

# HENRY L. LIESKE RESEARCH COLLECTION

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Colorado District, clergy bulletin, 1973, 1976  
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*Milwaukee Lutheran*, photocopy, March 1974, No. 9, vol. 26

Minneapolis-St. Paul pastors, 1974

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Schuessler, Paul E., Pilgrim Lutheran, St. Paul, 1974  
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*Grace Under Pressure*, by F. Dean Lueking, (Richmond, VA: Skipworth Press, 1979)  
*Lutherans in the U.S.A.*, by Willmar Thorkelson, (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1978)  
*Memoirs in Exile: Confessional Hope and Institutional Conflict* by John H. Tietjen (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1990)  
*No Room in the Brotherhood*, by Frederick W. Danker (St. Louis: Clayton Publishing House, 1977)  
*Preus of Missouri*, by James E. Adams, (New York: Harper and Row, 1977)  
*Uncertain Saints: the Laity in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 1900-1970*, by Alan Graebner, (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1975)

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**APPENDIX**

**Chronology of Conflict Within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**

**1/19/69**

John H. Tietjen elected president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

**7/12/69**

Jacob A. O. Preus elected president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS)

**5/17/70**

Preus publicly announces intention to take action on alleged departures from the Synod's doctrinal position

**1/18/72**

Preus and Tietjen meet to work out a compromise agreement to avert disciplinary action against Tietjen

**9/1/72**

Preus issues the "Blue Book", a report condemning numerous unnamed Concordia faculty for teaching false doctrine

**7/11/73**

New Orleans convention adopts "A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles" as binding doctrinal statement

**8/28/73**

Conference of Evangelical Lutheranism organizes Evangelical Lutherans in Mission (ELIM)

**1/20/74**

Concordia Board of Control suspends Tietjen

**2/19/74**

Students join faculty in resuming seminary education in exile at St. Louis University and Eden Seminary

**6/21/74**

Concordia Seminary in Exile is legally incorporated

**2/1/75**

Seminex governing board elects Tietjen president

**6/29/75**

Missouri District official Oscar Gerken clears Tietjen of charges of false doctrine

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**7/4-11/75**

LCMS Anaheim convention condemns ELIM, censures eight district presidents for ordaining Seminex graduates, authorizes their removal from office

**8/15/75**

Seminex moves into its own facilities in St. Louis.

**12/3-4/76**

Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC) is organized with five constituent synods

**1/22-23/79**

AELC joins American Lutheran Church-Lutheran Church in American Committee on Lutheran Unity

**6/20/80**

William Leshar of Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) meets with Tietjen in Denver to propose move of Seminex to the LSTC campus

**1/14/82**

Seminex moves to new facilities at 539 N. Grand in St. Louis

**5/82**

LSTC, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Wartburg Theological Seminary, and Seminex boards agree to three-way deployment of Seminex resources

**8/83**

Seminex moves to Chicago, Berkeley, and Austin

**8/29/86**

ALC, AELC, LCA conventions agree to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

**4/30/87**

Constituting convention of ELCA at Columbus, Ohio

**12/31/87**

Seminex ceases to exist as an educational institution

Chronology taken from:

Tietjen, John. *Memoirs in Exile*. (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1990), pp. xiii-xvi.