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May 25th, 1920. Lutheran Bureau reports:

The following report includes the returns up to Saturday, May 2, and is compiled on the basis of signed reports from the various state chairmen. It would be exceedingly interesting to note the amounts given by the individual churches but space forbids. There seems to be absolutely no doubt that the goal will be reached. Let redoubled efforts be made in the consciousness that \$1,800,000 is a minimum for the immediate needs of our brethren in Europe.

Alabama:
One church exceeds whole State quota. \$640.00.

Arizona:
One church \$100.00.

California:
Northern:—Four churches \$1831.50.

Southern:—“The unanimity and general interest manifested in the Lutheran World Service Campaign are unequalled by any former campaign not excepting that for the Soldiers' and Sailors'. One congregation already reports its quota doubled, will be tripled. Another reports its quota will be quadrupled. Total for Southern California May 18, 14 out of 30 cong. at this rate state will exceed quota by 50%”. \$4856.00.

Three congregations totaled \$567.75.

Canada:
Four congregations totaled \$589.83.

Colorado:
One church is raising \$1250.00. “At least six churches reached their quota the first Sunday of the campaign. We have every reason to thank God and take courage. I am convinced that the success of the campaign depends upon the telling of the facts. Everywhere churches are responding, where pastors have been faithful in presenting this matter.”

Denver total \$3285.00. Four churches totaled \$335.00.

Connecticut:
Six churches totaled \$1513.37.

Delaware:
One church \$335.00.

Distriet of Columbia:
Incomplete reports from 12 congregations \$4195.00.

Florida:
From four congregations out of nine \$1500.00.

One pastor reports “Expect at least \$1400.” Actual total \$1344.00.

Georgia:
“Nine churches gave \$4289, four Sunday Schools \$313.” Total \$4502.00.

“Certain of over \$5,000.” Six churches totaled \$12,850.02.

Idaho:
Southern Idaho:—“All congregations almost three times quota. Boise five times quota. Total May 19, \$730. Five of 35 congregations in N. Idaho report \$320 each congregation going over the top. Total from Idaho to date—one half of State's quota.” \$1030.00.

Just a Mission, Lewiston \$23.75.

Illinois:
110 congregations out of 202 \$33,000.00

Twenty-one churches totaled \$7166.35.

Indiana:
“Will be there at the roll call. Average contribution so far \$2.52. We shall get a report from every church, no church has a right to hide in the mountains or escape their duty in this great world task. 40 out of 140 con-

gregations report \$9000. Partial reports only. Wealthier churches still have to report.” \$9,000.00. 20 churches totaled \$5215.55.

Iowa:
“Reports from different congregations indicate we will be over the top. Work still going on.”

Eighteen churches totaled \$4270.07.

Kansas:
“St. Marks, Atchison, double quota; Emporia, Peabody, Wellington, McPherson, Wichita, Robinson and others over the top with big margins; these churches still going; reports favorable; general opinion Kansas will go over top. Three final reports out of 155 possible reports 13 partial ones with membership of 20336.” \$4940.00.

Women's Missionary Society, Kansas Conference, Augusta Synod votes \$100.00

Ten churches totaled \$2823.10.

Kentucky:
Eleven churches totaled \$1289.15.

Maine:
“Onehalf of quota from one congregation out of eleven. New Sweden collected \$517.00.

Two churches totaled \$416.57.

Maryland:
“Reports so far splendid; expect success everywhere.” \$3042.53.

Women's League of Baltimore \$1,000.00.

Deaconesses at the Motherhouse \$100.00.

Thirteen churches totaled \$1144.03.

Massachusetts:
“The First Lutheran Church in Brockton will exceed \$1000.00 Campaign is going on in Massachusetts. I feel sure we are going over the top.” \$973.15.

Three churches totaled \$1390.07.

Michigan:
“It is going fine. There is no question about people responding if pastors give the facts. Outside of four or five pastors in Michigan all have responded. 32 churches out of 320 report.” \$17,081.00.

Eighteen churches totaled \$4360.17.

Minnesota:
“Reports from 73 congregations out of a possible 1535. Some congregations have doubled and tripled their quota.” \$11,500.00.

Forty-five churches totaled \$5271.22.

Mississippi:
“We are still pushing the campaign, results fairly good; reports incomplete.”

Four churches totaled \$115.75.

Missouri:
“Eight churches out of a possible 48 report with three of the eight still going. Missouri will surely exceed her quota.” \$3579.96.

Montana:
“In spite of crop failures for two years and tight money and small and scattered congregations people seem willing to do their utmost to put the campaign over.”

One church totaled \$100.00.

Nebraska:
Seven Augustana congregations report \$4,200.00.

Six United Danish \$300.00.

One Joint Ohio \$234.00.

12 German Nebraska \$1,611.00.

13 English Nebraska \$3175.000.

Nine German Iowa \$4,263.00.

49 out of 315 congregations report \$13,080.68.

Twenty-three churches totaled \$2577.26.

New Jersey:
“Twenty-one congregations out of 120 report cash. Incomplete reports in all cases.” \$6,950.00.

Six churches totaled \$1,093.50.

New York:

“St. John's Albany expects to reach \$3,000.00.

“Greater New York, One half congregations of greater New York \$36,000.00.

President Frederick H. Bosch, President of the New York Ministerium reports from his congregation \$2,740.00. He hopes to reach \$3,000. Pres. Bosch has rendered great service in speaking in eight different places besides his own church in interest of the campaign.

Thirty-two churches totaled \$12,112.51.

North Carolina:
“Reports from 19 churches out of 164 to which is to be added from three Sunday Schools” \$230.00.

Seven churches totaled \$1348.19.

North Dakota:
“Have some very encouraging reports from several counties stating they will go over the top. Average for State will be very good.”

Fourteen churches totaled \$1,054.98.

Ohio:
“Reports indicate we will reach minimum quota. My congregation has \$2.50 for every man, woman and child.” \$2,800.00.

Fifty-three churches totaled \$5,926.44.

Oregon:
“Astoria over top. \$1,000 reported so far. Fine spirit shown great enthusiasm for cause.” \$1,000.00.

“More congregations to report. Work going on.” \$4,000.00

Three churches totaled \$640.90.

Pennsylvania:

Eastern:—“Emanuel, Souderston, Pa., \$1200.14.

Holy Communion \$3,571.84.

Expect to reach \$3,600.”

East Central:—“Rev. Sunday, Chairman of Franklin County reports his congregation averaging \$1.35. Campaign cannot fail it is of God.”

Western:—“Twenty-four Ohio Synod congregations raised not near through with campaign. All congregations report going over top. Some raising three times others four times their quota. Campaign cannot help but be a success. Butler, Pa., gone over top, other districts favorable. Success is assured.” \$11,200.00.

Rev. Charles MacLaughlin's congregation reports \$342.97 of this amount from Sunday School which has 126 enrolled. Membership of congregation 350. \$2,251.25.

Fifty-one churches totaled \$4,572.78.

Rhode Island:
“Congregations in Rhode Island all busy on their canvass reports success. We have no complete reports.”

South Carolina:
“All congregations [reporting] are over the top. We should get our quota easily.”

Three churches totaled \$233.60.

South Dakota:
“I think we can safely say 98% of pastors are taking hold in fine shape. Their hearts seem to be in the right place. I think you may look forward to South Dakota's coming in with its full quota.”

Six churches totaled \$2,141.71.

Tennessee:
Two churches totaled \$220.

Utah
“Utah coming fine. Park City almost doubled quota. Ogden raised her share and more. Zion Church Salt Lake City will make their quota. Utah expects to go over the top.”

Virginia
First Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Va., \$567.00.

Washington
Four churches totaled \$88.60.

West Virginia
Six out of 58 churches report \$3152.00.

Wisconsin
“I have no doubt that we will get our quota.”

One church raised \$1000.00.

FRA KEVISVILLE, ALBERTA CANADA.

Vor Menighed er lille, vi havde haabet, at en eller anden troende, dansk Familie skulde have kommet hertil og bosat sig iblandt os og sluttet sig til vor Menighed, men vi er hidtil blevet skuffede. Nye Folk er flyttet ind, siden sidst jeg skrev i „Danskeren“, men ingen danske, og ingen som har sluttet sig til vor Menighed, naturligtvis. Men uagtet der er meget, som altid vil hindre og hæmme Arbejdet for Guds Riges Sag omkring os saavel som i os, saa har vi dog Gud ske Lov holdt Menigheds-Arbejdet gaaende. Ligesom Kvindeforeningens- og Søndagsskole-Arbejdet, og om det end ikke er, hvad ønskeligt kunne være, saa faar vore Børn da lidt Religions-Undervisning, og vi har den Naade og Velsignelse at vi af og til kan samles til Opbyggelse om Guds Ord og Sakramenter. Pastor H. P. A. Andersen er fremdeles Præst baade her og i Dickson; og jeg tør vist nok sige, nu efter omtrent 5 Aars Samvær med og Kendskab til ham, er der flere, jo ganske sikkert de fleste i vor Menighed, som er bedrøvede, naar der en eller anden Gang høres Udtalelser om, at han muligvis i en nærmere eller fjernere Fremtid agter at søge et andet Kald. Han er afholdt og agtet af de allerfleste iblandt os.

Med Hensyn til andre Forholde, saa har vi det ogsaa godt, skønt vi slet ikke er udsatte for at blive rige i en fart; jeg har haft Skriveklø i Fingrene et Par Gange, naar jeg har set en eller anden advare Folk mod at gaa helt op til „det høje Nord“, som de kalder „Sne og Isbjerg“. For Vinteren er sikkert værre mange andre Steder end den er her, og ved Kevisville har vi rigelig af Brændsel, en god Ting i disse Tider. Ikke sandt? Det var noget tørt paa Forsommeren i Fjor, og „the cut worms“ var temmelig slemme, men „complete failure“ har hidtil været ukendt iblandt os; og skønt en og anden kan høre at klynke og klage lidt en Gang imellem, saa er vist de fleste fyldte med Glæde og Tak, for hvad vi fik og hvad vi har. Vinteren var langvarig her, som andre Steder, og det var svært, ja saa godt som umuligt at faa Foder til Kreaturerne. Men i Ly af Skoven var de arme Dyr dog vist bedre stillede end mange andre Steder, hvor der ingen Skov var. Foraaret er ogsaa sent og koldt, men Folk har travlt med at faa Sæden i Jorden nu, og skønt ingen venter at faa ret megen moden Sæd, fordi det er saa sent, og man paa Grund of Mangel paa Foder maa nøjes med at arbejde Hestene nogle faa Timer om Dagen, saa venter man at faa saa meget mere af Grønfoder, og det trænger vi til her saavel som moden Sæd.

Hvad vi ellers mangler er nogle flere dygtige, danske Farmere med Evne og Villie til at arbejde i Skoven saavel som med „chores“ og andet henhørende til Farming i et Skov-Distrikt. Vi har faaet et „Store“, hvor vi kan købe „Groceries“, m. m. nu. En Land-Telefon skal vi nok faa i en nær Fremtid; den kommer rigtignok ikke til hver Familie, men bare til Posthuset, synes det. „The Telephone Poles“ er allerede lagt. Saa mangler vi bare en R. R. Station nærmere ved, eller ialt fald en Bro over Red Deer River. Vi fik nok ogsaa en af Delene i alt

Fald, om Befolkningen vilde arbejde lidt mere og mere vedholdende derfor, men ellers skal vi nok faa Lov til at vente.

Jeg havde nær glemt at fortælle, at vi ogsaa har faaet en U. F. A. — United Farmers af Alberta-Forening herude. Den blev organiseret for lidt over et Aar siden og tæller en Snees Medlemmer. Forskellige Nationaliteter og forskellige politiske Partier er repræsenterede i denne Forening. Alle som een synes at have set det absolut nødvendige i, at Farmerne organiserer sig og faar deres egen Representativ i Regeringen. Der er dem, som mener, at det aldrig lader sig gøre og det, at vi kaster os ind i Politikken, vil umuliggøre Foreningens Bestaan. Vi tror nu, at det netop er det Led i Kæden, som holder os sammen. Vi faar nu se. Samarbejdet synes nu i alt Fald at være det eneste, som har Betydning for Tiden i det som i saa meget andet. Er der nu nogen, som skulde faa i Sindet at tænke paa at bosætte sig iblandt os eller gøre os et Besøg, saa staar vore Menigheds-medlemmer altid til Tjeneste med Oplysninger. Vor Formand er Aksel Lundgreen, Kassereren er Christian Andersen, og Sekretæren Rasmus Jensen; saa er der desuden Martin Bertelsen og Jens Madsen, de er alle paalidelige Mænd og velkendte med Forholdene i Omegnen. De faar alle deres Postsager adresseret til Kevisville P. O., Alberta, Canada

Saa vil jeg slutte for denne Gang med de venligste Hilsener fra vor Menighed ved Kevisville til alle Venner i vort Samfund, saavel som til Danskerens Red. og Medarbejdere.

Mrs. Karen M. Jensen, Mgh.s Korrespondent.

Vil Gud, afholder Nord Dakota Kreds's Ungdomsforbund Aarsmøde i Trinitatis Menighed, Vaardmøde, N. Dak., i Dagene fra 9. til 11. Juli.

Alle Foreninger, som tilhører Forbundet, bedes sende Delegerede, Glem ikke at indsende eders aarlige Bidrag til Forbundet i god Tid, til Kassereren, Mr. Walter Camp, Kenmare, N. Dak., Rt. 1.

E. R. Andersen, Næst Formand.

I Henhold til Ovenstaaende indbyder Trinitatis Menighed her ved Kredsens unge til Ungdomsforbundets Aarsmøde. Deltagerne bedes venligst anmelde deres Ankomst i god Tid til undertegnede. Paa Menighedens Vegne.

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