur Berichterstattung bei der nächsten Versammlung zugewiesen auf Grund der Beschlüsse, die vom Konvent angenommen, oder anderer Geschäfte, die dem Komitee vom Konvent übertragen waren. Bei diesen Versammlungen wurden auch die nötigen Vorkehrungen zur Herausgabe einer Denkschrift über den Zweiten Lutherischen Weltkonvent in deutscher und englischer Sprache getroffen.

FÜR HILFE UND UNTERSTÜTZUNG SCHWACHER, NOTLEIDENDER UND GEFÄHRDETER KIRCHEN.

Der Zweite Lutherische Weltkonvent wurde tief bewegt durch das ausgesprochene oder stillschweigende Zeugnis von Delegaten, teils anwesend, teils abwesend, betreffs der schwachen, notleidenden und gefährdeten lutherischen Kirchen in verschiedenen Ländern der Welt. Der folgende, vom Resolutionskomitee eingebrachte Beschluss wurde einstimmig angenommen:

"III. BRUDERLIEBE UND HILFSTÄTIGKEIT

"Der Lutherische Weltkonvent, der die Gemeinschaft der lutherischen Kirchen in Glauben und Bekenntnis zu fördern bemüht ist, erklärt es für eine dringende Notwendigkeit, dass auch die opferwillige Liebe, die sich in der Kriegs- und Nachkriegszeit in so erhebender Weise kundgetan hat, in der Zukunft lebendig und wirksam bleibe. Er bittet alle lutherischen Christen herzlich, in solcher Liebe zu den Glaubensgenossen nicht müde zu werden.

"Angesichts der schwierigen Lage vieler lutherischer Kirchen hält der Weltkonvent eine organisierte Hilfsaktion für notwendig und empfiehlt dem Vollzugsausschuss, der in den vergangenen Jahren diese so zielbewusst geleitet hat, auch fernerhin die Leitung einer solchen Aktion der lutherischen Kirchen. Er soll dabei die Massnahmen treffen, die er für zweckmässig erachtet, gegebenenfalls im Benehmen mit bestehenden Organisationen."

Es wird nun herzlich und ernstlich empfohlen, in Uebereinstimmung mit Anregungen, die uns von vielen Seiten her zugegangen sind, dass das Jahr 1930, das Jubiläumsjahr der Augsburger Konfession, ausgezeichnet werde durch das Inkrafttreten einer jährlich systematisch durchgeführten materiellen Unterstützung der lutherischen Weltkonvents-bewegung und ihrer angenommenen Programme innerhalb der beteiligten ev.-luth. Kirchen in aller Welt, nämlich:

1. Dass alle lutherischen Kirchenkörper direkt oder durch ihre Hilfsorganisationen, soweit wie tunlich, Einrichtungen treffen, dass ihren Gemeinden Gelegenheit gegeben wird, jährlich an dem Vorrecht der lutherischen Weltgemeinschaft teilzunehmen, indem sie zu den Betriebskosten des Exekutivkomitees für Fortsetzungsarbeit beitragen; und:

2. Dass ihnen ganz besonders jedes Jahr Gelegenheit gegeben wird, ihr Liebesopfer darzubringen zur Hilfe, Unterstützung und Ermutigung von schwachen, notleidenden und gefährdeten lutherischen Kirche, vornehmlich in andersgläubiger Umgebung, die oft schwer kämpfen und ringen müssen um ihren Fortbestand und um Wachstum und Fortschritt in den Ländern, dahin sie verpflanzt wurden mit dem Berufe, Zeugnis abzulegen von dem Evangelium Jesu Christi.

EIN AUFRUF ZUR FUERBITTE

In seiner Weisheit und Kraft lenkt der Allmächtige Gott den Lauf der Geschichte, um seine gnädige und gerechte Sache der Vollendung entgegen zu führen. Schliesslich wird immer die Gerechtigkeit seiner Weltregierung den Sieg davon tragen. Diejenigen, die Ihm vertrauen, dürfen getrost Ihn anrufen und ganz besonders in den Zeiten, da die Kirche ihre Feuerproben durchmacht.

Das Feld der Kirche liegt nach unserer Ansicht gänzlich auf geistlichem Gebiet. Wir geben uns nur wenig mit den sozialen und politischen Systemen und Regierungsformen ab, solange wie diese ihren Bürgern die religiöse Freiheit gewähren und die organisierte Religion in der Ausübung ihrer fundamentalen Rechte beschützen. Jedoch heissen wir jeden wohl erwogenen Plan willkommen, der darauf abzielt, die sozialen Zustände und die politische Ordnung zu bessern, damit die Segnungen von Freiheit, Moral und des gleichen Rechtes vor dem Gesetz allen Völkern und Nationen ohne Rücksicht auf Rasse, Klasse, Geschlecht oder Nationalität zuteil werden mögen. In der Ueberzeugung, dass die Obrigkeit von Gott eingesetzt ist, können wir nicht schweigen und untätig zusehen, wenn irgend eine Obrigkeit ihre Autorität und Macht gebraucht, - was immer auch ihre wirklichen oder untergeschobenen Motive sein mögen - nicht um die Bürger in der Ausübung der elementarsten menschlichen Rechte ihrer religiösen Freiheit zu schützen, sondern um die organisierte Religion einzu-

schränken und zu unterdrücken.

Eine Fülle von Nachrichten durch die öffentliche Presse der Welt enthüllt nun, dass die Verhältnisse der christlichen Kirchen in Russland unhaltbar sind und die Zukunft wahrer Religion in jenem Lande bedrohen. Die Prüfungen und Bedrängnisse, die unsere Glaubensgenossen unter irgend einem Vorwande zu erdulden haben, erwecken überall das tiefste Mitgefühl aller wahren Christen und den ernststen Wunsch, ihnen mit den Dienstleistungen der christlichen Liebe beizustehen. In erster Linie wird da der Christ, wie unter allen Umständen, seine Zuflucht nehmen zur Fürbitte in Jesu Namen. Gott allein hat die unbegrenzte Macht, seinen Willen durchzusetzen in seiner eigenen Weise und zu seiner eigenen Zeit.

Es wird darum hiermit empfohlen, dass - wie ja viele lutherische Kirchen in verschiedenen Ländern schon zu tun begonnen haben - alle organisierten ev.-luth. Kirchenkörper der Welt dringend ersucht werden, ihre Pastoren und Gemeinden zu bitten, dass sie für Sicherheit, das Wohlergehen und den Frieden unserer Glaubensgenossen, ja aller Christen in Russland ernstlich Fürbitte einlegen: Gott möge das Gewissen der Regierer wie auch der Regierten der ganzen zivilisierten Welt erwecken, dass sie sich ihrer Verantwortung bewusst werden, von ihrem Einfluss Gebrauch zu machen, um die religiösen Rechte und Freiheiten aller Völker zu garantieren; Er wolle auch gnädiglich die Herzen seiner Widersacher und der Feinde der wahren Religion erweichen und so wenden, dass sie bereit sind, gerecht und ehrenhaft nicht nur mit den Bürgern des eigenen Landes, sondern mit allen Menschen zu verfahren.

Ihr in Christo ergebener

JOHN A. MOREHEAD

DATE

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BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

Until the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention has the opportunity of meeting to consider maturely among other things the establishment of an international Lutheran news service, it has been determined to issue occasionally as hitherto the News Exchange Bulletin. The material it contains is for the information of Lutheran officials and leaders and for the use of editors of church periodicals everywhere according to their own good pleasure. In resuming after the Second Lutheran World Convention its periodical visits to officials, editors and other leaders of Evangelical Lutheran Churches throughout the world, the News Exchange Bulletin sends heartiest brotherly greetings and good wishes to all.

THE BOOK OF THE SECOND LUTHERAN WORLD CONVENTION READY

By request and authorization of the Executive Committee for Continuation Work, members of the Secretariat of the Copenhagen Convention have consented to prepare German and English editions of a volume of The Second Lutheran World Convention. The German edition of the book, prepared under the editorship of Court Chaplain v. Kirchbach and published by Dörffling and Franke, Koenigstrasse 13, Leipzig, is now ready for distribution and may be ordered from the publishers. The English edition, prepared under the editorship of Prof. Abdel Ross Wentz, L.D., Ph.D. with the assistance of Dr. E. Poppen, and published by the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, has come from the press and may now be secured from any official Lutheran Publication House in North America. This volume will contain the official report of the addresses, discussions, doctrinal position, program of work, simple organization, and other proceedings of the Second Lutheran World Convention held at Copenhagen in 1929.

DOCTRINAL BASIS

While those interested will find access to the proceedings of the Second Lutheran World Convention, including the reports of the Committees on Resolutions and

Organization, in both the English and German editions of the volume of the Convention, it seems important for some of the resolutions to become widely known immediately throughout the Lutheran world. For this reason, several resolutions are given in this issue of the News Exchange Bulletin. The two following, reported by the Committee on Resolutions, were unanimously adopted by the Second Lutheran World Convention at Copenhagen in 1929:

"I. CONFSSIONAL DECLARATION.

"The Second Lutheran World Convention's confessional declaration can only contain a statement which clearly and emphatically expresses the Convention's unconditional and unchanged adherence to the Holy Scriptures and the confession given by our Lutheran fathers before God and before the entire world.

"This expression of firm and unchanging adherence to the faith of our fathers must not be diluted with modification and admonitions which are motivated by present conditions but which would divert attention from the confessional content itself.

"The Convention's statement must be expressed so clearly that it cannot be misunderstood but also so briefly that it will indelibly imprint itself on mind and conscience.

"The Eisenach Convention expressed this adherence to Scripture and confession in such a way. Therefore we recommend the re-enactment of that Confessional Declaration as follows:

"The Lutheran World Convention acknowledges the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only source and infallible norm of all church doctrine and practice, and sees in the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, especially in the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism, a pure exposition of the Word of God."

"II. LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM.

"The Lutheran World Convention joins with all of Lutheran Christendom in grateful recognition of the 400th anniversary of Luther's Small Catechism.

"It joyfully confesses its adherence to the presentation of divine revelation as given in the Catechism, because it is genuinely Biblical both in form and content. The Convention regards such a presentation not only as necessary for the instruction of youth, but also for the guidance and edification of the adults in the Church.

"It should be the aim of the Lutheran bodies to further the cordial acceptance of this blessed book in home, school and church. We earnestly hope and pray that this may succeed! Especially should it be our aim that in the religious instruction in the school the Catechism should secure and maintain the place it deserves both as to its content and as to its importance."

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION IN THE FOREGROUND IN 1930.

In anticipation of the four hundredth jubilee year of the Augsburg Confession, on the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions the following was unanimously adopted by the Copenhagen Convention on July 4th, 1929:

"VI. COMMEMORATING THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

"As to the matter of celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, the Committee on Resolutions resolved, on motion of Bishop Behm, to lay before the president the suggestion that the World Convention adopt the following resolution:

"The Second Lutheran World Convention is mindful of the fact that the year 1930 marks the four hundredth anniversary of the delivery of the Augsburg Confession. The Convention expresses its gratitude to Almighty God that He gave the Lutheran Church this Confession. The Convention takes it for granted that the Lutheran Churches throughout the world will unite in expressing their gratitude for their confessional basis and in this way will strengthen the bond of unity among them."

A CALL TO THE UNIVERSAL CELEBRATION OF THE QUADRICENTENNIAL OF THE AUGUSTANA.

The jubilee year of the Catechism has passed into history. The Quadricentennial of the Augsburg Confession is at hand. As we enter upon this year, the Executive Committee of the Lutheran World Convention extends true and hearty greetings to the members of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in all lands, and calls upon them to provide everywhere for a fitting celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of this fundamental confession of our Church.

The Augsburg Confession together with the Catechism constitutes the central bond of unity among all Evangelical Lutheran Churches. Luther's Small Catechism is also a doctrinal volume, however, which from beginning to end bears a confessional character. The Augustana is a confession which in a doctrinal way declares the fundamental ideas of the Reformation. Objectively the central truth of the Augsburg Confession and of the Small Catechism as well is found in the doctrine of justification by faith. While the term justification does not appear in the Small Catechism, nevertheless as a matter of fact the Second Article directs us in an unsurpassed and unsurpassable way to confess our certainty of justification when it teaches us to base our faith for life and death, for time and eternity solely upon the fact "that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature in order that I might be His own." Similarly the Augsburg Confession in the Fourth Article sets forth in doctrinal form what justification means: "Also they teach, that men cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits or works, but are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, Who by His death, hath made satisfaction for our sin." All this but echoes the truths presented in the Holy Scriptures especially in the Pauline Epistles. Out of them, however, arise a personal confession of the Church gathered anew around the Gospel. From this central doctrine of justification by faith all others must be understood as the Augsburg Confession in its various articles teaches and confesses the truth concerning God, concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning the Holy Spirit who calls to faith through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments; concerning the cause of sin and repentance, the new obedience and good works. Then out of all these teachings there develops an entirely new confession concerning the Church as the communion of believers who have the Gospel preached to them in its purity and the Holy Sacraments administered according to the Gospel. Amid many separate doctrinal statements we find a confession of the importance of pure teaching, inasmuch as the pure Word and the administration of the Sacraments in accordance with the Gospel are quite fundamental to the Church.

The entire faith of the Church of course cannot be amplified in this address to the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of the world. But the suggestions that have been made perhaps may induce church members to take up for more intensive study the

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Augsburg Confession itself that it may lead them into an understanding of the teachings of our Church. Certainly, we will always remain pupils of the Catechism according to Luther's own words. But no one desiring to be really at home in his own Church through being believably conversant with her teachings should fail to acquaint himself with the Augsburg Confession by study and prayer. Even though some isolated expressions may require an explanation, that which is essential is accessible to all who hold to the central certainty of justification. To their own surprise, in fact, they will learn that here in this confession of the Church there has been formulated that which they themselves actually experience and live. Accordingly we suggest that pastors endeavor to lead their congregations by sermons and by instruction privately given into an understanding of the Augsburg Confession. On the other hand, we ask the members of the Church, in grateful remembrance of the Fathers of the Reformation to learn from them anew through the study of the Augsburg Confession in the light of the teaching of the Holy Scriptures the secret of a happy life as Christians who are certain of their salvation through a personal faith, and that, having so learned, they gratefully consecrate themselves anew to the upbuilding of their Church.

Our age is indeed one of noblest tasks but at the same time of the greatest confusion. Today as four hundred years ago the times call for a confessing Church and a confessing Christianity. In the Augsburg Confession, we possess and offer that clear and positive declaration of faith, developed out of the Word of God and girded about with His truth, which answers to the need of our times. Only the confessing Church is the Church of power! How great is the number even of well-meaning Christians who, as the Scriptures themselves say, are like children, "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine". So much the more then is their need of the reminder that it is a good thing for the heart to be established with grace. God's grace itself works this result in believing hearts in such a way that they ever grow into a deeper understanding of His unmerited favor. Hence, if we are truly grateful to God for what He gave us in the Reformation, let us now prove ourselves with all earnestness to be genuine disciples and confessors of the teachings of the Lutheran Reformation. Unto this end may God abundantly bless this anniversary year to us all individually and to the spiritual enrichment of the Lutheran Churches of the world.

In grateful recognition of unity in the Augsburg Confession,

Faithfully yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD CONVENTION.

ORGANIZATION OF NEWLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Second Lutheran World Convention, meeting at Copenhagen in 1929, unanimously re-elected all the members of the old Executive Committee for service during the ensuing six years. The newly appointed Executive Committee for Continuation Work held post-Convention meetings in Copenhagen on July 4th and in Örebro, Sweden, July 6th-8th, 1929. The following organization was effected:

Dr. John A. Morehead, President;
 The Rt. Rev. Bishop D. Dr. Ludwig Ihmels, Vice-President;
 Propst Dr. Per Pehrsson, Vice-President;
 Baron Dr. Wilhelm v. Pechmann, Secretary;
 Dr. Alfred Th. Jorgensen, Treasurer;
 Dr. L.W.Boe, Assistant Treasurer.

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In the interest of thoroughly considered and well matured future action, work for research, study and report at the next meeting was assigned to each member of the Executive Committee on the basis of the resolutions adopted and matters referred to it by the Second Lutheran World Convention. Arrangements were also made at these meetings for the publication in German and English of the volume of The Second Lutheran World Convention.

FOR THE RELIEF AND SUPPORT OF WEAK, SUFFERING AND ENDANGERED CHURCHES.

The Second Lutheran World Convention was profoundly impressed with the spoken and silent testimony of delegates, present and absent, of the weak, suffering and endangered Lutheran Churches in various parts of the world. The following, reported by the Committee on Resolutions, was unanimously adopted:

"III. WORKS OF BROTHERLY LOVE

"The Lutheran World Convention, which is concerned with the promoting of fellowship among the Lutheran Churches in faith and confession, declares it an urgent necessity, that the self-sacrificing love which was manifested in such a splendid manner during and immediately after the war should be kept alive and active in the years to come. We pray earnestly that all Lutheran Christians may continue and not grow weary in such love for their brethren in the faith.

"In view of the difficult position of many Lutheran Churches, the World Convention considers organized assistance as necessary. It is recommended that the Executive Committee, which has directed this work with such definite results in the past, continue this leadership of the activity of the Lutheran Churches through such measures as it considers proper, while at the same time it keeps in touch with the existing organizations for help."

It is cordially and earnestly recommended, in harmony with suggestions received from many sources, that the year 1930, the Four Hundredth Jubilee of the Augsburg Confession, be marked by the inauguration within the participating Evangelical Lutheran Churches throughout the world of the systematic annual material support of the Lutheran World Convention movement and its approved programs, to wit:

1. That all Lutheran Church Bodies directly or through their relief organizations, so far as practicable, arrange to give to their congregations the opportunity to share annually in the privileges of Lutheran world fellowship by contributing to the operating expenses of the Executive Committee for Continuation Work; and

2. That more especially they be given every year the opportunity to make their offerings of love for the relief, assistance and encouragement of minority, weak, suffering and endangered Lutheran Churches in their endeavors to live and to achieve development and progress in the several countries in which they have been called to witness to the Gospel of Christ.

A GENERAL CALL TO PRAYER

In wisdom and power, Almighty God directs the course of history for the accomplishment of His loving and just purposes. Ultimately the righteousness of His universal government will appear. Those who trust Him are entitled to call upon Him always and especially in the day of the fiery trial of His Church.

The Church's field of service in our view is purely spiritual. We are not essentially concerned with particular social and political systems or forms of gov-

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ernment, so long as they guarantee the enjoyment of religious freedom to their citizens and protect organized religion in the exercise of its fundamental rights; but welcome every well-considered attempt to improve social order and political organization to the end of the enjoyment of the blessings of freedom, morality and equal rights before the law by all peoples of every nation without distinction of race, class, sex or nationality. Believing that the powers that be are ordained of God, we cannot remain silent or passive when any government uses the authority and force at its disposal, whatever may be the mixed motives real or assigned, not for the protection of its citizens in the enjoyment of the primary human rights of religious freedom but for their limitation or for the suppression of organized religion.

Abundant information through the public press of the world reveals that the condition of the Christian Churches of Russia is intolerable and menacing to the future of true religion in that country. The trials and afflictions of our fellow believers there have to endure, for whatever cause, awaken the profound sympathy of true Christians everywhere as well as the earnest desire to give to them the helpful ministrations of brotherly love. But the first resource of the Christian is intercessory prayer to God, Who has infinite power to work His gracious will in His own way in the fulness of the times.

Therefore, it is recommended, as many Evangelical Lutheran Churches in many lands have already begun to do, that all organized Evangelical Lutheran Churches throughout the world be requested and urged to ask their pastors and congregations earnestly to pray for the safety, welfare and peace of our fellow-believers and indeed of all Christians in Russia; for His quickening of the consciences of the rulers and peoples of the enlightened nations of the world that they may fully appreciate their responsibility for the use of their influence in behalf of the guarantee of religious rights and religious freedom to all peoples; and that He may graciously soften and turn the hearts of the adversaries of God and of true religion, so that they may be disposed to deal justly and righteously not only with the citizens of their own countries but with all men.

Faithfully yours,

JOHN A. MOREHEAD.

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March 10th, 1930

To
The Rev. J.A. Morehead D.D.

Executive Director

National Lutheran Council

39 East 35th Street New York

Dear Dr. Morehead,

I beg to enclose receipts for \$ 1 000
received in the end of February. You will s
soon hear from me more

sincerely Yours

J. Storch

Missionspräses

Berlin-Wannsee

April 15th 1930

To The Rev. John A. Morehead, D.D.

39 East 35th Street, New York

My dear President Dr. Morehead,

With hearty thanks I acknowledge receipt of \$ 150 advised by you on February 28th, 1930. Receipts in duplicate are enclosed. Further, I beg to enclose a copy of our 'Jahresabschluss 1929' viz. a financial statement covering the period from January 1st to December 31 1929. I do not think it wise to translate this statement into English, since our American Lutheran friends as a rule read German quite well and as the translation into English may lead to misunderstandings. Let me add only a few remarks. The first three items of Income (Einnahme) represent contributions and donations from Germany. They amount to more than 154 000 RM. The contributions from the National Lutheran Council actually received in 1929 amount to \$ 11 000 = RM 46 200. Your remittances of \$ 1000 advised on December 31st, 1929 as well as two remittances of \$ 1000 and one remittance of \$ 150 advised in January and February 1930 will appear in the financial statement of the current year. In expenditure the first item is our contribution for the Autonomous Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur. You may remember that we promised to send RM 105 000. The difference of a few hundred Marks is due to the changing valuta. We have sent exactly the promised amount in Rupies. In these RM 104 656,75 M the full amount of \$ 11 000 is contained which our American Lutheran friends kindly sent us in 1929. From the deficit

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of RM 65 000 you see that our efforts had not a full success.

I learn from your last letter that you will cease to be Executive Director of the N.L.C. Let me thank you on this occasion on behalf of the Gossner's Mission Society most cordially for your friendship the Gossner's Mission and Gossner's Church in India ~~we~~ had the privilege to experience all these years. I trust you will not forget us. I am glad you intend to refer the case of the Gossner's Church as favorably as possible to your successor.

Confidentially you sent me a copy of the Preliminary draft of a report concerning the question of larger Participation by Lutheran Churches in the International Missionary Council. I think the report is very well drafted, I do not find much to criticise. We shall act on these lines here in Germany. Surely you know the difficulty of Lutheranism in Prussia. In Bavaria, Saxony and other 'lutheran' countries the Evangelical Church of Prussia is not recognised as lutheran, while the Prussians think their Church is lutheran. Professor Julius Richter of Berlin for instance speaks of the Evangelical Church of Prussia as of the numerically greatest Lutheran Church of the world. If you would ask Pr. J. Richter why only so few Lutherans from Germany were delegated for the Jerusalem conference etc. he would reply that all these Germans are Lutherans. Personally speaking I am a Saxon by birth and a Lutheran by baptism and ~~do not~~ want to identify myself with Professor J. Richter in this view, I only wish to remind you of a difficulty we are confronted with here in Germany.

With my kindest regards and best wishes for you personally and for your work.

We have sent exactly the promised amount in August. If these RM I remain 75 & the full amount of 3 11 000 is contained which

sincerely yours

J Stosch

Missions Praeses.

July 4th, 1930.

Berlin-Wannsee
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To
The Rev. J.A. Morehead, D.D.
National Lutheran Council
39 East 35th Street, New York.

Dear Dr. Morehead,

I beg to enclose receipts for \$ 500 received here in the end of May.

In your letter of April 29th you said that the National Lutheran Council decided definitely to pay in full the unpaid balance remaining at the date of the meeting on January 16th of \$ 1 000 on the tentative pledge of \$ 13 800 for the year 1929. On this unpaid balance you remitted

1. in the end of January or beginning of February \$ 1 000. I sent receipts for this remittance on March 10th.
 2. on February 28th \$ 150. My receipts are dated April 15th.
 3. in May \$ 500. Receipts are enclosed in this letter.
- This would leave an unpaid balance of \$ 150 on the pledge for 1929.

We are very grateful for the assistance you intend to give us in 1930. Would it be possible to send part of the amount now? It would help us to give to the Autonomous Church what they need.

I bear in mind what you write to me in your confidential letter and shall reply to it as soon as I have collected the necessary information.

With hearty greetings and best wishes

Sincerely Yours

J. Stosch

Berlin-Wannsee

Florastr. 3

April 15th, 1930

To
The Rev. F.H. Meyer
Acting Executive Director of the N.L.C.
39 East 35th Street
NEW YORK

Dear Sir,

I learn from Dr. J.A. Morehead that you are his successor in the office of the Executive Director of the National Lutheran Council. So I may be known to you by name, for I expect Dr. Morehead has made over to you our correspondence regarding the Gossner Church in Chota Nagpur, India which has been so generously aided by the National Lutheran Council during the war and after the war. You probably know that the Gossner Mission Society in Berlin is still unable to collect sufficient funds in Germany for the maintenance of the work of the Autonomous Lutheran Church in Ranch for which the Society is responsible. We had therefore to ask again the National Lutheran Council for assistance and I trust you will carefully consider the case. In order to help you to understand the situation in Chota Nagpur I send by bookpost to your address the last yearbook of Gossner's Mission. It is in German, but our American Lutheran friends read as a rule German books quite easily.

With my kindest regards and best wishes for your work

I am

Yours sincerely

J. Storch

Missions Praeses.

Dec. 16th, 1930

Berlin-Mannsee

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The Rev. John A. Morehead, D.D.
39 East 35th Street, New York.

My dear President Dr. Morehead,

With hearty thanks I acknowledge receipt of \$ 150. Receipt in duplicate is enclosed. On behalf of the Kuratorium I thank you for your kind letter of October 22nd, with a copy of Mr. Joel Lakra's letter dated Ranchi the 25th September and a copy of your reply to it dated the 22nd October ^{enclosed}. As I am awaiting the budget of the Church Council since October and along with the budget the special recommendations regarding the extension of our Lutheran High School, I delayed reply to your letter. Even today I am not in receipt of the budget and therefore can only say that generally speaking we are in favour of the High School project presented by Mr. Joel Lakra. As soon as we get the detailed recommendations from Ranchi I shall write again on this subject. On the other hand we are of opinion that the reopening of our Theological Class and a general increment of income for our poor Catechists is more urgent than the extension of buildings. We expect that the budget will shew a considerable item for repairs and it is likely that these repairs of existing buildings will be considered more urgent than the erection of new ones. But I shall

write again and finally on the budget as soon as we know exactly the needs of the ^{next} ~~new~~ year.

Last week the Rev. W. Radsick, who was a Missionary of our Society in Assam before the war, Sister Auguste Fritz, formerly in Chota Nagpur, and Miss Eva John, daughter of the Rev. A. John, left for India. The Rev. M. Kerschis and Mrs. Kerschis with Miss Irene Storin will sail in January.

Now, my dear Mr. Morehead, you will allow me to invite your kind attention to the financial position of the Gosner Mission. I should have done it earlier, but postponed it as I wanted to back my demands by the budget of the Autonomous Church. As the year is closing I cannot help doing it to-day. Sometimes I am blamed for a deplorable lack of the importunity of the friend in Luc. 11., and it is true I am deeply convinced that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

I should like very much to say: we do not need any help from outside. But this would be inconsistent with the facts. I am sending by this mail the four last numbers of our Magazine from the last pages of which you will see that we are running into debt and do not see our way ^{to} ~~to~~ without the help of our American Lutheran friends. In January I shall be able to show you by figures what efforts have been made by us in 1930, that though the number of donations and small gifts increased the total amount of income is not much higher than in 1929. It is a sad truth: we German Christians have to plead poverty. The reasons for it you know yourself from the newspapers. I therefore ask you to kindly use your influence that those \$ 5000 you intended to recommend to the N.L.C. as soon as possible. I ask you even more: do not as a gift for Gosner's Mission in 1930 are sanctioned by the N.L.C.)

consider your work for the Gossner Autonomous Church accomplished with the end of this year. It depends so much on your continued aid. The so-called Autonomous Church is still a growing up daughter of the Lutheran Church and it would not be advisable to deny her what she needs for her development.

In Herrnhut I had an opportunity to talk over the matter of a fuller representation of the Lutheran Churches on the International Missionary Council with Director Dr. Ihmels. As I wrote to you in the beginning of the current year, the difficulty is that the Missionary leaders in Prussia, Dr. Julius Richter in the first place, consider the Prussian Church to be a Lutheran Church and consequently all German representatives in the International Missionary Council as Lutheran Members of this Council. Still I think there is a hope of getting Director Ihmels appointed to represent Saxony and Roumania, as you would suggest it.

With my best wishes for you personally and for your work

I remain

Sincerely Yours

J. Stosch

which you will see that we are running into debt and I wonder how I can do without the help of our American friends. In January I shall be able to show you by figures that efforts have been made by us in 1930, that though the number of stations and small gifts increased the total amount collected was much higher in 1930. It is a sad truth: we have no money to spend. The reasons for it you know. I therefore ask you to kindly consider the money that those 2,500 you intended to redeem and to send it as soon as possible. I ask you even more to let

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