



LUTHERAN CONFERENCE — Discussion of a wide range of church problems highlighted a three-day leaders' conference of the Alberta-British Columbia District of the Lutheran Church in Canada, held this week in St. Peter's Lutheran Church. About 90 delegates attended. Shown are

Rev. C. F. Basse of New Westminster, B.C., district vice-president; Albert Bieber, St. Louis, Mo., representative of the stewardship department of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and Rev. Alfred Miller, Calgary, president.

90 Lutherans Attend Leaders' Conference

About 90 delegates, representing nearly 25,000 Lutherans in the Alberta-British Columbia district of the Lutheran Church in Canada, attended the first district-wide leaders' conference in St. Peter's Lutheran Church this week.

The meeting, open to laymen and clergy, was launched with a devotional service conducted by Rev. A. F. Miller of Calgary, district president.

The conference evaluated the work of the Synod and the district, discussed problems mutual to all congregations and adopted the 1961 budget.

Key speaker at the meeting was Albert Bieber of St. Louis, Mo., who represented the stewardship department of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

He told the conference that \$8,900,000 of the Missouri Synod's 1961 budget of \$21,000,000 will be used for the operation and expansion of the church's colleges and seminaries. Edmonton's Concordia College is one of its 10 pre-theological schools in North America.

Mr. Bieber said another \$8,396,000 will be spent for missions, including \$750,000 for its television program, This Is the Life.

The conference approved the 1961 district budget of \$278,000, an increase of 300 per cent from 1954. A total of \$85,000 of the budget will be used for Synodical purposes. Rev. W. C. Eifert, Edmonton, executive secretary of the district, said the Synod also will subsidize the mission program, expected to exceed \$87,000.

Plans were laid at the meeting for the creation of 10 divisional cabinets, with at least four members each. They are designed to promote better contacts between the Synod, district and local organizations.