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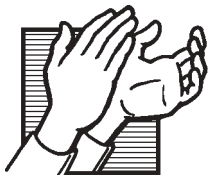
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ILDA 2005 Convention was a Success!



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf and committee's Host Chairperson, Linda Desrosiers, has done a fine job hosting ILDA's 18th Biennial convention. In fact, everyone has done a great job!

The convention was held at Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel, City of Burnaby (Vancouver) British Columbia, Canada, on August 4-7, 2005.

The theme was *"Let us praise the Lord from the Mountaintops."*



Next ILDA ...



ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER IN FAITH

Colossians 2:6-7



Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf welcomes you to the

2007 ILDA Convention

June 21-24, 2007
Baltimore, Maryland



BWI Airport Marriott Hotel



Visit ILDA's website for more information on the next convention... www.ChristDeaf.org/ilda2007

The President's Report...



Pam Kane, ILDA
2005-2007 President

Greeting in name of Jesus it has been wonderful ILDA convention last weekend. I am so happy and thankful in getting to know you all. It truly been a big blessing too. The Board of Directors meeting went very smoothly I could not have done the meeting without your love and supports especially your love for the Lord. Thank you so much!

I am especially shocked and awed that the hearts of all at the convention has given Rev. Christudoss a big blessing with funding this has melted my heart and I saw many shed tears in their eyes I even saw slight tears in the pastor's eyes too he was so thrilled,

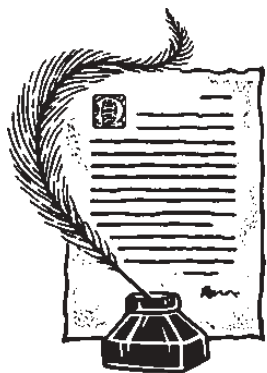
When I heard his stories of India I knew in my heart we should have a special free will offering and I send note to Linda Desrosiers

asking her to do this. We rarely do anything like this so I am glad it turned out nice I think he collected a bit over \$900.00 plus the \$1,000.00 from Mission Project of 2003-2005 so he has taken home a bit over \$2,000.00. Praise The Lord!!!!!! WOW!!! it is truly a blessing.

I also want to take a moment to thank you for your vote for me to serve you for another term. Thank you I know we will do lot better this time. Please keep in touch Love to hear from you all. May the peace of our Lord be with you all.

Love in Christ
Pam Kane
ILDA President

Editorial...



Greeting to the members of ILDA and readers of *The Deaf Lutheran*.

It was a pleasure to return to ILDA convention and see everyone again. The host and committee for ILDA's 18th Biennial Convention did beautiful job hosting the convention in Burnaby (Vancouver) British Columbia, Canada. Even thou it has been a long two week for me, I have enjoyed the convention and the Alaskan Cruise. We were blessed for good weather as we have heard that the week before our cruise that they had bad weather. Sixty-four (64) of us has gone on the cruise and Rev. Mark Seeger has done a good job.

There were about 180 people who has attended the 2005 ILDA convention in Vancouver. The biggest surprise at this convention were the events involving Rev. David Christudoss of India.

The next convention will be in Baltimore, Maryland. That is less than two years from now and we all need to roll up our sleeves and prepare for it. A new 2005-2007 Mission Project Goal has been established and lets all of us roll up our sleeves and meet and **exceed** the new goal. In the next issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* will provide more information about the Mission Project. Also in the next issue will be the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting and the General Meeting.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

David G. Brown, Editor

Business Manager...

We would appreciate help with support to our travel fund. This fund shall help us travel to future Regional Conferences that we dream to attend and to report on.

Please send any donations to Larry D Ginter, D/L Business Manager, 4134 Sarasota Dr., Parma, OH 44134. **Thank you.**

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Coming in Christmas 2005 Issue:

Minutes from General meeting.
Minutes from Board of Directors meeting.
Ghana Mission photos.

ILDA 18th Biennial Convention

Vancouver, BC, Canada August 4-7, 2005



As was reported during ILDA Board of Directors meeting, estimate 180 people has registered for the ILDA convention. Jr ILDA has been cancelled.

The Canadian host committee, led by Linda Desrosiers, has done a wonderful job of hosting the convention. Truly all on committee has worked very hard for this successful convention!

The staff at beautiful Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel has done a fine job.

2005-2007 ILDA Officers

- President **Pam Kane**,
Cleveland, Ohio
- President elect **Greg Desrosiers**,
Cloverdale, BC Canada
- Secretary **Jennifer Bonura**,
Houston, Texas
- Treasurer **John Krause**,
Blaine, Minnesota
- Pastoral Advisor **Rev. Mark Seeger**,
Austin, Texas



2005 Uriel C. Jones Memorial "Right Hand" Award...



A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

Russel Healey... God's Right Hand

Russel Healey of Belleville, Illinois was awarded the Uriel C. Jones Memorial "Right Hand" Award during the recent ILDA convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Unfortunately, Mr. Healey wasn't present at the convention so one of his church member has taken the plaque home to present to him at a later date. Mr. Healey was a former ILDA Treasurer.

Hopfully *The Deaf Lutheran* will have a photo in its future issue.



Elemer Francisco, chairperson for 2005 Uriel C. Jones Memorial "Right Hand" award, shows the plaque.

Mission Project Reports

The report on 2003-2005 mission project was given during the 2005 ILDA convention. The monies raised did not meet the \$26,000 goal due to nationwide economic difficulties. Ending August 3, 2005, \$21,741.42 was donated to the 2003-2005 Mission Project. It is about 83% of the goal.

The board has decided to pay the following mission project partners:

- ILDA Public Relations/Video Project ... \$5,000.00
- Starfish Learning Center 3,000.00
- Ghana Outreach Training 2,000.00
- India Outreach Training 2,000.00
- www.DeafJesus.org 3,000.00
- Brazil Outreach Training 1,500.00
- World Mission-Deaf Mission Society 1,500.00
- Pax Natrua Ranch (Canada) 1,000.00
- DIT/Zacharus Fund 2,741.42

Erika Sipchen, Mission Project Chairperson

ILDA 2005-2007 Mission Projects Goal... \$27,300

1. Ghana Lutheran Deaf School \$7,000
2. Starfish Learning Center \$4,800
3. India Outreach Training \$2,000
4. Rev. Leber's Deaf Camp (California) \$1,500
5. Youth Service Project \$5,000
6. Christian/Bible Lessons for Deaf Children \$7,000



SUPPORT OUR MISSIONS

2005-2007 Mission Project Goal

The Board has adopted \$27,300 as ILDA's 2005-2007 mission project goal. Erika Sipchen will continue to serve as mission project chairperson.

Please send all mission project donations to:
Erika Sipchen, ILDA Mission Project, 11911 N. Centaurus Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85737-3456.

Make checks payable to: **ILDA Mission Project 2005-2007.**

News from around the Regions...



News about our People



Saturday night before bed on October 29th.

Remember to send to the D/L editor your church's newsletters!

Northwest Region...

Western Washington... **Pastor Ludwig** had hernia repair surgery on March 29th. He is now recovered and back to his usual energetic self.

Cross of Christ, Edmonton... **Pastor Bauer** has entered hospital on a Monday before Palm Sunday. See next column. The Lord has called home **Sgt. Douglas Ferguson** on April 7th.

Central Region...

South Wisconsin... **Rev. Reinke** and his son **Joseph** and **Pat Monroe** has traveled to Ghana Africa and returned home safe. More stories and picture in next newsletter.

Great Lakes Region...

GLRC... GLRC region's president-elect, **Robert Gore**, has joined our Lord Jesus one week before ILDA Vancouver.

Alpha, Rochester... **Dorislee R. Grann** has joined Jesus in Heaven on March 15th.

Good Shepherd, Toledo... Elected Officers are: **Wendell Clark**, President; **Merwin Speweike**, Vice President; **Howard Snyder**, Secretary; and **Robert Gore**, Treasurer. **Pastor William C. Huener** has passed away on April 30th. Four youths and Pastor Shirrel has joined a number of other youths for Service Projects in San Francisco on July 7-14, 2005.

Trinity, Pittsburgh... The Lord has called home **Mary Ann Paul** on May 13th.



ILDA's web site:
<http://www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/ILDAhome.html>

www.DeafJesus.org

Baltimore Inner Harbor

Baltimore's Inner Harbor is one of America's oldest seaports - and one of the world's newest travel destinations. Since the 1600's, Baltimore Harbor has been welcoming people, ships and goods from all over the world.

A Word of Thanks From Pastor Bauer...

A recent heart problem which made for other problems like clots on the lungs, put me in hospital for 16 days.

My first thanks go to my heavenly Father who blessed me with great care from doctors and nurses at the Grey Nun's Hospital. The Lord sent many people and pastors to visit me and encourage me. The Lord led many people and family to pray for me; these prayers our Lord has heard and answered!

My recovery from Good Friday to Easter Sunday was a pleasant surprise for my family, doctors and nurses and visitors. In fact on the way out of the Hospital with Mrs. B. pushing me in a wheelchair, a social worker stopped us to say that it could only be an answer to many, many prayers; she said this with tears in her eyes.

I want to thank you, members of our Church for your patience, prayers, as well as your cooperation to keep the Word of God alive among us; a special thanks to the D.I.T. students and the LWML members for accepting the responsibility of some of the Worship Service. Also thanks the Good Lord for sending us preachers like 4th year student Mr. Kim, Dr. Bacon, Dr. Lehman, Dr. Gierach; also Gerri Grindey for helping interpret.

I need to make a public statement of thanks to Mrs. Bauer for not only keeping our household active but for all her enthusiastic work to keep the congregation active. I find myself reading again and again the words of Proverbs 31:10-31; yes for me she is "worth much more than jewels" (Proverbs 31:10).

All praise and thanks to our heavenly Father through His Son our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Pastor Bauer



Christ Deaf Lutheran Church of Cleveland, Ohio has hosted a special weekend "Pentecost 2005" event on May 20-22, 2005. Many people came from GLRC region for this revival and spiritual reunion.



French toast breakfast fund raising kitchen helpers.

ILDA Regional Conferences...

Northwest Region...

2006... Host:



Pacific Region...

2006... Host:

Midwest Region ILDA

2006... Host:

June 2005 election result: Glenda Haefner, President; Barbara Zimmerman, President Elect; Sherri Johnson, Secretary; Ron Nester, Treasurer; Rev. Matthew Nix, Pastoral Advisor.

Central Region...

2006... Host:

Dixie Region...

October 2006... Host: Dallas.

Great Lakes Region...

2005... Host: Good Shepherd, Toledo, OH

2006... Host: Rochester, NY

Eastern Region...

2006... Host:



Cruise to Alaska...

Sixty-four (64) of us has gone on the cruise ship to Alaska from Vancouver, Canada after the ILDA convention. We had beautiful weather during most of the trip. But the last day (Saturday) while at sea coming back to Vancouver, it was foggy all day. The sun finally came back out Saturday evening. We were blessed to have good weather all week as it was rumored that the week before our cruise trip, the weather was lousy.

Many of us had a very good time on the trip with four stops in Alaska. The dock stops were at Juneau (the capital of Alaska), Ketchikan, Shagway, and Wrangell. About all of us took the train trip up to Yukon, Canada and then back by bus when our ship has docked in Shagway, Alaska.

Our ship's name was Norwegian Sun, a "freestyle" cruise ship meaning we can wear casual style. Plenty of food here and I bet most of us has gained a few pounds! The two swimming pools were comfortable warm and the four spa were hot! The outside air temperature during the cruise were between 55 and 75 degree.

This cruise trip was a dream of former ILDA Pastoral Advisor, Rev. Donald Leber, who has joined Jesus in Heaven in April 2003. He began announcing the Alaskan Cruise package at ILDA 2001 Convention in Indianapolis. Since the passing of Rev. Leber, Rev. Mark Seeger of Texas has taken over the duty. Job well done by both pastors!

I have returned the ILDA Regional Conferences column. Please send me all information on your region's next conference.

D.I.T. Scholarship...

Scholarship funds are available to help deaf Lutheran become future pastors and deacons. Contact Charlie Kotal, KOTALCJ@aol.com, for application forms.

Charlie has reported at the 2005 Executive Board of Directors meeting that there are fund available and that no one has applied for help.

D.I.T. - Deaf Institute of Theology...

The Office of the Secretary for Deaf Ministry along with our Synod has authorized a SPECIAL School (institute) for all deaf people. Both men and women are needed to apply for course credits. The cost is a one time application fee of \$25 along with \$40 per class from students, \$30 per class from sponsoring congregation, and \$30 from your district. There are a total of 8 levels with the top 3 levels reserved for those deaf men who wish to become pastors, themselves. This is a whole new exciting way of preparing and hopefully for doing ministry among the deaf. This new way of doing ministry puts all the tools for doing God's work into the hands of the deaf where it belongs. Deaf ministry among the deaf, for the deaf, by the deaf, with the help of God!



ILDA Vancouver 2005 Convention...

*"Let us praise the Lord
from the Mountaintops"
Isaiah 42: 11-12*



2003-2005 President Pam Kane gives her speech as 2003-2005 Secretary Tim Johnston goes about his secretary duty.



Erika Sipchen gives the treasury reports for her husband, Jim Sipchen who was unable to attend the convention.



Tim Johnston, LeeAnn Kotal and Greg Desrosiers listen patiently as Erika Sipchen gives her Mission Project reports.



The Deaf Lutheran Business Manager, Larry Ginter, gives his report.



First day registration table line of ILDA members waiting for their bags.



ILDA members observed and listened to reports.



Lester Ahls, Nomination Chairperson, gives his report.



Linda Desrosiers, 2005 Host Chairperson, smiles for camera!





Meeting break refreshments.



Earnestine Harris of New York performed her single choir competition.



ILDA members from two churches performed their group choir during ILDA Thursday night Competitions.

Workshops...

There were eight (8) different workshops held during the four-day ILDA convention:

- *"History of India Deaf Missions and Ministry"* by Rev. David Christudoss.
- *"Me? A Missionary?"* by Rev. John Reinke.
- *"Spiritual Outreach"* by Rev. David Nielsen.
- *"What does Lutheran mean to you?"* by Rev. Bud Palmer.
- *"The Catechism for Today"* by Rev. John Reinke.
- *"The Lutheran Missions-Canada"* by the Canadian Delegates.
- *"History of Martin Luther: Leader of the Lutherans"* by Gregory Desrosiers.
- *"Youth Programs"* by Rev. Mark Seeger.



ILDA members from one church performed their skit during ILDA Thursday night Competitions.



Friday evening Entertainment Night was provided by ILDA members Marilyn Hoher Hieltstuk (Bella Bella) and Rita Bain (Lheidli Tenneh) and the Canadian Indians culture dancers.



Saturday evening entertainment.

ILDA Competition Awards...



First place Skit competition award goes to Holy Three-in-One Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Houston, TX.



First place Group Choir competition award goes to Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Des Monie, IA.



First place Banner competition award goes to Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church, Delavan, WI.

Second place Banner competition award goes to Emmanuel Deaf Lutheran Church, West Allis, WI.



Competition Awards were given with certificates and cash! All the winners has donated their winning cash to Rev. David Christudoss' India mission. Photos right and below tells the story.



Second place Group Choir competition award goes to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.



Ernestine Harris of New York received the Single Choir award.

Other Banners in Competition...



Created by Trinity of Vancouver, Canada.



Created by Holy 3-in-1 of Houston, Texas.

Anniversary of Ordinations...



*Rev. William Wrede –
5 years*



*Rev. David Christudoss – 25 years
Taskforce Rev. Bud Palmer presents the certificates.*

D.I.T. Certificates...



*Charlie Kotal, Scholarship Chairperson, presents
certificate to Pat Monroe of Nebraska.*



Pastors, Deacons and D.I.T. students pose for photo.

Recognitions...



*Pam Kane, ILDA President, presents plaque of
recognition to 2005 ILDA host, Linda Desrosiers.*

Saturday Night Banquet...



*Master of Ceremonies
Greg Desrosiers*



*Door prize winners are Diane
Bowers and Martha Malone.*



Friday Tours...

Two tour choices were available to choose from...

one was the Capilano Suspension Bridge & Granville Island tour and the other one was the Vancouver Bus Tour & Harbor Cruise tour.



Deaf Mission web site:
<http://www.lcmsdeaf.org/>

Costumes from India...



ILDA members whom has received gifts from Rev. Christudoss.

Right: Pastor and Mrs. Bauer of Alberta, Canada shows off their gifts from Rev. David Christudoss.



Larry Ginter displays his gift.

Costumes from Ghana...



Above: Wisconsin members along with Rev. John Reinke and Rev. Bud Palmer show off their Ghana clothing.



Right: Rev. John Reinke presents one of the Ghana clothing to Pam Kane, ILDA President.

Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services...

To ensure that all the people served by Bethesda have the opportunity to develop their Christian faith and education, Bethesda has long-standing and emerging ministry relationships with congregation in the community. These congregations work with Bethesda to provide a welcoming spiritual environment for people with developmental disabilities.

During the worship service on Sunday, June 12, 2005 Kathy Morris, Parish Ministry Consultant for Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. recognized Pastor Gary Lawson and Christ Deaf Lutheran Church as partnership in ministry with Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. and presented Pastor Lawson with Bethesda's Mission Statement.

Bethesda's Mission Statement "To teach and share Christ's love while providing supports and services for people with developmental disabilities."

Kathy spoke to the congregation about the mission and ministry of Bethesda and the relationship and partnership Bethesda has with Pastor Gary Lawson as he service as our Partner Pastor with Kelly Hunter and Scarlet Bradley, both were deaf born deaf and served as acolytes and member of the Praise Choir. Both live in the St. James home with Bethesda as their service provider and support staff. Pastor Lawson serves as their Bible class teacher and visits the home on a monthly basis.

Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services has been serving individuals with developmental disabilities since 1904 and has been serving adults in Ohio since 1985.

Anyone interested in learning more about Bethesda in Ohio, or would like to schedule a speaker for church events contact Kathy Morris at 2248-680-1679; kmorris@blhs.org; or at 2744 Roundtree Drive, Troy, MI 48083-2328.

To find out more about our Paris Ministry Consultants in other Bethesda regions, call 1-800-369-4636; or www.blhs.org.



Above, l to r: Barb hamilton, Supervisor; Scarlet Bradley; Pastor Gary Lawson; and Kelley Hunter



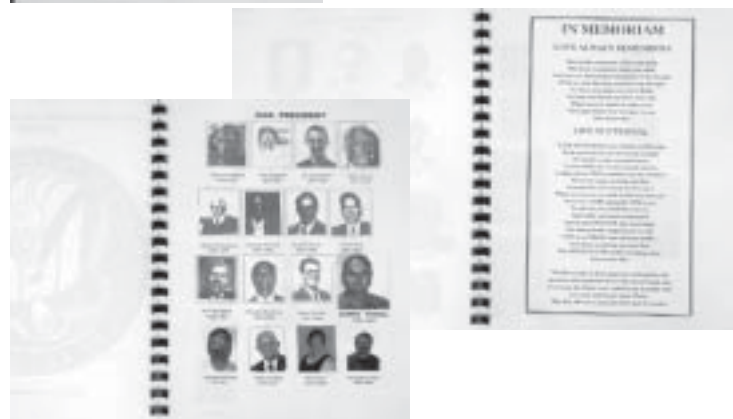
Right: Kathy Morris, Paris Ministry Consultant of Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. presents Pastor Gary Lawson, as Partner Pastor with Bethesda's framed Mission Statement.



ILDA Booklet...

Diane Francisco, ILDA History and Necrology, has recently published a beautiful 8-1/2 x 11" x 1/4" thick book on past ILDA people, officers and memories.

Contact Diane at: Sweetmummie@aol.com for information and price/shipping costs.



Advertising Rates...

The following rates has been established for advertising in *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletter. Ads must be in good taste, related to Christianity, and of interest to deaf Lutheran readers. Typewritten or email text are preferred. Photos and camera ready arts can be submitted by mail or sent by email in "jpeg" file format. Contact Deaf Lutheran's Editor at TheDeafLutheran@yahoo.com for more information on how to submit ads.

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