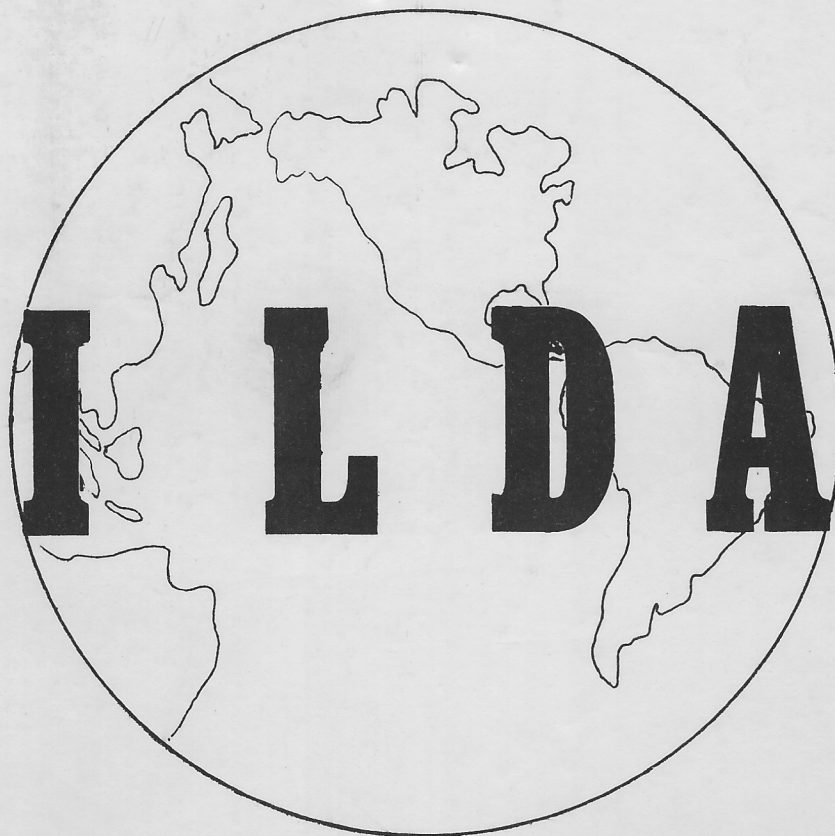


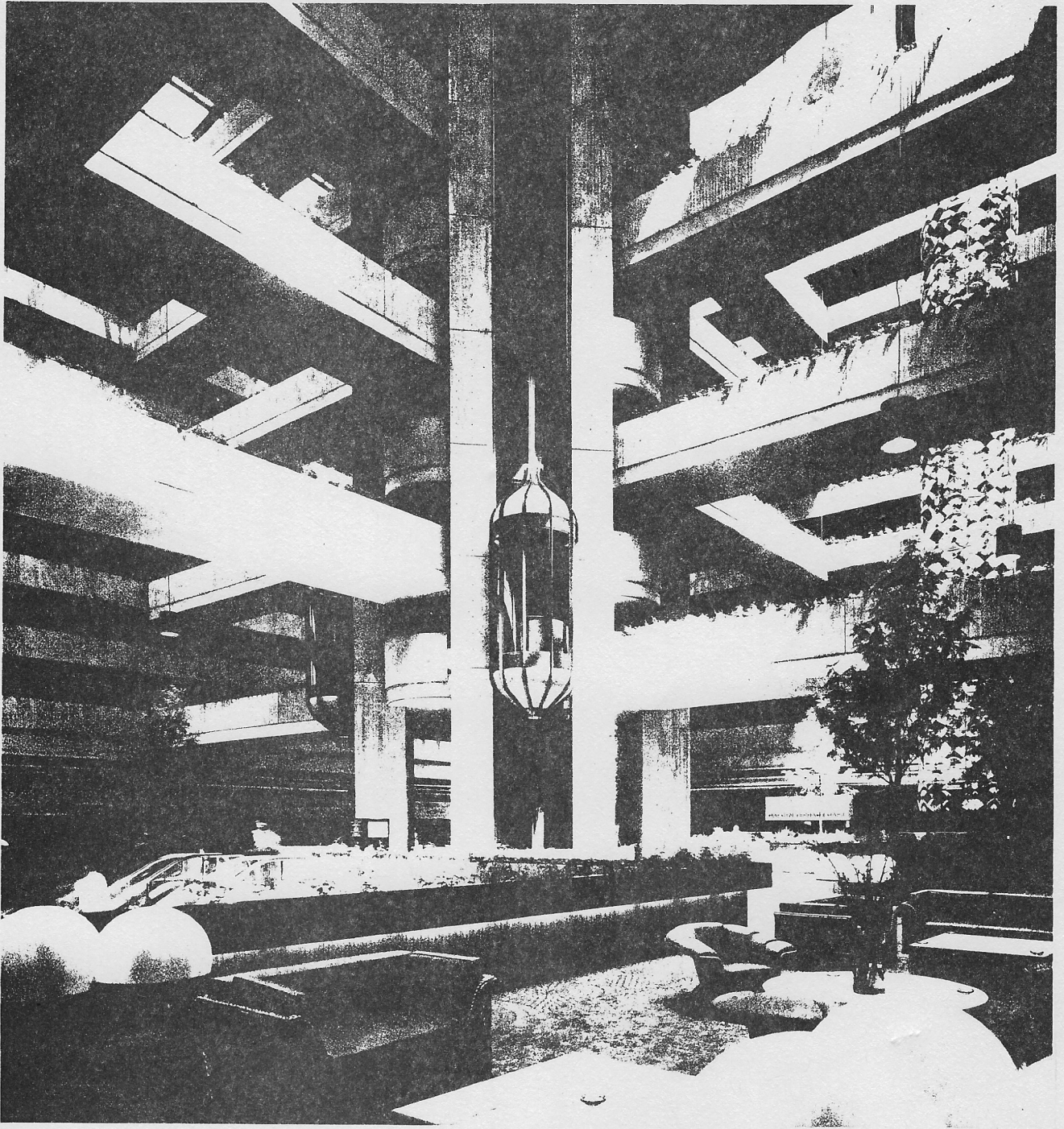
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FORWARD WITH CHRIST



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD J. DALEY
MAYOR

July 6, 1971

International Lutheran Deaf Association
In Convention
Regency Hyatt House-O'Hare

Dear Members:

As Mayor of the City of Chicago, as well as personally, I am very pleased to extend a cordial welcome to (you and to the members of) the International Lutheran Deaf Association, on the occasion of your 1971 convention.

Chicago is proud of its reputation as "Convention Capital of the Nation." We are quite confident that the unparalleled facilities of our city will enhance the success of your meeting bringing about the maximum in attendance.

During the few moments available to you during your business and technical sessions, please be assured that there are many regular and special events in the city for your mutual enjoyment and interest.

We hope your group will return to Chicago many times in the future.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Richard J. Daley in black ink.

MAYOR

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT

DISTRICT OFFICE:
REV. E. H. HAPPEL, PRESIDENT



To our Deaf Brothers and Sisters in Christ gathering for Convention,

Grace and Peace

In the name of the President of The Northern Illinois District, The Rev. Edmund Happel and all the Missouri-Synod Lutheran Christians, I offer you a warm welcome to The Northern Illinois District.

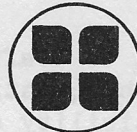
May the Holy Spirit hover over your Convention to guide and direct the work you will be doing in the most important work on earth. God give you a deep faith, a great courage, wisdom and vision in your resolutions, and make each of you and your work a blessing to many.

Christ is Risen!

In Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erwin L. Paul".

The Rev. Erwin L. Paul
Vice-President
THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT



Regency Hyatt House

O'Hare Airport, Chicago

Dear Delegates:

The Regency Hyatt House is happy to welcome the International Lutheran Deaf Association for their annual convention...

Please feel free to ask for any assistance as we want your convention to be a real success.

Sincerely,

REGENCY HYATT HOUSE

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Foley".

PAT FOLEY
Vice President,
General Manager

PREFACE



Rev. August Reinke

In 1894, 16 deaf people gathered for the first Lutheran Church service for the deaf conducted by Rev. August Reinke of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Two years later Rev. Reinke was preaching regularly in Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Louis. At the synodical convention of 1896, he asked Synod to take over the growing "Mission to the Deaf."

The mission has grown to a staff of 41 full-time pastors, 9 lay workers, and 5 parish workers. It numbers over 5,300 communicant members and serves the Deaf throughout North America. Foreign work among the deaf has been begun in Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, the Phillipines, and Brazil. Truly the mission has become "international."

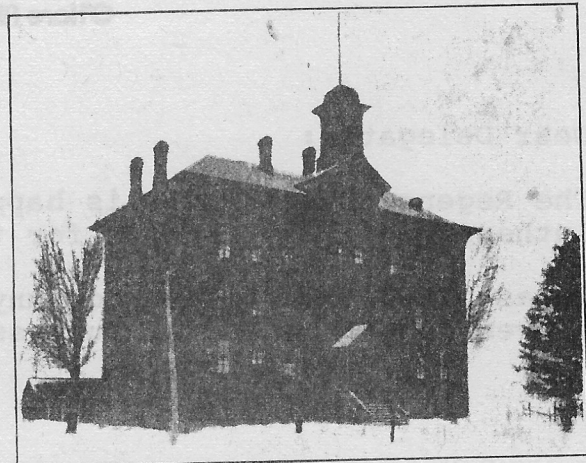
Now we return to Chicago in this our 75th anniversary year. We have gone into all the world, and Lutheran Deaf Christians want to have fellowship in the International Lutheran Deaf Association. Now is the time for the deaf to assume more of the administration of their own church work locally, nationally and internationally.

As we meet in Chicago these days to draft a constitution for the International Lutheran Deaf Association, the question with which we must wrestle is "what is the privilege and responsibility of deaf Lutherans in planning, administering, and doing the work of their mission in the years ahead?"



Edward Pahl

Edward Pahl, a deaf layman. His famous letter to Director Uhlig of the Detroit School for the Deaf was the Lord's call to our church to begin a ministry to the deaf.



The First Lutheran School for Deaf in Detroit

1896

1971

F O R W A R D with C H R I S T

Lawlessness, moral decline, and generation battles face us in the world daily.

Deaf missions face problems too - as does the whole Church; there is a shortage of workers and money, and we struggle with problems in administration and religious indifference.

Shall we run away from these problems and close our deaf churches? NO! Our theme "FORWARD WITH CHRIST" challenges us to do the work of God. When we feel weak and troubled about the future, God supports us and gives us His Spirit to enlighten and lead us.

We have gathered here to inaugurate together the "International Lutheran Deaf Association." May God give us grace and wisdom to go

FORWARD WITH CHRIST

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

- URBANISSIMO.** This is a cartoon about what happens to our world when cities begin to grow too large and greedy. What can you do about that?
- THE STINGY PAWNBROKER.** When his wife died, the Pawnbroker became bitter and loveless to his own child and friends. One day something happened in his store that made him understand he was wrong.
- THE WALL.** Here you will meet the People-User. He sits back lazily while other people work; then he hurries to use what other people have done.
- THE STRING BEAN.** A little, old Parisian lady owned nothing except her precious bean plant. When she could not take care of it any more, she quietly planted it in the Royal French Gardens with surprising results.
- THE REFINERS FIRE.** The Christian sometimes acts differently than the world acts, and the world hates him for that. Following Jesus means giving up everything--even our lives.
- BAPTISM.** Look at a little boy without beauty, without a home, and without a family. He needs to belong, and through someone showing mercy and love to him, he can belong to a family.
- THE PARABLE.** This story is a parable in pantomime about a white-faced clown who joins a circus and shares the burdens of the lowly, ashamed, and picked-on people in the circus. The story is filled with many symbols and questions about the "Christ life."
- IT'S ABOUT THIS CARPENTER.** What do you think would happen if you carried a large wooden cross through New York. This man does, and his story teaches us a lot about "taking up the cross of Jesus" and being hated by the world.

Other movies will be on hand and will be shown as time permits.

CONVENTION OPENING SERVICE

July 16, 1971

8:30 P.M.

UNITED ROOM

CHAPLAIN

Rev. Russel Johnson
Detroit, Michigan

HYMNS

Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere
Mrs. Genevieve Klein

The opening Worship Service will include the commissioning of Wilhelm R. Wegner and Robert Oettel as Lay Ministers to the Deaf.

COMMISSIONING OFFICIALS

Rev. Martin Kosche
Delavan, Wisconsin

Rev. William Bartling
Franklin Park, Illinois

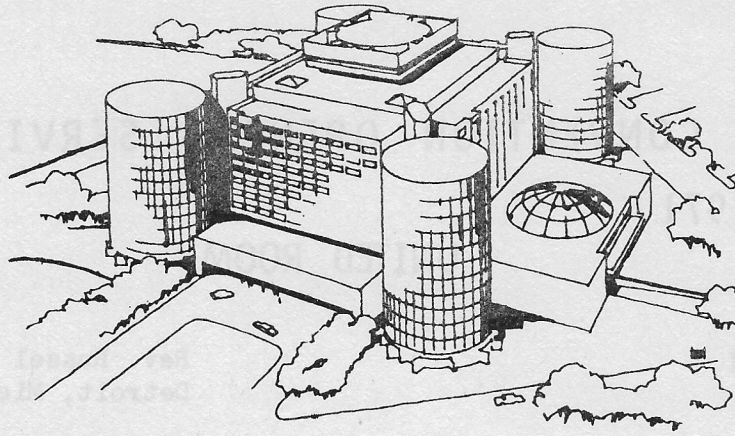
CONVENTION SESSION

SATURDAY MORNING

8:30 A.M.

ROSEMONT BALLROOM

9:00 A.M. - Keynote Speaker
Rev. William Kohn
Chairman of Division of Missions
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod



NOTES AND AUTOGRAPHS

ILDA - CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEAF

The most important decision in the history of ILDA was made in October of 1969, when the seven regional pastoral advisors, and Rev. Herbert Rohe, Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf, agreed that ILDA should be an organization of, by, and for the deaf. This decision implemented the resolution of the Board for Missions (Sept. 1969) regarding a national deaf organization. In June of 1970, with a proposed Constitution in hand, seven deaf delegates and the regional advisors began planning our present ILDA organizing convention. Many more meetings were held both nationally and locally to plan and organize our convention this weekend and coordinate the ongoing work of the Association.

One aspect of ILDA's ongoing work involves the administration of Deaf Missions in the Lutheran Church. Various proposals have been suggested, but they all have one thing in common. ILDA will participate in and strengthen the structure of Deaf Missions in the future.

The need for the deaf to have a voice in the planning of their mission is not new, nor is the concept of a National Lutheran Deaf organization. The concept of ILDA was proposed more than thirty years ago by a very enthusiastic Rev. Theodore Frederking. He is the real "father of ILDA." ILDA is a great challenge and wonderful opportunity for the Lutheran deaf. ILDA is their organization, and it will be run by deaf laymen rather than by pastors and Synodical officials.

Therefore, everyone--deaf and hearing, laymen and professional--must pray unceasingly and work enthusiastically for the success of ILDA. We pray that ILDA will be used by the Lord to help bring people (both deaf and hearing) to know and love their Savior Jesus Christ.

"FORWARD WITH CHRIST"

CONVENTION BANQUET

July 17, 1971

7:30 P.M.

ROSEMONT BALLROOM

DELICACIES FOR YOUR DINING DELIGHT

Soup ala Pan American Airlines

Salad ala Air France

Steak ala Swissair

Potatoes ala Ozark Airlines

Vegetables ala Eastern Airlines

Dessert ala Air Jamaica

Coffee, Tea, and Milk ala Frontier Airlines

BANQUET PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Rev. H. W. Rohe
Secretary for Ministry to the Deaf
Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod

Recognition of Temporary ILDA Officers

One of the unique features of the convention will be a first for a deaf convention, painting to music.

Musical Paintings: GRAND CANYON
HEALING AT BETHESDA

Mr. John Mosiman
Elgin, Illinois

Each guest will receive a complimentary copy of one of the above paintings.

CONVENTION FESTIVAL RALLY SERVICE

WITH INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

July 18, 1971

10:30 A.M.

ROSEMONT BALLROOM

SERMON

Dr. J. A. O. Preus
President
Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod

Liturgist

Rev. Wm. Ludwig
Columbus, Ohio

Interpreter

Rev. Rodney Rynearson
Rochester, New York

Lay Leader

Mr. John Riddlebaugh
Columbus, Ohio

Choir Director

Mrs. Evelyn DeMeyere
Detroit, Michigan

Choir

Great Lakes Region members

Installing Official

Rev. H. Rohe
St. Louis, Missouri

The Rally Service will begin with a banner processional. Worshippers will march in following the banner for their congregation or field.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS

Chairman Clarence Schulz, Warren, Michigan
Vice-Chairman Ted Brighton, Seattle, Washington
Secretary Robert Baker, Kansas City, Missouri
Treasurer Marion Van Manen, Sunnyvale, California
Chairman of Nominations Gary Schlub, Washington, D.C.
In charge of displays Billy Fitzgerald, Memphis, Tennessee

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NOMINATIONS

(Write in names of newly-elected officers.)

President - ~~Mr.~~ Marion Van Manen, Sunnyvale, California
President Elect - ~~Mr.~~ Uziel Jones, Knoxville, Tennessee
Treasurer - Mr. Gary Schlub, Washington, Dist. of Columbia
Secretary - Mr. Robert Baker, Kansas City, Missouri

Nominating Committee -

Finance Committee -

Convention Program Committee -

Regional Advisors

Eastern Region - Rev. Daniel A. Hodgson, New York, New York
Dixie Region - Rev. Donald E. Leber, Memphis, Tennessee
Great Lakes Region - Rev. William Ludwig, Columbus, Ohio
Central Region - Rev. Charles Jones, Chicago, Illinois
Midwest Region - Rev. William Lange, Omaha, Nebraska
Northwest Region - Rev. George Natovich, Portland, Oregon
Western Region - Rev. Clark Bailey, Oakland, California

Vice-Presidents (Chosen by each region at the regional conference.)

Eastern Region -

Dixie Region -

Great Lakes Region - *Mrs. Evelyn DeMayere, Detroit, Michigan*

Central Region - *Miss Pearl Doff, Nelson, Wisconsin*

Midwest Region - *Mr. Dale Paden, Omaha, Nebraska*

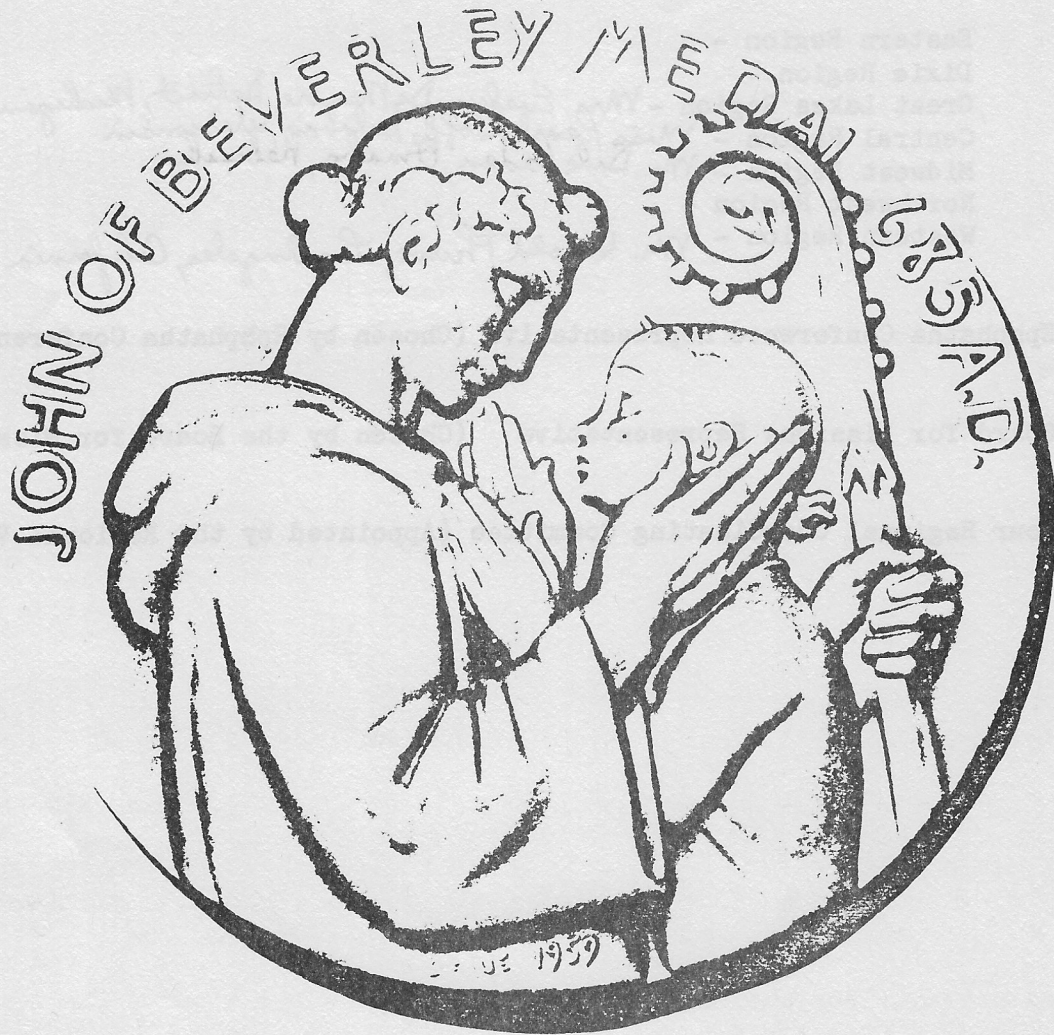
Northwest Region -

Western Region - *Mr. Harold Thure, Los Angeles, California*

Ephphatha Conference Representative (Chosen by Ephphatha Conference)

Board for Missions Representative (Chosen by the Board for Missions)

Your Regional Coordinating Committee (Appointed by the Regional V.P.)



JOHN OF BEVERLEY AWARD

Our sincere congratulations to Rev. Norbert Borchardt upon his receiving the John of Beverley award. The Medallion was presented to him at the Missouri Synod Convention on Sunday, July 11th. Pastor Borchardt has served the deaf for many years in the Detroit area and at the Detroit Lutheran School for the Deaf.

The John of Beverley Medal is awarded periodically to an individual who has rendered meritorious, distinguished and outstanding service to the deaf in either religion, medicine, sociology, psychiatry, education, or any other area.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND THANKS

REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Northwest	Sub-Committees and Specific Assignments
Central	Housing, Registration, and Equipment
Pacific	Program and Speakers
Dixie	Displays
Great Lakes	Worship Services
Eastern	Nominations and Elections
Midwest	Promotions and Publicity

SPECIAL THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO THE FOLLOWING:

The AAL, the Chicago Convention Bureau, and Mr. Frank Kirschberg of the Hyatt House for supplies and equipment.

Richard Thompson and Burneal Fick of the Springfield Seminary for serving as interpreters.

Ed Strieby and Don Zeasman of Delavan, Wisconsin for the banner standards and display boards.

Concordia Teachers College for special efforts on the convention booklet.

The Chicago Deaf who came forward as host for this first ILDA Convention.

Thanks to all the many people who in any way contributed to the convention preparations.

Finally, the host committee wants to thank YOU for coming.

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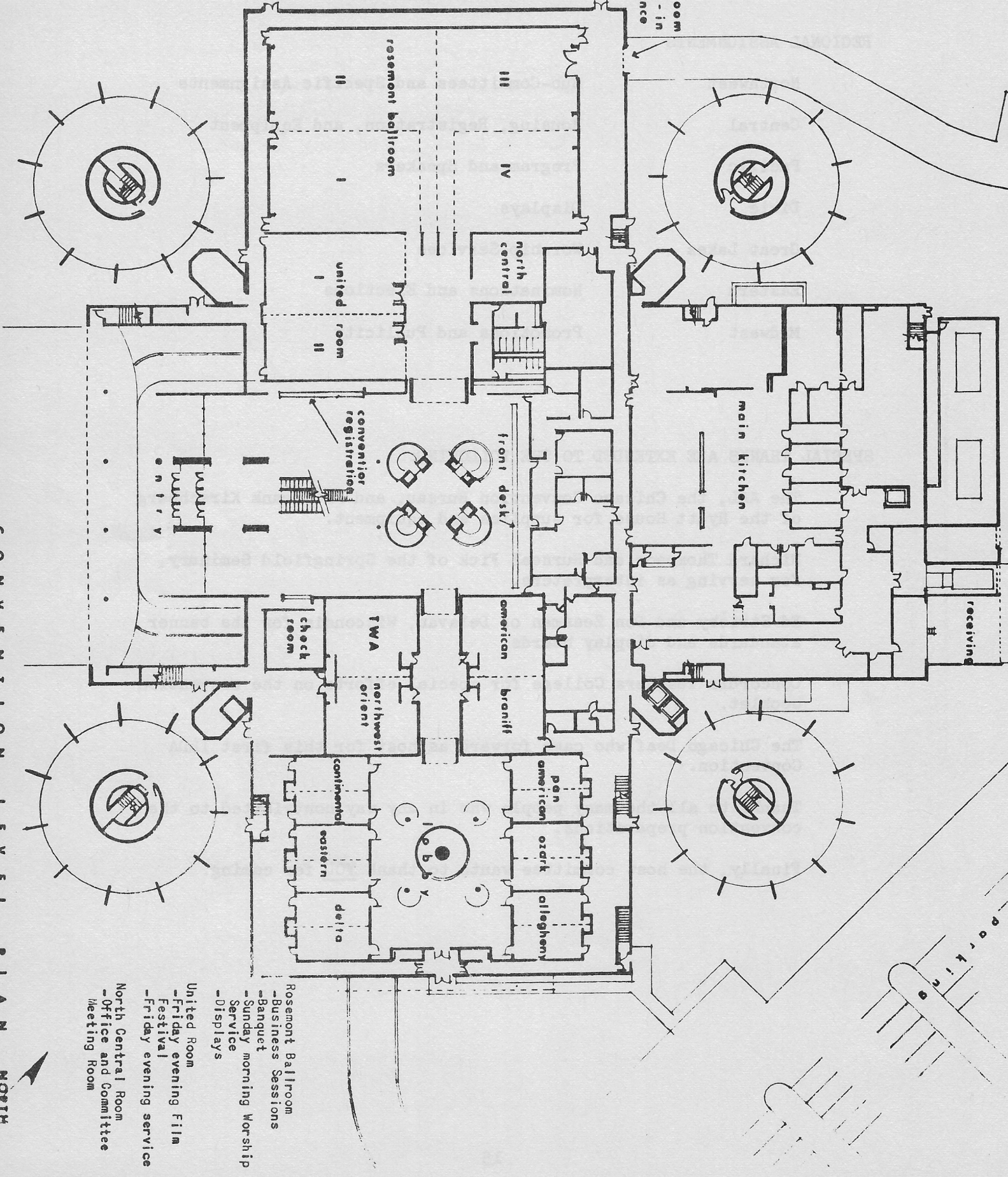
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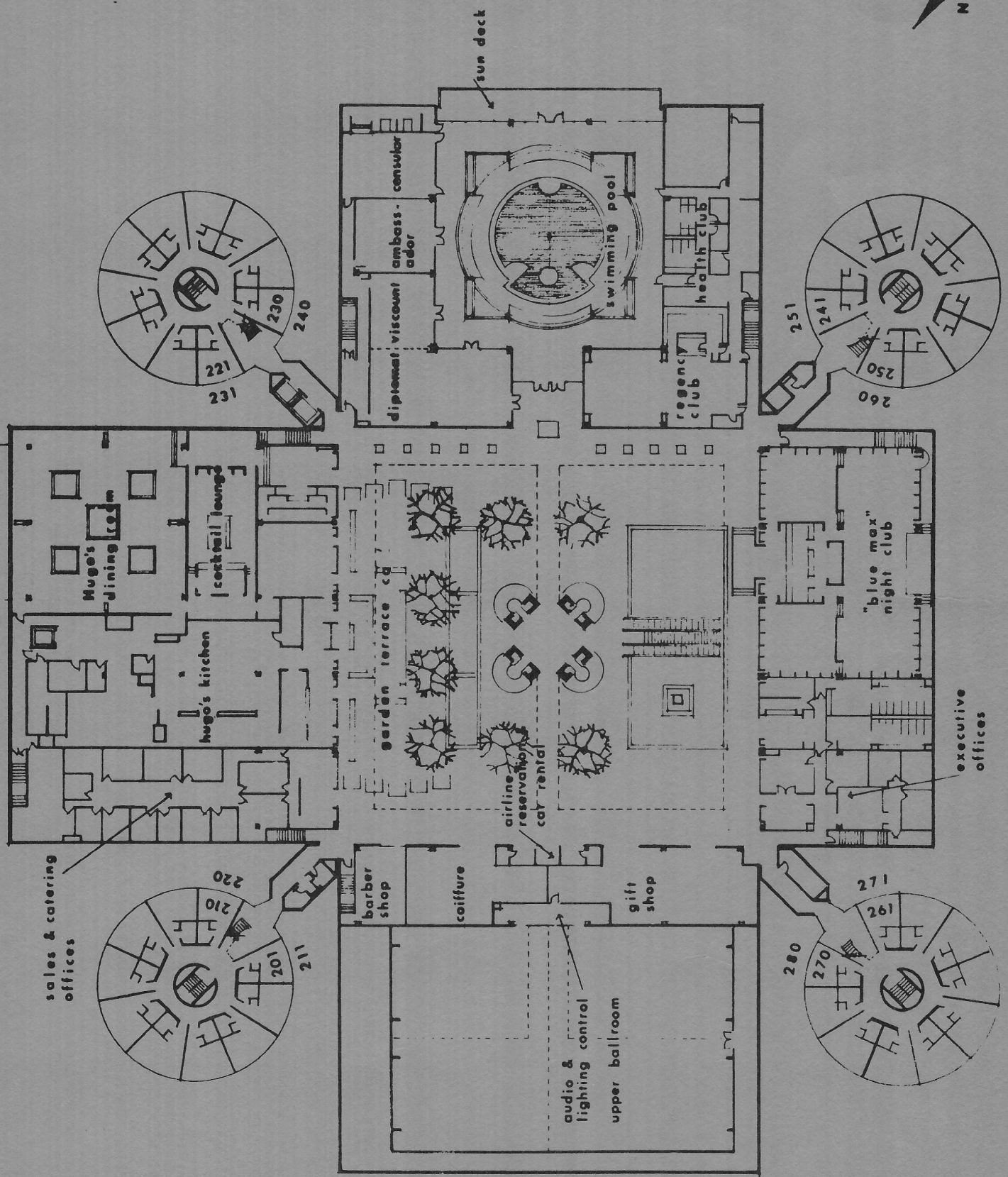
- Rosemont Ballroom
- Business Sessions
- Banquet
- Sunday morning Worship Service
- Displays
- United Room
- Friday evening Film Festival
- Friday evening service
- North Central Room
- Office and Committee Meeting Room

CONVENTION LEVEL PLAN NORTH





LOBBY LEVEL PLAN
200 series guest rooms



EVENTS

Friday, July 16

- 5:00 p.m. Registration begins in hotel lobby
- 6:00 p.m. Film Festival in United Room
- 8:30 p.m. Opening Service in United Room

Saturday, July 17

Business Sessions in Ballroom

- 8:30 a.m. Hymn signing
- 8:45 a.m. Devotion
- 9:00 a.m. Keynote speaker - Dr. William Kohn, Secretary for Missions
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod
- 9:30 a.m. Business
- 12:00 noon Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Hymn signing
- 1:45 p.m. Business
- 4:30 p.m. Free time until banquet
- 7:30 p.m. Banquet in ballroom

Sunday, July 18

Ballroom

- 9:00 a.m. Devotion
- 9:10 a.m. Business Sessions, Films, and Activities as the spirit moves
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Assemble at your congregation or field banner outside
main entrance to ballroom.
- 10:30 a.m. Processional with banners and entrance to worship

The convention officially closes with the close of the service.