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That the generations to come might know. Psalm 78:6

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BOD—Board of Directors  
BOO—Book/Booklet/Tract  
BRK—Break from Missouri  
CL—The Concordia Lutheran  
CLU—C. Lutheran Union  
COM—Common Confession  
CON—Controversies  
COR—Correspondence-Personal  
CTE—C. Theo. Education  
DGR—David G. Redlin  
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ELF—Electronic File/Doc  
EJW—Edward J. Worley  
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ERS—E. R. Stallings  
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FLC—Fel. Luth. Cong.  
FLCN—Fel. Luth. Con. Nigeria  
GSH—Good Shep. Lu. Ch.  
HDM—H. David Mensing  
HWR—Howard W. Romoser File  
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LCR—Luth. Ch. of the Ref.  
LEG—Legal Documents  
MIN—Convention Minutes  
MIS—Comm. on Missions  
MLN—Melvin L. Natterer  
MWD—Mark W. Dierking  
NBF—Nimi B. Fyneface  
NIA—Nigeria

### NON—Non CLC Docs.

OLC—Orth. Luth. Conf.  
OLP—Orthodox Luth. Publication  
PAS—Passages/Texts  
PEA—Peace Ev. Luth. Ch.  
PEB—Paul E. Bloedel  
PEK—Paul E. Kretzmann  
PIC—Pictures  
PRB—Paul R. Bloedel  
PRE—President Docs  
PRM—Phillip R. Martin  
PRO—Conv. Proceedings  
PUB—Publishing House  
RES—Resolutions  
RGS—Rom. G. Schurganoff  
RJL—Robert J. Lietz  
RUS—Russia  
SP—Scriptural Publications  
SEM—Seminary Docs.  
SER—Sermons

### SES—Seminary Students

STA—Statistics/Data  
STJ—St. John Luth. Ch.  
STL—St. Luke Luth. Ch.  
STM—St. Mark Luth. Ch.  
STS—St. Stephen Wilmot  
TRE—Treasurer Docs/Financials  
TRI—Trinity Ev Luth. Ch.  
UNC—Uncategorized  
VIC—Vice President Docs  
WHM—Wallace H. McLaughlin  
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## REPORT of Scriptural Publications Board of Control

On the 29th of May, 1958, a printing press was moved from a printing equipment firm in Portland, Oregon, to the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran parsonage in Empire, Oregon. The press had been purchased at the price of some \$300.00 by Rev. P. R. Bloedel who, at that time, was pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and editor of "The Concordia Lutheran." The purchase of this hand-fed, open platten, 9x15 Chandler and Price letterpress was the first heart throb of an eventual publishing house for our Conference. It was used in 1958 and 1959 for the printing of our Conference periodical, for the reproduction of various articles from the "Concordia Lutheran," and for the printing of our Conference Constitution as well as Conference stationery.

In the Fall of 1959, when Pastor Bloedel accepted a call to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington, the press was left behind in Oregon. The following year it was moved by members of St. Luke's congregation to 3947 South Graham Street, Seattle, where it was placed in a garage which eventually was made into a print shop and licensed by the city of Seattle under the name "Bloedel Print Shop." Used hand-set type cabinets were purchased together with type fonts and it became possible for the print shop, under the Lord's blessing, to help support the pastor and his family.

As time went on, various other pieces of equipment were added to the print shop, especially with a view toward the publication of our Conference periodical and other Conference printed matter. This additional printing equipment included a used "Model 5" linotype acquired in 1962 at the cost of over \$1700.00; a printer's saw necessary for cutting linotype metal, leads, and slugs; a heavy 19" Challenge paper cutter and a new table model proof press. In 1964 an automatically fed flat bed cylinder press, an old used 10x15 Webendorfer manufactured by ATF, was purchased and in 1966 a used Multilith Offset Press was added to the print shop equipment at the cost of \$600.00--enabling the shop to learn and to put into use the lithographic printing process. For the offset shop an arc light for burning offset plates, a light table, and the parts necessary for the building of a very fine graphic arts horizontal camera were purchased, and in the Fall of 1969 another good used Multilith was acquired.

In June of 1970, our Conference in convention assembled at Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, Illinois, resolved to purchase the Bloedel Print Shop equipment and to lay the groundwork for a permanent Conference publishing house. At a meeting of the publishing house Board of Control, held at St. Luke's parsonage on October 2, 1970, a purchasing transaction was made with the Bloedel Print Shop for the following items: Two #1250 Multilith Offset Presses at \$1250.00; One Linotype machine and parts at \$1000.00; One Webendorfer flat-bed press at \$200.00; One Chandler and Price open platten press at \$150.00; Six Linotype magazines and over 12 fonts of mats at \$500.00; Two type cabinets with 100 fonts of hand-set type at \$200.00; One Nu-Arc arc light at \$100.00; One vacuum frame light table at \$100.00; One graphic arts camera at \$25.00; One 19" Challenge paper cutter at \$150.00; One metal saw and stand at \$100.00; Plastic binding equipment at \$75.00; Linotype lead and spacing material at \$225.00; A floor model ATF Boston Wire Stitcher at \$50.00; and a Gas Heating Unit at \$300.00. The total amount of the transaction was \$4425.00. The purchase of this equipment was aided in becoming a reality by a substantial contribution from Christ Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It should also be understood that this amount has been more than repaid by means of volunteer labor during the past three years both in the publication of the "Concordia Lutheran" and other Conference printed matter.

In October of 1970, the Offset Shop was moved to a rented building at 10008 - 62nd Avenue South in Seattle. This building now houses the two offset presses, the graphic arts ~~camera~~ camera which was nicely installed by volunteer labor, the arc light and light table, paper stock and storage area, and other supplies necessary for a complete lithographic operation. The rent on this building is \$50.00 per month plus 1/2 of the electric bill. The Letterpress Shop is still housed in the double garage of St. Luke's parsonage which had been remodeled and

and insulated for this purpose. This building contains the Linotype with its extra repair parts, the printer's saw, the paper cutter, the two letterpresses, the two cabinets of hand-set type, the Linotype magazines and fonts of mats, the proof press and a rubber stamp machine. The floor model stitcher and plastic binding equipment is used in the basement of the parsonage. The use of this space for the Letterpress Shop has been without charge--the only expense being the cost of the gas for the gas heating unit. The electricity is being paid for by Pastor Bloedel.

During the past year a new Article on the Conference publishing house was added by Referendum to our Conference Constitution. It is the opinion of this committee that this was a very wise move inasmuch as our publishing house involves many of the Christian objectives of our Conference and therefore should be given the same emphasis, by recognition in our Constitution, as is given to the standing committees and that the proper relationship between Conference and publishing house thereby be maintained.

This then is a brief historical sketch of the background of our Conference publishing house.

Because of the magnitude of the blessings of the Lord in this area of our Conference work, and because of the great personal and financial investment in our publishing house, every effort should be made to go forward in the use of these blessings. During the past three years Pastor Bloedel had been diminishing his print shop accounts so that only a few secular accounts remained active. He had informed the Conference three years ago that he was determined to discontinue all accounts in his print shop but that he would hold on to them for about a year in hopes that a printer could be hired by the publishing house Board of Control who could service these accounts to help him make a living wage. In the later part of last summer, Mr. Joseph Alkana, a voting member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, began apprentice work in the publishing house and proceeded to build up secular accounts which could be serviced by any prospective printer. We are now happy to report that this young man has done very well in adapting himself to the use of our publishing house equipment and has volunteered his services in this area of the Lord's work. The Lord willing, the Board of Control of Scriptural Publications (Concordia Lutheran Conference) will hire Mr. Alkana as our official Publishing House Manager "in charge of equipment, maintenance, and production of the publishing house." He will be obligated to put in a maximum of 4 hours per day for Conference work under the supervision of the Board of Control. He will be paid the legal minimum wage per hour for whatever time he uses for Conference work to be paid by Scriptural Publications (Concordia Lutheran Conference)--this salary to be increased at the discretion of the Board commensurate with his ability as he becomes adept ~~xxxx~~ at handling the equipment more and more efficiently. Mr. Alkana will be permitted to use the Conference printing equipment on his own time for servicing his own job shop accounts. The print shop business license will be in his name and reimbursement for the cost of paper for Conference use will be figured on the basis of the wholesale cost in 10 ream lots plus 20%. Negatives up to 8 1/2 x 11 will be charged to the Conference at \$1.50 per negative, and offset plates will be charged at \$1.50 per plate. Variations in these amounts will be subject to review by the Board of Control. May the Lord now graciously bless this endeavor of our Conference to go forward in the production and distribution of the printed Word "for the promotion of the true faith."

During the past fiscal year five double issues and one triple issue of the "Concordia Lutheran" were published; 4 quarters of Sunday School leaflets were printed and dispatched together with mimeographed worksheets to our congregations; the new Seminary Catalog was printed and made available as well as our Convention Proceedings of 1972, our 1973 Prospectus, and our 1973 Agenda. The Brief Statement of 1897 (the predecessor of the Brief Statement of 1932) is now available through our publishing house in booklet form.

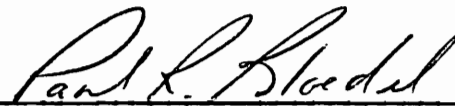
Scriptural Publications (Concordia Lutheran Conference) charges the Conference

20¢ per single ~~copy~~ issue copy and 40¢ per double issue copy of the "Concordia Lutheran" sent out complimentary as a missionary endeavor to Lutheran pastors who may yet be rescued from the snares of liberalism and modernism and to make our Conference known in conservative Lutheran circles. When some printed matter is ordered by the Conference through one of its committees or through the Seminary, such printed matter will be dispatched to the committee chairman or to the Seminary president and billed to the Conference treasurer. Private printing also for individual congregations will be given consideration by the publishing house Board of Control. The amount disbursed by the Conference during the past fiscal year for printed matter and for the distribution of the CL among various pastors was \$671.40. In the fiscal year 1968-'69 the printing of the "Concordia Lutheran" alone cost our Conference \$1383.60.

In the next fiscal year the publishing house hopes to make available a new copy of our Conference Constitution, an up-to-date Seminary Catalog, a Diploma of Vocation, Communion Cards, Children's Christmas Eve Service programs, as well as our Conference periodical through which we may, by God's grace, continue to bring the pure teachings of His Word to the congregations of our Conference and to others according to His will, knowing that it is God which worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Therefore He exhorts us, saying: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the Word of Life!"

--Phil. 2:14-16.

Respectfully submitted,




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 (Concordia Lutheran Conference)