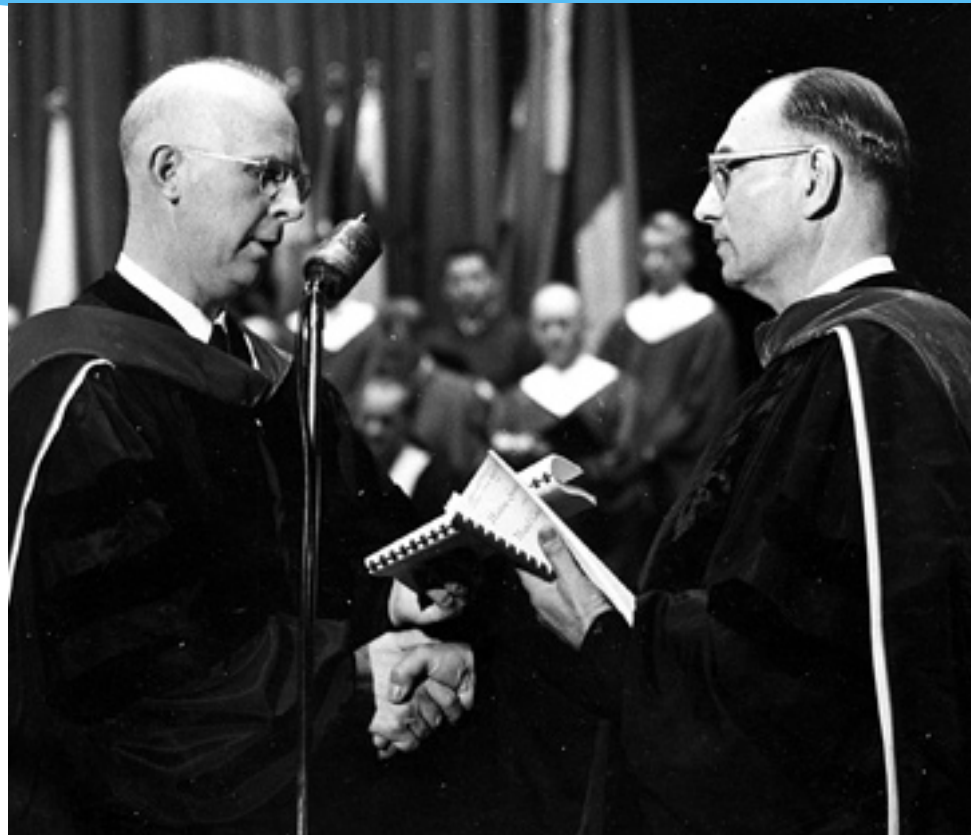


# THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1963-2013



# UCC formed in 1957



Fred Hoskins (Congregational) and James Wagner (E&R)  
seal the union with an historic handshake

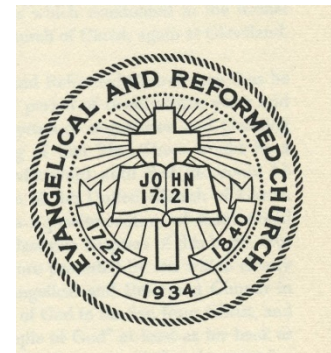
# Wisconsin Conference formed in 1962

- \* Congregational Christian
  - \* 182 Congregations with 51,628 members



Congregational Christian Churches

- \* Evangelical and Reformed
  - \* 161 Congregations with 50,996 members

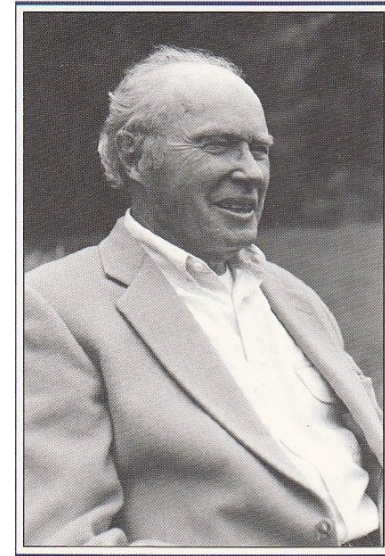


# Congregational Leaders

Jess Norenberg  
Congregational Superintendent



George Nau Burridge  
Congregational Lay Leader





# Evangelical and Reformed Leaders

Paul Kehle, president  
South Wisconsin E&R Synod



John Scheib, president  
North Wisconsin E&R Synod



# The uniting meeting took place at these Madison churches in October 1962

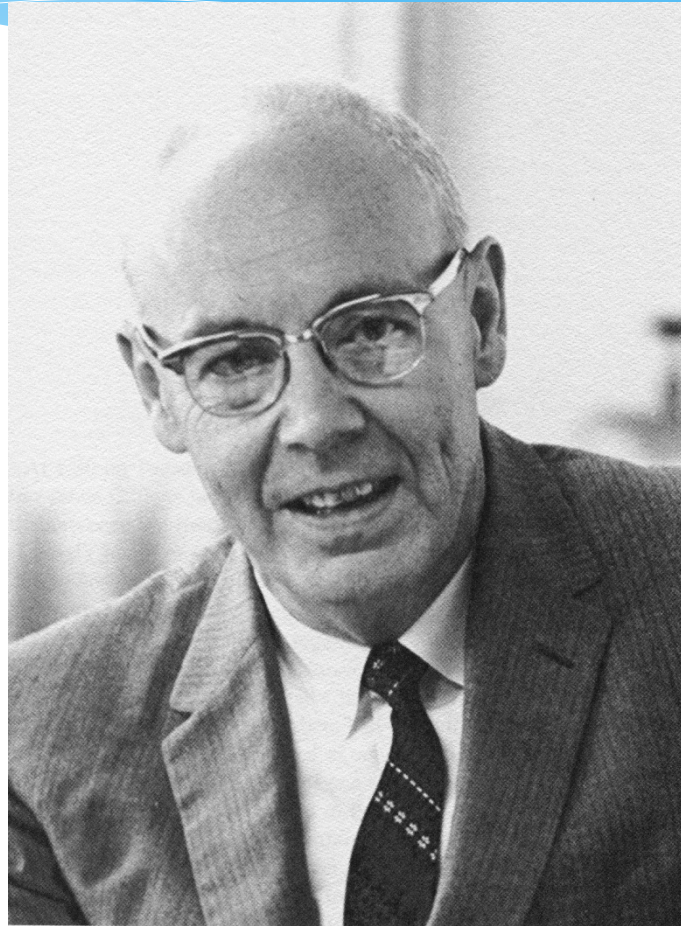
Memorial E&R



First Congregational



# The Clarence McCall Years: 1963-1966



# The Conference Office on Marshall Court





# The March on Selma



Keith Karau,  
a UCC college student  
from Merrill, reflected on  
his participation



# Ecumenism blossomed in the 1960s

Protestant and Catholic youth  
met at First Congregational UCC  
in Wisconsin Rapids



Ray Hernandez was Conference  
Youth Minister in 1966



# Conference Annual Meeting in Appleton

Clarence McCall concluded his  
ministry at the 1965 Annual  
Meeting





# The Ralph Ley Years: 1966-1981



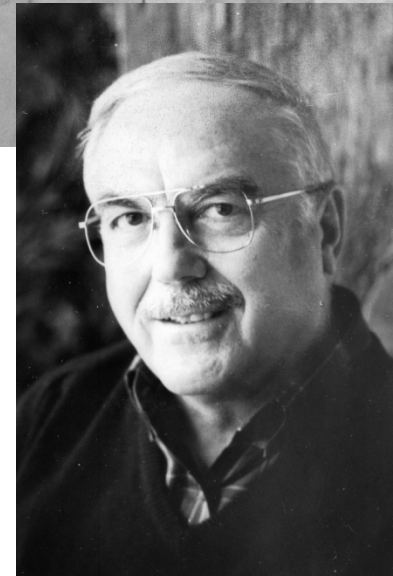
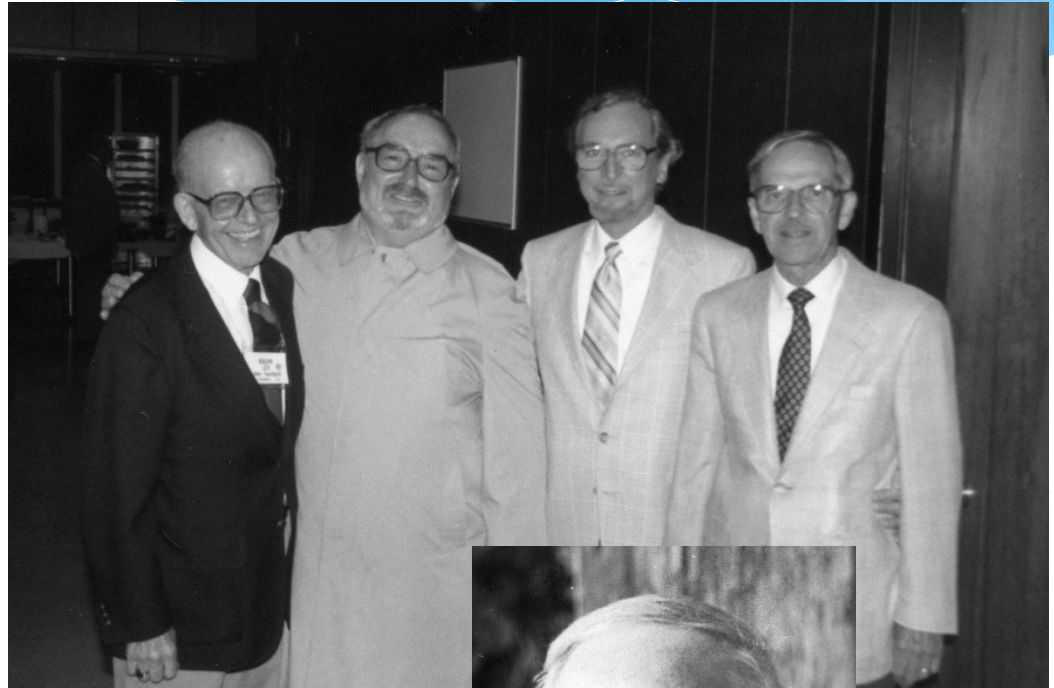
# The Ley Staff included:

**Jim Savides**, Northwest  
Association Minister

**Dick Wichlei**, Southwest  
Association Minister

**Roy Alberswerth**, Southeast  
Association Minister

**Don Hinze**, Northeast  
Association Minister



## Thinking Out Loud



Not long ago a well-known magazine held a competition among its readers to list the "eighth deadly sin" and give reason for their suggestions. I don't know what the winning selection was, but a noted theologian said his entry would have been "the sin of sincerity." He went on to state that one of our basic problems today is that everyone sincerely believes his cause to be a righteous one!

I rather suspect this to be true whether it be in the church, a political campaign, a foreign policy, or some special project for social justice and change.

Jesus himself was placed on the cross by sincere people. He demanded more than sincerity from his followers. They were to be his disciples and do their Father's will. When he accused the Pharisees of being hypocrites, he didn't accuse them of insincerity. He meant that they were merely sincere, but not righteous.

As we begin our fall programs and projects, as we return to programs of Christian education, as we engage in evangelism and social mission, as we participate in the election year activities, we must insist that we live our faith so it goes beyond sincerity to truth, wisdom and love. We must strive to have the mind of Christ.

In the final judgment we will not be judged for our sincerity. That will be taken for granted. But we will be judged by the deeds we might have achieved, by the gifts we have wasted and by the service we fail to render!

*Ralph P. Ley*

RALPH P. LEY  
Conference President



WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

# LIFE

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## Campbellsport and West German Congregations Begin Eleven Month Pastor Exchange

The Campbellsport United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Congregation in Leeden, Westphalia, West Germany, have begun an 11 month pastor exchange.

The Rev. George A. Hoffmann, has gone to serve the German church, which



dates back to pre-reformation times when it was a convent, and the Rev. Wilfried Mahler has come to Campbellsport with his wife and two year old daughter. The Campbellsport, like the German church is located in a small village and draws its membership from the surrounding rural area.



Rev. Hoffmann program, parsonages and salaries will be exchanged with each congregation paying insurance and pension for its own pastor.

Both congregations are of the German Reformed heritage. German services were held exclusively in the Campbellsport church until 1917 and regularly until 1931.

To implement the

## Wisconsin Conference Churches Respond To Flood Crisis

The Conference office reports that \$9,023.27 has been received from the churches of our Conference and forwarded through the office to Rapid City, S.D., for the much needed flood relief and assistance.

Of the amount \$187.23 was sent directly from our summer camps. It is noted that all of the money remitted by our churches has been sent and is already at work to aid those most desperately in need.

In addition to the money remitted through the Conference office, relief gifts have been sent directly to Rapid City by churches and individual members.



## Florida and Wisconsin in Family Camp Leadership Exchange

Using the theme "We are His Keepers" the Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Leek, of Holiday, Florida, were key leaders at one of last summer's Moon Beach Family Camps. The exchange will be complete when Dr. and Mrs. Richard Shropshire of Madison will appear at a Florida Conference meeting in April, 1973.



Three generations of a ministerial family participated in the ordination service on June 25 for James D. Mohr (right above), oldest son of the Rev. George A. Mohr (left) and grandson of the Rev. John Mohr, retired (center). The service was held at Zion United Church of Christ, Sheboygan. The newly ordained clergyman is minister at First Congregational Church, Milton, and is continuing his studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.



# Our Camps have been the “cream of the crop” in the UCC

Moon Beach

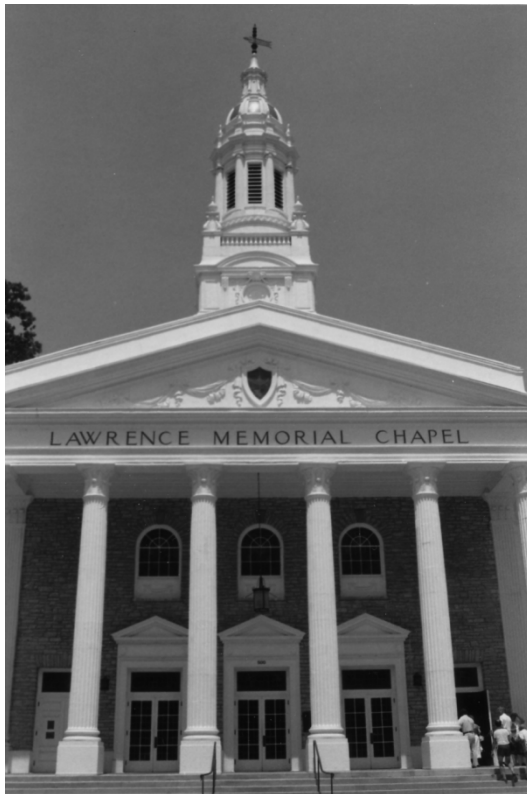


Pilgrim Center



# Lively Annual Meetings at Lawrence University in Appleton

Plenary sessions took place in the chapel.



Many issues were discussed.



# International Exchanges began

## An exchange group in East Berlin



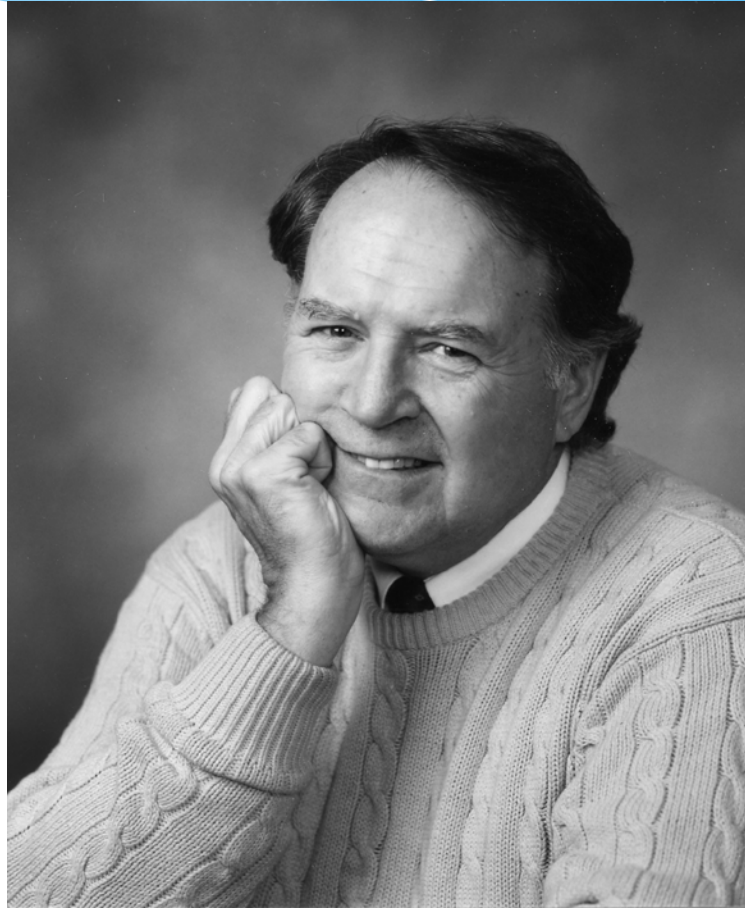


# General Synod Delegates in 1977





# The Frederick Trost Years: 1981-2001



# Lay Academy began in 1994



Bonnie Van Overbeke  
was the first director



# Ecumenical and International Partnerships

- \* We have had special connections to churches in Germany, Honduras, Mexico, Great Britain, Egypt, France and other countries.



Franz Eberhard Fichte from Germany & Fred Trost



Theological Colloquy  
with Hondurans and Germans



# A new Conference Office in De Forest in 1993

Before



After



# Annual Meetings were held in Stevens Point from 1996 to 2006



# Trost's impact was far-reaching...





# The David Moyer Years: 2001-2013





Since 2006 Annual Meetings have been held at the Green Lake Center



# The camping program has remained strong

The Ley Chapel at Pilgrim was dedicated in 2009



# Wisconsin Conference Ministers

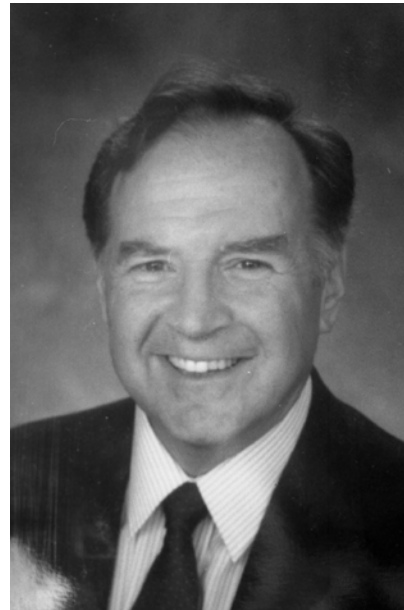
Clarence McCall



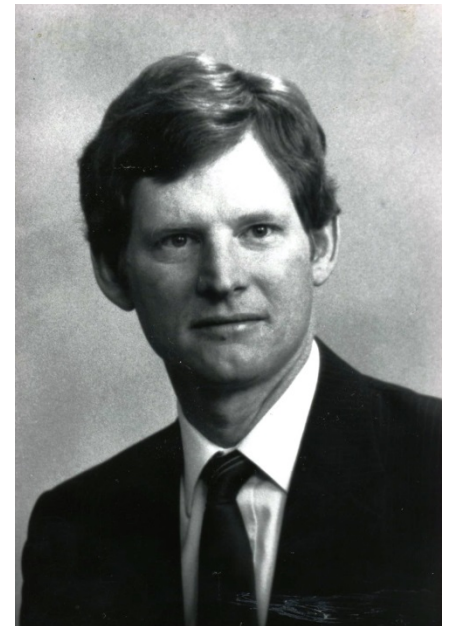
Ralph Ley



Frederick Trost



David Moyer





# Conference Staff in the 1960s

Staff from the 1960s gathered in 1997:

Paul Olm, Dick Wichlei, Joyce Sylvester, David Rohlfing, Ruth Ley, Ray Hernandez, Roy Alberswerth, Jim Savides, and Conference Minister Fred Trost



# These people served the Conference

Obid Hofland, youth and  
camping 1970-1975



Helen Barnhill, moderator in  
the 1970s



# These people served the Conference

Ree Hale,  
outdoor, youth &  
young adult ministries,  
1982-1990



Ginger Long, assistant  
to the Conference  
Minister, 1981-1994



Jackie Mitchell,  
assistant to the  
Conference Minister,  
1994-2008

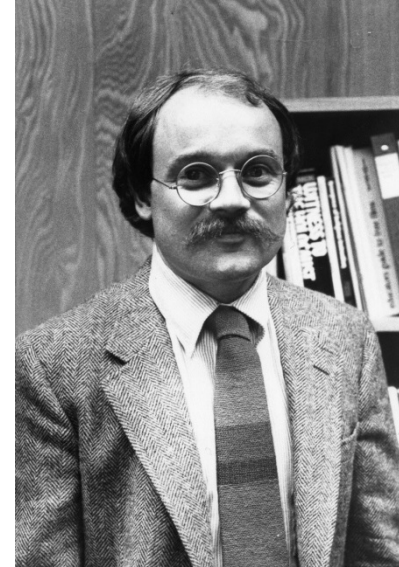


# These people served the Conference

Bonnie Paulson,  
Business Manager, 1985-1997



Peter Monkres,  
Christian Education, Lay Life &  
Leadership, 1982-1992





# These people served the Conference

Mary Nack

Church in Society & Mission Education  
1977-1990



Perry Bell

Mission and Stewardship  
1990-1997



# Northwest Association Ministers

James Savides,  
1963-1988



David Moyer,  
1988-2001



Jeanny House,  
2002-2011



# Southeast Association Ministers

Roy  
Alberswerth,  
1965-1981



Robert Horst,  
1981-1996



Thomas Bentz,  
1996-2010

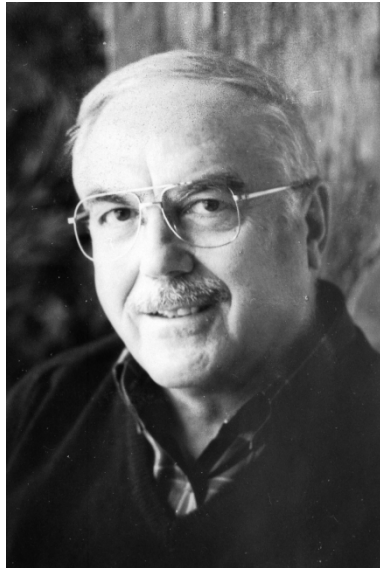


# Northeast Association Ministers

Paul Olm,  
1963-1973



Don Hinze,  
1973-1995



Joan Sulzer,  
1995-2001



Art Wille,  
2003-2011



# Southwest Association Ministers

Richard Wichlei, 1963-1981



Robert Mutton, 1981-2012

