

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FORM

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Spouse's name: Julie Zersen, M.S., M.T.
Children: Kristin Selear, M.S.W., Social Worker, West Bend, WI
Rolf Zersen, B.S., High School teacher, Milwaukee, WI

EDUCATION

Teachers College, Columbia University, NY, NY	1998, Higher & Adult Ed.D.
Columbia University, New York, NY	1995, Adult Ed. M.A.
Bethany Graduate School of Theology, Chicago, IL	1979, Administration D.Min.
Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL	1963, New Testament B.D.
	1973, New Testament M.Div.
Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN	1960, Eng & German B.A.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATE STUDY

Instituto de Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico	1999 Summer
University of Guelph, Canada	1973
Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago	1970-75
Georg-August University, Goettingen, Germany	1963-65

TEACHING

Concordia University at Austin, Texas	2004 Law, Grace, Justice
Lay School of Theology, Austin, Texas	2003 Luther as Radical
Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas	2003 Middle East Tensions
Lay School of Theology, Austin, Texas	2003 Christian Creeds
Concordia University at Austin, Texas	2002 American Christianity
Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, RU	2001 Comp. Symbolics
Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN	1990 History of Spirituality
Commission on Ministerial Growth, Israel & Egypt	1990-1993 Orient. Orthodoxy
Concordia University Wisconsin	1987-1994 Religion courses

PROFESSIONAL

<u>Position held</u>	<u>Institution, parish, agency served</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Professor	Concordia University at Austin	1993-
President Emeritus	Concordia University at Austin	2002-
President	Concordia University at Austin	1994-2002

Dean	Concordia University Wisconsin	1987-1994
Pastor	St. Luke, Itasca, IL	1982-1987
Pastor	St. Mark, St. Charles, IL	1970-1982
Pastor	Concordia, Midlothian, IL	1965-1970
Member	Board for Higher Education	1998-2001
President	Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA)	1998-1999
Member	Standing Committee on Pastoral Ministry	1995-1998
Director	LCMS Study Travel Programs	1985-1987
Chairman	Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support	1990-1992

MEMBERSHIPS

Name of Group

Assoc. of Texas Colleges and Universities	1995-2001
Texas Independent College Fund	1995-2001
Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas	1995-2001
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	1995-2001
Texas Wendish Heritage Society	1995-
Texas German Heritage Society	1995-
Lutheran Brotherhood Advisory Board	1995-2001
Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity	1961-

SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS

President Emeritus	Concordia University at Austin	2002
Honorary Wend	Texas Wendish Historical Society	2001
Teacher of the Year	Concordia University Wisconsin	1994

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Seventy Five Years of Possibility: A History of Concordia University at Austin,
Concordia University Press, Projected for 2004
- “Der Einfluss der Umgebung auf den Kuenstlerischen Ausdruck: Einblicke in die Poesie
von Mato Kosyk aus der Sicht der neuen Welt,” Domowina Verlag, Projected for
2004
- “History of the Wends,” Transatlantic Relations Encyclopedia Series, Projected for 2004
- “Do Professionals Really Learn Independently?” Currents in Theology and Mission
Projected for 2004
- “First Christmas at Sea,” Concordia Pulpit Resources, Vol. 14, Pt. 1
- “Local Lutheran Boy Finally Makes Good, Sixty Years Late,” Currents in Theology and

Mission, Volume 30, Number 2
Exodus of the Eight Hundred (Auszug der Achthundert), translation of historical novel by Ingerosa Paust under consideration by Doubleday for 2003
 “Mato Kosyk,” Lutheran Quarterly, August, 2002
 “Is Parish Nursing a 20th Century Fad,” in Nursing in the Church, Intervarsity Press, 2002.
Wellness at Will, Concordia University Press, 2002
 “An American Birthday Remembrance on Mato Kosyk’s 150th,” Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly, Spring, 2002
 “Affective Learning in Distance Education,” CPH, 1999
Learners to Leaders, Concordia University Press, 1999
 “Finding Better Ways to Clergy Competence than Mandated Clergy Education,” Concordia Theological Quarterly, 1998
 “The Role of School Ministry in the Church Today and Tomorrow,” Lutheran Education 1998
 “Multi-Cultural Realities and the Gospel Imperative,” Published Keynote Address, Texas Professional Workers Conference, Conference Papers, 1995
 Nurturing Personal Spiritual Growth, Concordia Publishing House, 1993
 “How Pastor Weber Learned to say ‘CE’ with a Smile,” Cross and Caduceus, 1992
 “Rethinking the 500th. A Dialogue on the Dynamics of Celebrations,” The Cresset, 1992
Paths to Growth, Concordia Publishing House, 1991
 “What is Continuing Education,” Issues in Christian Education, 1991
 “A North Dakota Pioneer Pastor’s Wife,” Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly, 1991
 “The Second Circuit Rider on the Soo Line,” Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly, 1990.
 “CFW Walther and the Heritage of Pietist Conventicles,” Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly, 1989.
 “For This Cause,” Vital Sermons of the Day, May/June, 1984
 “Lutheran Roots for Small Group Ministry,” Currents in Theology and Mission, 1981
The Theological Significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls, (translation of Joachim Jeremias’ Theologische Bedeutung der Funde am Toten Meer), Concordia Publishing House, 1975.

INTERESTS/COMPETENCIES

Bi-lingual, English and German, some Spanish
 Ancient Separated Churches of the East (Oriental Orthodoxy)
 (Seven trips to the Middle East to study and lecture)
 Golf, fitness, music, brandies, travel (60 countries)