



33rd Annual Awards



Front Row: David Preus (accepts on behalf of Rolf Preus), Richard Baepler, Debra Fletcher (accepts on behalf of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church), Mary Beth Dillon, Larry Lumpe
Back Row: Jon Vieker, Benjamin Mayes, Kevin Labuhn (accepts on behalf of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church), Joseph Menius, Michael Doyle (photo by David Kuenzel)

Individuals who contributed in significant ways to preserving Lutheran history in America were honored at the 33rd Annual Awards Banquet hosted by Concordia Historical Institute and held on the campus of Concordia Seminary on November 8, 2007. Sixteen individuals were presented Awards of Commendation for their publications or audiovisual media contributions. Mr. Laurence E. (Larry) Lumpe was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for his exceptional leadership of the Concordia Historical Institute.

BY CATEGORY, THE HONOREES ARE:

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS:

DR. RICHARD BAEPLER of Valparaiso, Indiana, for *Witness to His Generation: Selected Writings of John Strietelmeier*, an intriguing journey into the life and thought of this educational leader whose commitment

to the fusion of intellect and faith provided enlightened leadership and insightful perspective during some of America's and his church's most challenging decades.

DR. NORMAN J. THREINEN of Summerland, British Columbia, for *Religious-Cultural Mosaic: A History of Lutherans in Canada*, a most welcome general history of Lutherans and the Lutheran Church in Canada that is set against the backdrop of Canada's national history. The book is clear, concise, and well-documented.

FAMILY HISTORIES:

MR. JOSEPH M. MENIUS of St. Louis, Missouri, for *Menius—Open to Change: A Biographical Historical Sketch of the Menius Name*, in which the author not only traces his successes with family history and genealogical research, but also adds a deep, intense fascination that can enthrall the reader or researcher and bring many moments of inspiration and encouragement.

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DISTRICT OR REGIONAL HISTORIES:

MRS. MARY BETH MUELLER DILLON of Indianapolis, Indiana, for *Wittenberg, Missouri*, which blends the spirit of human achievements and struggles from the perspective of a well-known Lutheran community in a way that produces a result that is masterful, enjoyable, enlightening, and fun.

MR. MICHAEL J. DOYLE of Upland, California, for *Feed My Sheep: A History of the Hispanic Missions in the Pacific Southwest District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*, a comprehensive work that chronicles the history of forty Hispanic congregations established in the district over the past seventy-five years, as well as tracing the roots of the German/Anglo churches that preceded them.

CONGREGATIONAL HISTORIES

DR. C. T. AUFDEMBERGE of Flagstaff, Arizona, for *They Had a Good Band*, which offers a very engaging history of the Saline Valley Band, which operated under the auspices of St. John Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Kansas, from 1917 to 1939, as well as the story of other local and church bands that thrived in Kansas during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

MR. MICHAEL J. DOYLE of Upland, California, for *Built on the Rock, A History of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Claremont, California*, an example of thorough historical research that is presented in an interesting narrative and in an attractive format.

MRS. SANDRA LEE HARPER of Baltimore, Maryland, for *Martini Lutheran Church: Chapter and Verse*, an exemplary congregational history that demonstrates warm and friendly storytelling, salted with humor that serves to bind the congregation into a close-knit family, equipping its members to tell their story in a most creative way.

NORWEGIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH, Gaylord, Minnesota, for its well-written 125th anniversary booklet that is replete with compelling information that reflects the "personality" of the congregation and demonstrates that the ideals of the founders are carried through even until today.

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Fair Haven, Michigan, for *St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery: Established 1881*, the product of an ongoing research that offers not only the cemetery plat plan, but also genealogical information about those buried in the cemetery, and many photos of the cemetery's gravestones to accompany that information. It is a very well done

memorial that is also useful and interesting.

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

DR. ANN BOADEN of Rock Island, Illinois, for "The Vocation of the Mind: Augustana College's First Three Women Graduates" in *The Lutheran Journal*, April and September 2006, a thoroughly researched, well-written, and compelling portrait of Inez Rundstrom, Anna Lisa Olsson, and Anna Westman, and their experience at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, in the second half of the 19th century.

DR. WILLIAM R. CARIO of Mequon, Wisconsin, for "One Blessing after Another: A History of Concordia University Wisconsin" in *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*, Summer 2006, a thoroughly researched article that makes an important contribution to the history of the schools that comprise the Concordia University System, and does so in a very entertaining and interesting manner.

DR. ALBERT COLLVER of St. Louis, Missouri, for "Lay Elders—A Brief Overview of Their Origin in the Missouri Synod: Implications for Elders Today" in *Concordia Journal*, January 2006. Beginning with a helpful exploration of C. F. W. Walther's writings on the office of lay elder in Lutheran congregations, Dr. Collver traces the contested and sometimes ambiguous history of this category of service as practiced in Lutheran churches in America. This history, as Collver presents it, offers valuable insights with contemporary application, and this study exemplifies the usefulness of historical research to inform present practices in the church.

REV. BENJAMIN T. G. MAYES for "Reconsidering Grabau on Ministry and Sacraments" in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Summer 2006. Rev. Mayes applies his considerable talents to an old argument that has haunted conservative Lutherans, both within the Missouri Synod and in its relationships with other church bodies. By a careful re-reading of the important source materials (such as Grabau's *Hirtenbrief*) in the original German, Mayes proposes a more positive analysis of Grabau's views on church and ministry than has traditionally been the case. His article is an excellent example of the historical theologian's craft, and his arguments deserve attention even from those who disagree with his conclusions. That is high praise for this young scholar.

REV. ROLF PREUS of Mayville, North Dakota, for "The Old Ministry Debate in the Synods of the Synodical Conference and in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Today" in *Pieper Lectures*, Vol. 10, which gives recognition to and highly values history as it provides a clear and concise analysis of issues surrounding "call" and "ordination" in the synods of the former Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America.

REV. JON VIEKER of St. Louis, Missouri, for "'Who from Our Mothers' Arms': The Story of the Hymnals that Came before Us" in *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*, Spring 2006, an easy-reading essay on the history of hymnology in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that is especially of interest with the recent publication of a new service book for the Synod.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

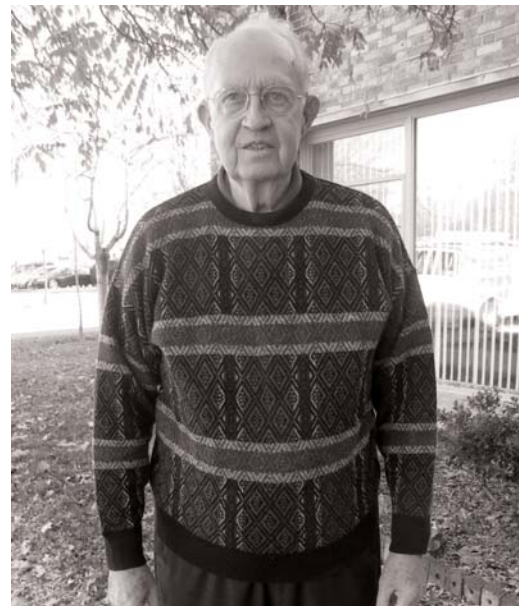
MR. LAURENCE E. (LARRY) LUMPE of St. Louis, Missouri, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for his exceptional leadership of the Concordia Historical Institute.

Larry Lumpe has served as the Institute's vice-president for nine years and is presently its president. Appointed by President A. L. Barry in 1998 to the Concordia Historical Institute's Board of Governors, he was elected by the membership of the Concordia Historical Institute in 2003. Mr. Lumpe served as the Institute's interim director in 2001.

Mr. Lumpe is invaluable in all matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the Institute, and is especially valuable to the Institute in its development activities as an advisor to the director and in making calls to donors and foundations. He has given of his time and energy most recently as the Institute's development officer for the Museum and Building Expansion project. He has persistently held before the board the vision of a quality museum, which is

now in the process of becoming a reality. Mr. Lumpe has conducted himself throughout his years of service as a true ambassador of the Institute.

Larry Lumpe has also served his church faithfully in many other capacities, including serving as the Director of Development of the Missouri District—LCMS (1981-89), Executive Director of the Lutheran Hour Ministries (1989-96), and Gift Planning Counselor for the Lutheran Hour Ministries (1996-98). He served on the International Lutheran Laymen's League Board of Governors from 1974 to 1988 in various offices, and served on the board of directors and stewardship board of the Missouri District—LCMS. He is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Des Peres, Missouri, where he has served as president of the congregation. He is married to Carol and they have three grown children.



Mr. Laurence E. (Larry) Lumpe

Installation of New Shelving Nearly Complete



Archivist Rev. Marvin Huggins

Work on the building expansion phase of the Institute's Museum and Building Expansion project is rapidly nearing completion. The lower level of our building that previously contained a museum exhibit area, children's educational center and museum storage was cleared of interior walls earlier this fall. After blocking in windows, reworking the wiring for lighting and fire alarm systems, relocating ducts for air conditioning and finishing the ceilings and walls with drywall and paint, installation of the new mobile compact shelving system began on November 19 and is proceeding very quickly. We anticipate that the project will be completed by the end of December so that we can begin to move archival and museum collections into the new storage space after the first of the year.

Chaplain Samuel L. Hoard: Under Fire in Vietnam



Chaplain Hoard in Vietnam

Rev. Samuel L. Hoard served his church and his country as a U. S. Army chaplain during the Vietnam War. His experiences as a military chaplain include many incidents when he was under attack and placed himself in danger in order to help others and carry out his ministry of sharing the Gospel.

Samuel L. Hoard was born April 16, 1927, in St. Louis, Missouri. After attending public schools in St. Louis, he attended Concordia College in Fort Wayne,

Indiana. He then attended Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, beginning in 1951. Following his ordination in 1957, he served as a missionary-at-large of the Atlantic District. He became the associate pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, New York, in 1960 and remained there for five years, at which time he became an active duty chaplain in the U. S. Army.

Chaplain Hoard first served at Fort Meade, Maryland, for two years and then served in Vietnam. In his autobiography, *The Truth Will Set You Free*, he wrote, "My purpose for volunteering to serve in Vietnam was quite clear. My motivation as a military chaplain was the same as when I was a parish pastor: to provide spiritual nourishment through the Word of God and the Sacraments."¹ Chaplain Hoard's autobiography includes a chapter on his experiences in Vietnam. He wrote candidly about his experiences including a few instances when he was fired upon while trying to help the wounded and dying. During one incident, Chaplain Hoard saw two soldiers that were worried about their wounded friend that no one had been able to reach because of sniper fire. He wrote:

Moved by their emotional distress, I promised them I would get to their friend and help him. After cautiously moving forward through the brush to the company command post, I spied the wounded man. Nobody seemed able to reach him, and strangely enough, all firing had temporarily ceased. I took off before anyone could explain why the guns weren't firing. It was because somebody armed with an AK-47 had a bead on the area surrounding the downed man. . . . I got about halfway to the side of the

wounded man when the sniper began firing directly at me. I froze with fear! All I could pray was "Lord, help me!" Hot lead was peppering the ground and coming closer and closer to me. I was bracing and waiting to feel those bullets going through my body. However, the sniper's muzzle flashes gave his position away. Just about every man in our company opened up on his position in a tree.²

Once he reached the man, Chaplain Hoard discovered that the soldier's pulse was weak and he was unable to communicate. Hoard began the prayers for the dying.

Another battle Chaplain Hoard included in his book was the Tet offensive in 1968. Tet was a national religious holiday in Vietnam, thus the South Vietnamese troops were relaxing and celebrating, assuming the North Vietnamese troops would also suspend warfare activities. However, this was not the case. Chaplain Hoard's battalion came under attack in the middle of the night. He wrote the following about his experience in this attack:

Rushing from the tent, I dived headfirst into my hole. . . . Hearing the bullets whizzing overhead and filled with apprehension, I prayed to Almighty God for help. Although I was terrified because of the weakness of my faith, suddenly, led by God in answer to my prayers I am sure, two Marines set up their machine gun right at the edge of my hole. . . . I also recalled the psalm verse I had learned in confirmation class: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15). As fearful as I was, I did call upon the Lord God and He did deliver me. The attack was repelled. With no one killed or wounded in our area of operation, we offered prayers of thanksgiving to God.³

During his time serving the men fighting in Vietnam, Chaplain Hoard was no stranger to combat or danger. Yet he realized he was needed in this "crisis ministry."⁴ He, as well as many other chaplains, not only served the spiritual and emotional needs of the flock as pastor and counselor, but also cared for their physical needs by assisting medics and rescuing the wounded. Chaplain Hoard wrote,

War in Vietnam placed men daily, even hourly, in the path of death. In these extreme circumstances—when life itself was in the balance—the eternal truths of God's Word, centered in the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ, were of the

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greatest interest and concern and brought enlightenment and joy.⁵



Chaplain Hoard visiting patient

After his tour of duty in Vietnam ended in 1968, Chaplain Hoard was assigned to an army post near Crailsheim, Germany. Beginning in 1970 he served as pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Orlando, Florida, for two years and then went to another Orlando congregation, Our Savior, where he served for twenty years. Chaplain Hoard remained a chaplain in the U. S. Army Reserve until he retired as a full colonel in 1987. Since his retirement from the parish ministry in 1992, Rev. Hoard has served as a teacher for the Orange County School Board at the Orange County Jail helping inmates to attain their GEDs.

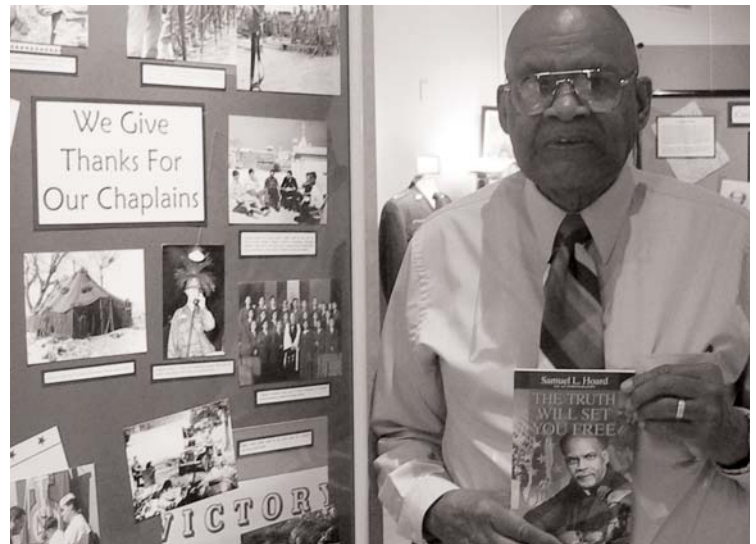
¹ Samuel Hoard, *The Truth Will Set You Free*, (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2004), 96.

² Ibid., 108-109.

³ Ibid., 118-120.

⁴ Chaplain (Major General) Gerhardt Hyatt, interview in *The Lutheran Witness* (May 1971), p 11.

⁵ Hoard, 124.



Chaplain Samuel Hoard visits CHI

As this issue of *Historical Footnotes* was going to press, we learned that Pastor Samuel Hoard was called home to be with his Lord on Friday, November 30, 2007.

Chaplains in Vietnam: The First "Helicopter War"

The war in Vietnam was different than any of the wars prior to it. Due to the nature of the fighting in Vietnam, the U. S. Army was spread out throughout Vietnam. This changed the way chaplains were able to serve the troops. Instead of only serving a single unit, "U. S. Army, Navy (Marine), and Air Force chaplains were encouraged to coordinate their ministries by serving all U. S. personnel within their geographical areas, regardless of service or unit connection."¹ This method was termed "area coverage" and was vastly different from the normal unit coverage used in WWII and Korea. The area coverage concept was a practical solution to the unique situation in Vietnam but was not always easily implemented.

Many of our chaplains in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod wrote about their experiences in Vietnam including what it was like employing this method of area coverage. Chaplain George O. Taylor, a



Chaplain George Taylor leaving a helicopter

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U. S. Army chaplain from 1951 to 1974, equated his ministry to that of a circuit rider. He wrote, "I feel a certain kinship with the old traveling parson of years ago in our country. He used an 'oat burner' to travel; I use a 'sky horse,' a helicopter."² Chaplain Taylor ministered to troops of the III Corps Advisory Group—men who acted "as advisors to the Vietnamese units, assisting the Vietnamese army to defend and protect its country." These troops were isolated in villages for long periods with helicopters bringing their supplies because the enemy controlled many of the roads.³ In summarizing his service he wrote, "We chaplains aren't doing anything spectacular in Vietnam; we're just trying to do a steady, pastoral job wherever the troops are, proclaiming Christ as Savior and Lord of life."⁴



Chaplain Shaw with Lutheran Hour Speaker Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

As Chaplain Taylor conveyed, chaplains in Vietnam were not restricted to a certain area, but rather moved around to their different "congregations" by flying in helicopters. Chaplains often used a base camp as "home" and traveled to the outlying areas in the geographical area they were assigned.⁵ Chaplain James E. Shaw also wrote about his time in a helicopter. He logged more than two hundred hours in the air. In his writings, he reported his experience on his first CAP [Combined Action Program] mission. His mission was with Dick Boyer, an LCMS navy chaplain. He wrote that "the marines use American chaplains and helicopters to visit teams of 7 to 10 men each." He explained that these marines lived like villagers to provide security for small villages, most only reachable by helicopter. The helicopter dropped one chaplain in a village, flew to another village and left the second chaplain. Then, the helicopter went back and picked up each chaplain. Shaw wrote, "In all my CAP missions, every marine turned out for a brief worship service; all seemed truly appreciative."⁶

Chaplain Shaw became a chaplain immediately following his graduation from Concordia Theological Seminary,

Springfield, Illinois. He was ordained on June 14, 1959—Flag Day and the U. S. Army's birthday. Previously, he had served in the army as a second lieutenant in the Transportation Corps during the Korean conflict. Chaplain Shaw had a varied career in the military, serving at many posts in Germany and the United States. He was also the Americal Division Staff Chaplain, Chu Lai, Vietnam, from 1969 to 1970. He retired as a colonel from the chaplaincy in June 1983 to become the director of Ministry to the Armed Forces for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a position he held until 1994. Chaplain Shaw viewed helicopters as another way to tell the Gospel. He wrote, "Helicopters, though noisy and dangerous, are still marvelous vehicles to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through them, I fulfilled a ministry of touching lives, winning souls, and experiencing God's providential care."⁷ What a wonderful view of his ministry in Vietnam!



Chaplain and Mrs. James Shaw visit CHI

¹ Roger R. Venzke, *Confidence in Battle, Inspiration in Peace: The United States Army Chaplaincy, 1945-1975*, (Washington, D. C.: Office of the Chief of Chaplains Department of the Army, 1977), 142-143.

² M. S. Ernstmeier, ed., *They Shall Not March Alone: Glimpses into the Life and History of the Chaplaincy of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*, (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1990), 168.

³ Idem.

⁴ Ibid., 169.

⁵ Venzke, 153.

⁶ Ernstmeier, 180.

⁷ Ernstmeier, 181.

Creating a New Museum



Joseph Graf and Matthew Brandeberry

Meet Matthew Brandeberry, museum designer, and Joseph Graf, museum fabricator, who will be creating Concordia Historical Institute's new museum at the International Center!

Matthew (Matt) Brandeberry has seven years of experience in museum and exhibition design, including an award-winning exhibit for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History in Detroit, Health Space in Cleveland, and various creations at the Columbus (Ohio) Zoo.

Matt is assisted by Joseph (Joe) Graf, who has thirteen years of experience in transforming creative museum design into the final product. As associates within the same firm, Matt and Joe have worked together often. Joe's portfolio is also filled with numerous successful projects in addition to the Holocaust exhibit.

The new museum should be complete and ready for public viewing sometime next year.

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