

New York, here we come!

In the last "Advocate," you read about an agreement signed between Lutheran Special Education Ministries and the Lutheran Schools Association that will bring special education services to the children of New York for the 1990-91 school year.

Phase I of the plan includes hiring an individual to serve as school psychologist and consultant to the Lutheran schools. This person will identify and plan for the needs of children who have special learning problems.

As children who need direct special education instruction are identified, a decision to implement Phase II will be made. This will involve hiring special education resource room teachers to be placed in Lutheran elementary and secondary schools. These teachers will work directly with students who, without this supportive service,

would be unable to receive a Christian education.

Dr. Mel Kieschnick, executive director of the Lutheran Schools Association, is enthusiastic about the service. "It is a marvelous resource for children and their families, especially those whose needs we are currently unable to adequately meet. It offers hope to some families who currently see very

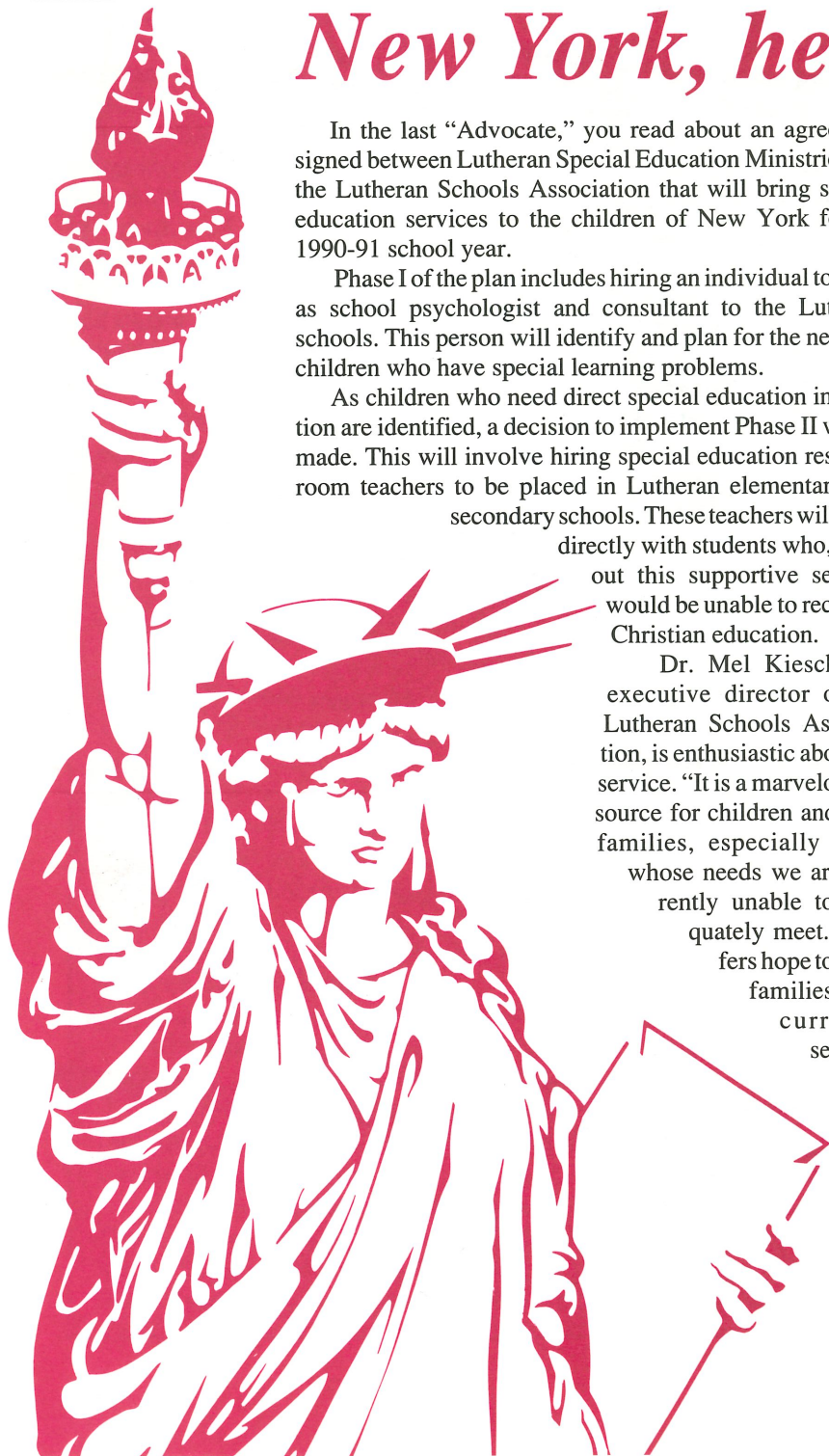
little hope in the educational future of their children. The service will assist teachers who are sometimes very frustrated in their efforts to empower special children to become all that God intends them to be."

Roger DeMeyere, executive director of Lutheran Special Education Ministries, added, "My vision is that the partnerships in New York and Illinois will serve as models for other metropolitan areas of the country. Hundreds of children are being served, but thousands still have the doors of Christian education closed to them."

We are thankful that the Wheat Ridge Foundation is providing some financial support for this project for a three-year period. However, a major portion of the costs will be borne equally by Lutheran Special Education Ministries and the Lutheran Schools Association.

The special education venture is further enhanced by other Lutheran organizations in the New York area: Concordia College, Bronxville; the Atlantic District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Metro-New York Synod; Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf; and Lutheran Community Services.

We thank God that Lutheran organizations will work together, sharing a commitment to serve children with special learning needs in New York. We pray that similar cooperative relationships can be developed throughout the country.



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From our Executive Director: Highlights of the 1989-90 School Year

I make it a practice to never begin a new school year without reflecting on the highlights or accomplishments of the previous year. I know that so much needs to be done, but I can't forget that much has already been accomplished. I'm especially thankful for the following:

1. Service Expansion--We maintained the special education day school in Detroit with nine classrooms of children with severe learning problems. That was in addition to resource rooms in 16 Michigan and 11 Illinois Lutheran elementary and secondary schools. The newest additions are Lutheran High Northwest in Rochester Hills, Mich., and Walther Lutheran High School in Chicago, Ill.

Last year, 410 children received direct instructional services and the consultants and psychologists of our Ephphatha Center provided service to an additional 300 children. That's more than 700 children who received help.

2. The Five-Year Ministry Plan was developed and approved by the board of directors last fall. It helps chart the course of our ministry for the future.

3. The K-12 Program and Curriculum Guide was developed and approved. This document, which will be continually updated, provides valuable information about the scope of our ministry and our expectations for children.

4. Lutheran Special Education Ministries has received National Lutheran School Accreditation. Being recognized is wonderful, but the evaluation of our ministry that took place during the process was the most valuable to us. This will help us set goals for the next several years.

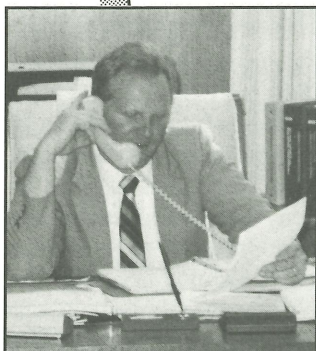
5. The New York Consortium Agreement was signed, establishing a partnership with the Lutheran Schools Association and other Lutheran organizations. This will open the doors of Christian education to even more of God's special children.

6. It was a historic decision to change the corporate name to Lutheran Special Education Ministries. But more importantly, the name conveys a more accurate and truthful image of this wonderful ministry.

The events of 1989-90 will surely not be forgotten. Much has been done, but much needs to be done. My sincere thanks to those partners who make this ministry possible. To God alone be the glory.



Roger DeMeyere
Executive Director



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"Enabling children with special learning needs to receive a Christian education."

Holste is presented the Ephphatha Award

Dr. Herman Holste received the Ephphatha Award May 9 at the annual meeting of the Lutheran Special Education Ministries Association. The Ephphatha Award, established in 1984, was created to recognize and encourage Christian education for special children regardless of disability. Each year, this award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions within their congregation, community or church-at-large to the Christian education of these children.

Holste, who retired in June, has served as Director of the Michigan programs of Lutheran Special Education Ministries since 1982. He graduated from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Neb. In 1957, he was called to be teacher and athletic director at the Lutheran School for the Deaf and was named principal in 1962. In 1972, he went to a public school district to serve



Dr. Herman and Barbara Holste

as special education supervisor.

Holste has seen our ministry reach out and touch many young people with special learning needs. He has been an active force in advocating Christian education for children with special learning needs.

He is an active member of East Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Detroit. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children. In August, they moved to Bad Axe, Mich.

A success story

Michael Reese came to North Detroit Lutheran School in 1984 when he was 9 years old. At that time, his learning had plateaued with no significant progress in two years. He had a very short attention span, very poor work/study skills and poor interpersonal skills.

When Michael graduated from North Detroit Lutheran School on June 7, 1990, he was reading at a fifth grade level and his math was also on a fifth grade level. His attention span both lengthened and improved; he had developed good work/study skills and interpersonal relationship skills.

Above all, he grew into a Christian with a deep belief in Christ.

Michael wants to attend Lutheran High West. He'd like to become a pro football player—and/or a chef!

During the June 7 graduation and award ceremony at North Detroit Lutheran School, Michael received the award for Outstanding Achievement in all academic areas.

Michael was joined during the ceremony by his fellow graduates: Jimmie Green, Devlin Hamilton, Damon Lucas, Vincent Mahone, Adam Morris, Lawrence Newson, Robert Parker, Marcel Porter, Robert Byals, Braun Ryans, Lawrence Simmons, LaSonja Stamps and Elton Wardell.



Rev. Jon Reusch congratulates Michael Reese upon Michael's graduation.

Gloria Burley selected as new director in Michigan

Gloria Burley was named the new director of Lutheran Special Education Ministries of Michigan. She replaces Dr. Herman Holste, who retired in June. In addition to directing Michigan's 19 satellite programs, Burley will serve as the principal of North Detroit Lutheran School.

Burley has been a high school level resource room teacher since 1986. She previously taught kindergarten through 12th grade in both private and public schools and she has worked as an interpretive naturalist for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Parks.

She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in biology. In 1985, she received a master's degree in administration and supervision from Saginaw Valley State University. In 1990, she completed a master's degree in reading and learning disabilities at Oakland University.

Formerly a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Detroit, Burley and her family are now members of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mount Clemens. Burley and her husband, Dr. David C. Burley, are the parents of three sons. David is a student at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Edward and Joseph are both students at Lutheran High School North in Detroit.

"While I will miss the immediacy of working with students in the classroom, I am looking forward to this new opportunity to serve," said Burley. "The expansion of our programs to 'enable children with special learning needs to receive a Christian education' is very exciting. It's both humbling and exhilarating to be a part of this great ministry."

Planning for the future

Our ministry's future can be helped through a gift of life insurance. Life insurance can help in two ways: One way is to buy a policy and name Lutheran Special Education Ministries as the sole beneficiary or owner.

The second way is by sharing a percentage of your insurance through an existing individual or group policy. Through "Life Share," you can help Lutheran Special Education Ministries, your church or other agencies.

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is a member of the Life Share for Lutheran Charities of Minneapolis, Minn. You can contact Life Share at (612) 835-1521 or Lutheran Special Education Ministries for more information on this opportunity for estate planning through the use of insurance.

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Statement of Ministry

With the knowledge of God's love and desire that God's love be revealed through our ministry, Lutheran Special Education Ministries serves to enable children with special learning needs to receive a Christian education.

Briefly . . .

- This year, we will add four new resource rooms. Three new resource rooms in Michigan are at St. Stephen in Detroit, St. Stephen in Drayton Plains and Our Savior in Lansing. In Illinois, a new resource room will be added this fall at Lutheran High School South in Chicago.
- William Harlow, who worked in the development office at Lutheran Special Education Ministries, accepted a call to work in the development area for Lutheran Social Services of Texas. Bill will be in charge of the development effort in the Houston area. Bill served Lutheran Special Education Ministries faithfully for 14 years. We wish him the Lord's richest blessings in his work in Texas.
- Lutheran Special Education Ministries would like to thank the following Lutheran insurance companies for their support: Aid Association for Lutherans, Lutheran Fraternities of America and Lutheran Brotherhood. These companies have been instrumental in granting us financial assistance in our effort to help more children with learning needs receive a Christian education. These companies and their branches have helped us touch young lives with Christ's love.
- The annual Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 13.

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