

Visiting to South Carolina

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It took thirty hours to get here from Sendai.
It was after midnight when we arrived at
Columbia Metropolitan Airport





Jerry showed me old photos. I found young missionaries in these photos.



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

The Rev. John Unrich Geissendanner came to this country from Switzerland in 1737 and began holding services for the folk in this area.

The Rev. John Friederics ministered to the Lutherans from 1760 to 1775, his ministry was interrupted by the Revolutionary War.

The Rev. John P. Franklow began his ministry in 1799. In 1826 the church was moved to this present sight....




Peanut field



Cotton field



Peanut field

An elderly man with white hair and sunglasses is shown from the chest up, looking down at a small green object he is holding in his hands. He is wearing a light blue and white striped short-sleeved button-down shirt. A spiral-bound notebook is tucked into his shirt pocket, and a silver wristwatch is on his left wrist. He is standing in a field of dense green plants, possibly cotton, with a line of trees in the background under a cloudy sky.

Moss Perrow is a farmer around here. He told us about his family history. His ancestor made a donation of his farm a lot to Lutheran Church. This farm was bought back in later years. The foundation was formed in Lutheran Church. The travel cost of me was paid from this fund.

Cottonseed



I took this photo in his office.
Moss Perrow is a typical good person in the American South.



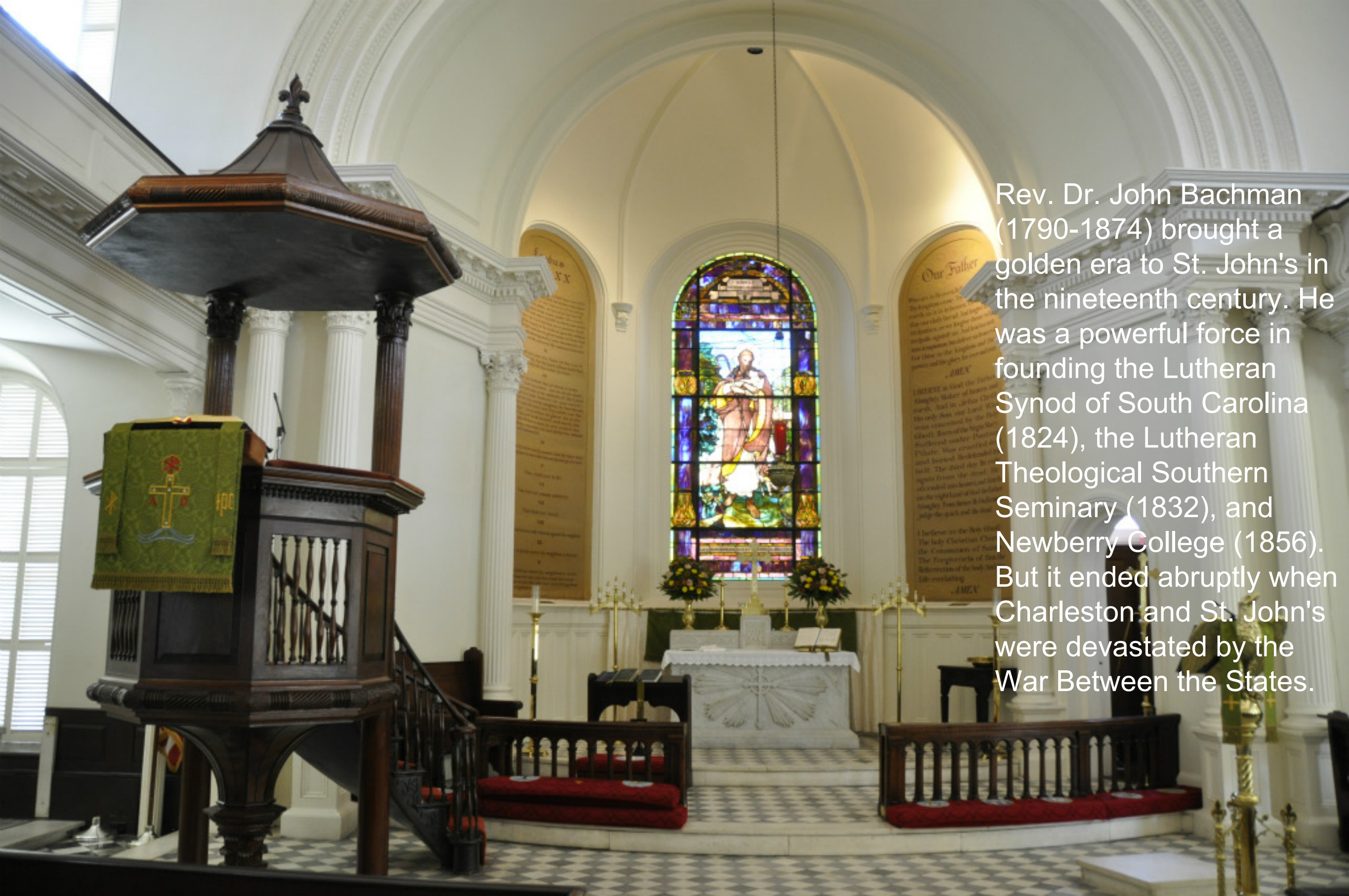
I had a first speech at Saturday
Night Worship at Shepherd of the
Sea Lutheran Church.



Pastor Brad Bellah



We sat on the compartment pew in St. John's Lutheran Church.
I felt the exotic atmosphere of a southern land from the French blind window.



Rev. Dr. John Bachman (1790-1874) brought a golden era to St. John's in the nineteenth century. He was a powerful force in founding the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina (1824), the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (1832), and Newberry College (1856). But it ended abruptly when Charleston and St. John's were devastated by the War Between the States.



Reverend Edward Traill Horn was the Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church from 1876 through 1897. He was a strong advocate of foreign missions, and his persuasive leadership led to the establishment of the first Lutheran Mission in Japan. This is the beginning of JELC.



Pastor David J. Butler



St. John's Lutheran Church



St. John's Lutheran Church

Meeting of Coastal Conference Lutheran Churches
I was asked what the most surprising thing in US for
me at the dinner. I replied "Jerry eats a lot".





Meeting of Coastal Conference Lutheran Churches



Charleston



Folly Beach in Charleston



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Exciting ! He is really the policeman in US.
I had a speech at the Cayce-West Columbia Lions Club.

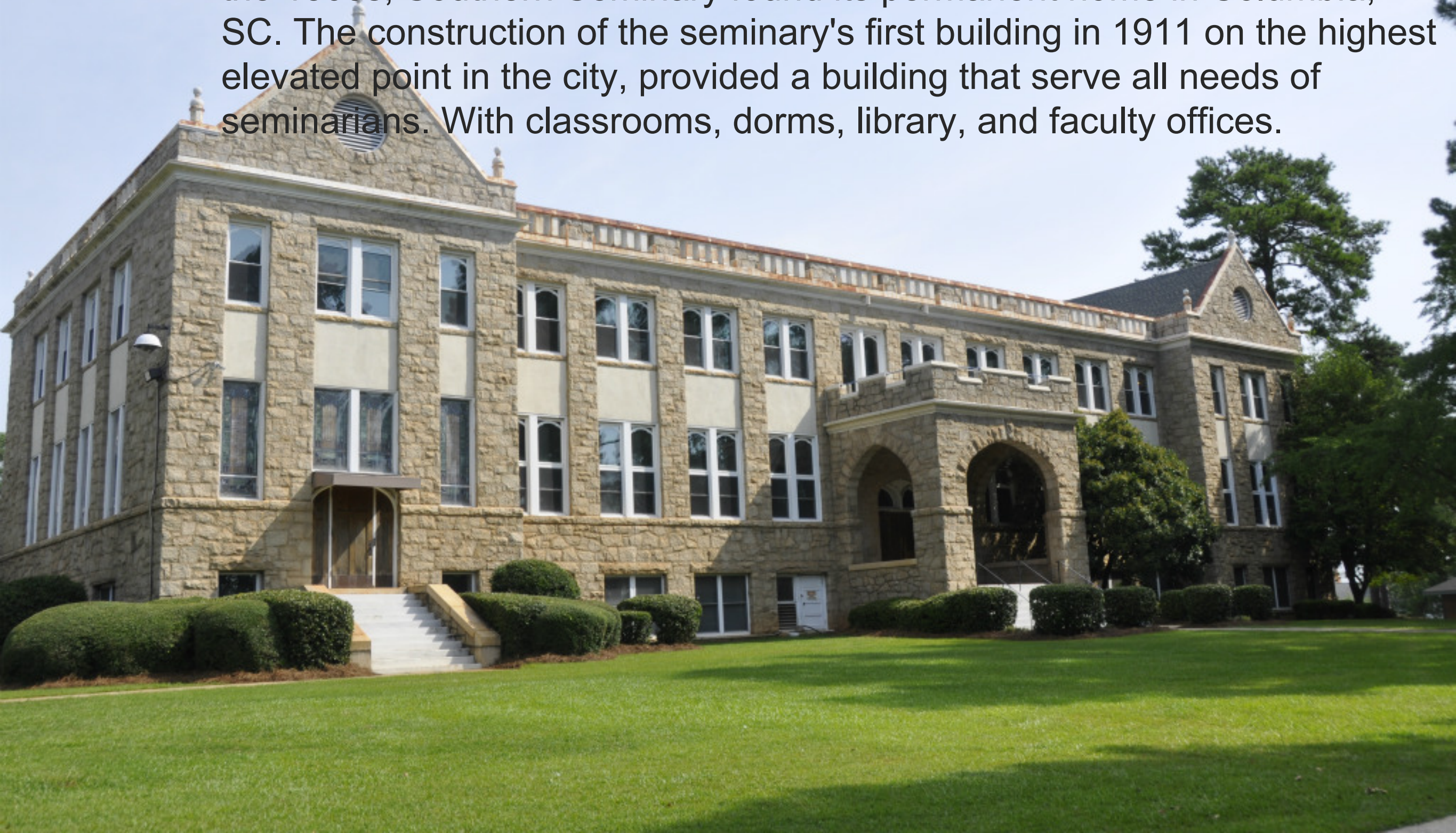


On the way home from the presentation at the Lions Club. Jerry seems to be one of the US people too. He looks happy driving the truck. I should have ridden in the front passenger seat of his truck.



We visited to the SC Synod Office and met with Bishop Herman Yoos.
I found a cut picture which was made by Pastor Kojima on the wall of the office.
We talked with the staffs of the office.
Very fun!

We visited to the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia. After several different moves around the state and the southeast during the 1800s, Southern Seminary found its permanent home in Columbia, SC. The construction of the seminary's first building in 1911 on the highest elevated point in the city, provided a building that serve all needs of seminarians. With classrooms, dorms, library, and faculty offices.



The opposite side of the chancel of the chapel is made of stained glass. The picture of it is the sign of pentecost. And twelve balls mean disciples.





Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

MARS HILL



MT. CALVARY WORMS

Ron Walrath pointed at the three bricks embedded in the wall. MARS HILL is Areopagus, Athens where Paul stood. MT. CALVARY is where the cross was stood. And WORMS is where the Diet was held and Martin Luther said "Here I stand". There were hostile people in front of them. But we have to be neighbors to them.

The Rev. Charles Dawkins used to be a missionary in Kumamoto Area. He graduated Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 1954. I took this photo in the hall of the Seminary. When I proposed to take a picture in front of the graduation photo on the wall, he said in Kumamoto dialect "It's just like a before and after". Indeed I saw some Japanese in SC, Charles Dawkins, Jerry and Janice Livingston.



Class of 1954

uthern Seminary

Charles B. Dawkins



PAT C. CLONIN

EDWIN ROSAER TRUTHMAN



JAMES W. SOSEB



HENRY N. BRANDT



D. SHEALY



EUGENE L. EPTING, JR.



LEWIS CROCKETT HUDDLE



CHARLES B. DAWKINS




After we visited to The Heritage At Lowman, we found a stall. The Rev. Dawkins bought some peaches for us. As soon as we came back home, he cut these peaches. It was too early to eat. But just before we came back to Japan, we enjoyed them. Very delicious!



FOUR OAKS FARM

On the way to home, The Rev. Dawkins took us to Four Oaks Farm. He said "We must eat pekan". I bought some bags of roast pekan. They ate them at once in Sendai Church. I appreciate Dawkins for letting us know pekan.

The image shows the interior of a large, ornate chapel. A massive, multi-tiered crystal chandelier hangs from the ceiling, casting a warm glow. To the left, an organ loft with numerous pipes is visible. The walls are white with decorative paneling. Rows of dark wooden pews with white-painted ends are arranged in the foreground. In the background, there is a white altar area with a simple wooden bench and a pulpit. A doorway is visible in the distance.

The Palmetto State established South Carolina College-the precursor to the University of South Carolina-on Dec. 19, 1801, as part of an effort to unite South Carolinians in the wake of the American Revolution. South Carolina's leaders saw the new college as a way to promote "the good order and harmony" of the state.

The chapel in the beginning University of South Carolina



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARTERED 1801 AS THE S. C. COLLEGE,
OPENED JANUARY 10, 1805. ENTIRE STUDENT
BODY VOLUNTEERED FOR CONFEDERATE
SERVICE 1861. SOLDIERS' HOSPITAL 1862 - 65.
RECHARTERED AS U. OF S. C. 1865. RADICAL
CONTROL 1873 - 77. CLOSED 1877 - 80.
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC
COLLEGE 1882 - 87.
1887 - 90. S. C. COLLEGE
1905. U. OF S. C. 1906.

SHFUL INDEX TO THE AMBITIONS
FORTUNES OF THE STATE.

ERECTED 1938

COLUMBIA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION OF 1936.

We visited to Campus Ministry Center
of University of South Carolina. The
Rev. Frank W. Anderson explained the
history of University of South Carolina.




Campus Ministry Center of
University of South Carolina



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A photograph of an older man with glasses and a light blue shirt, sitting next to a large, dark wood mechanical piano player. He is smiling and gesturing with his right hand towards the internal mechanism of the piano, which is visible through an open panel. The piano has a keyboard and the brand name "LIVINGSTON" is visible on the front. The background is a brick wall and a window with blinds.

Jerry has a piano player. It is an old mechanical player. And the name of the manufacturer of this piano is "LIVINGSTON".



Ocean View Seafood restaurant



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Jerry graduated Brookland-Cayce High School in 1951.



*The Rev. Jerry C. Livingston
Pastor Abroad
1959 - 1999*

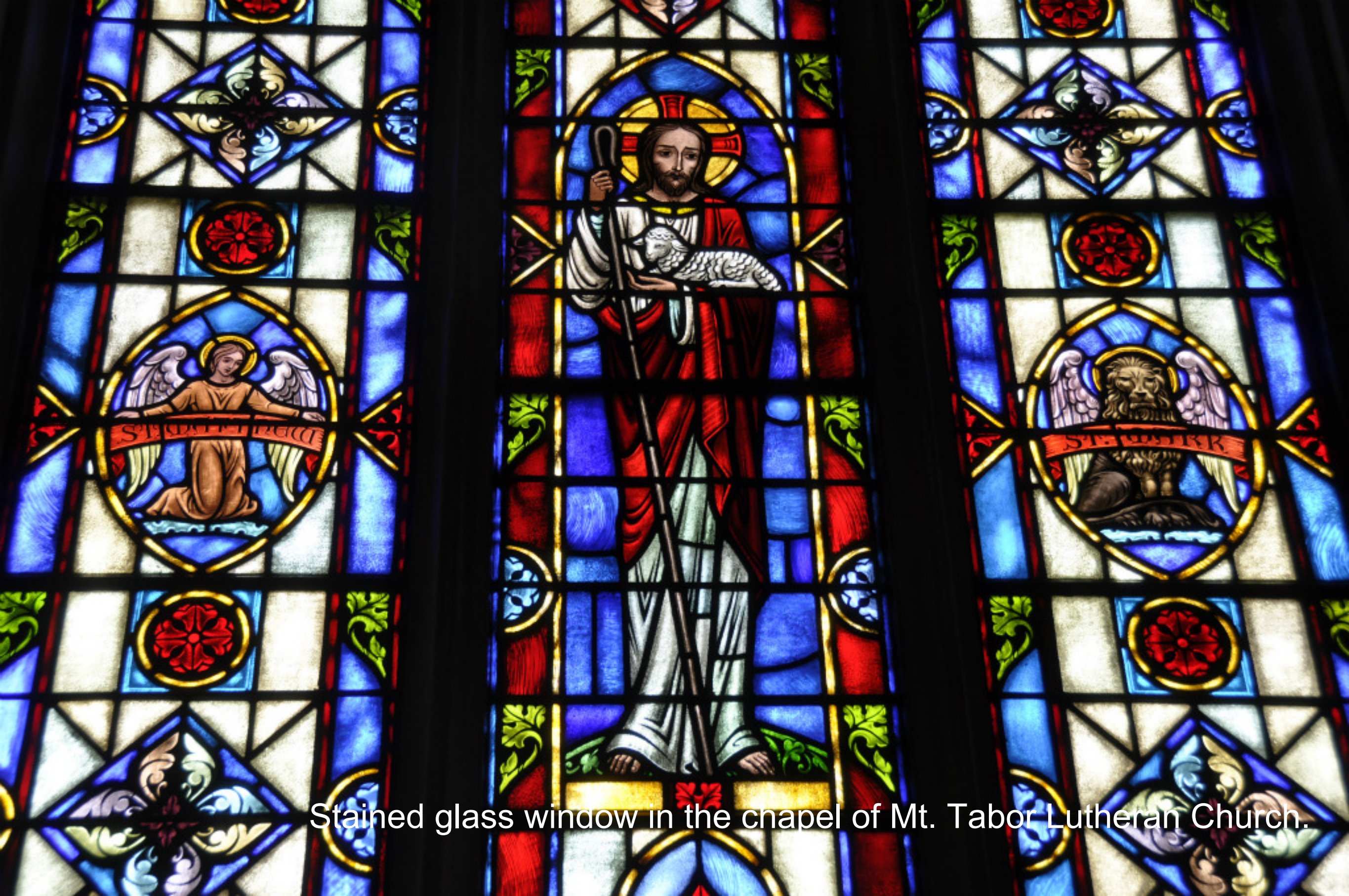
I found a portrait photo of Rev. Livingston with the next caption on the wall in the assembly hall of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Jerry C. Livingston
Pastor Abroad
1959 - 1999

He graduated Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia May 23, 1958. Because he was commissioned by the SC Synod, he went abroad for Japan mission together with wife and daughter in 1959. This is the beginning of his forty years dedication to Japan.

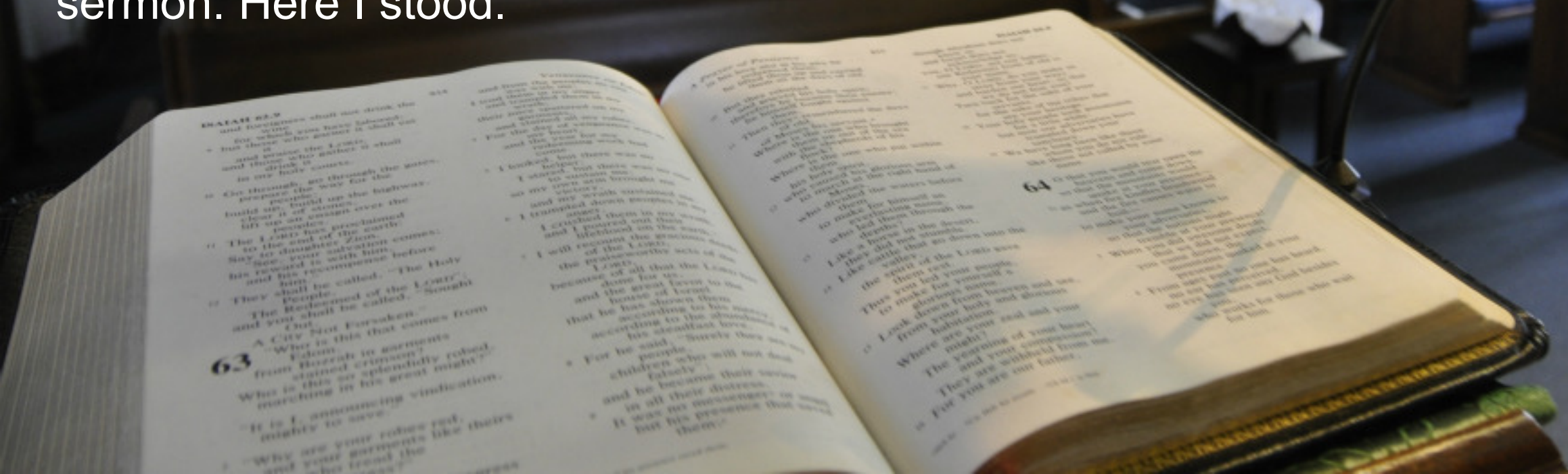


Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church



Stained glass window in the chapel of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church.

A View from the pulpit of Mt. Tabor
Lutheran Church
I was given a chance to preching a
sermon. Here I stood.





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Jerry and Janice Livingston



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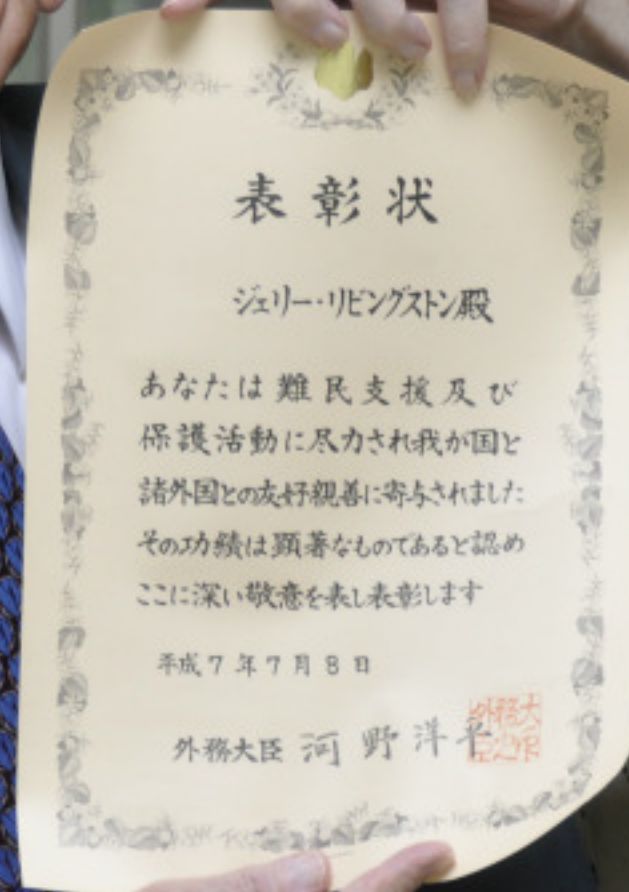


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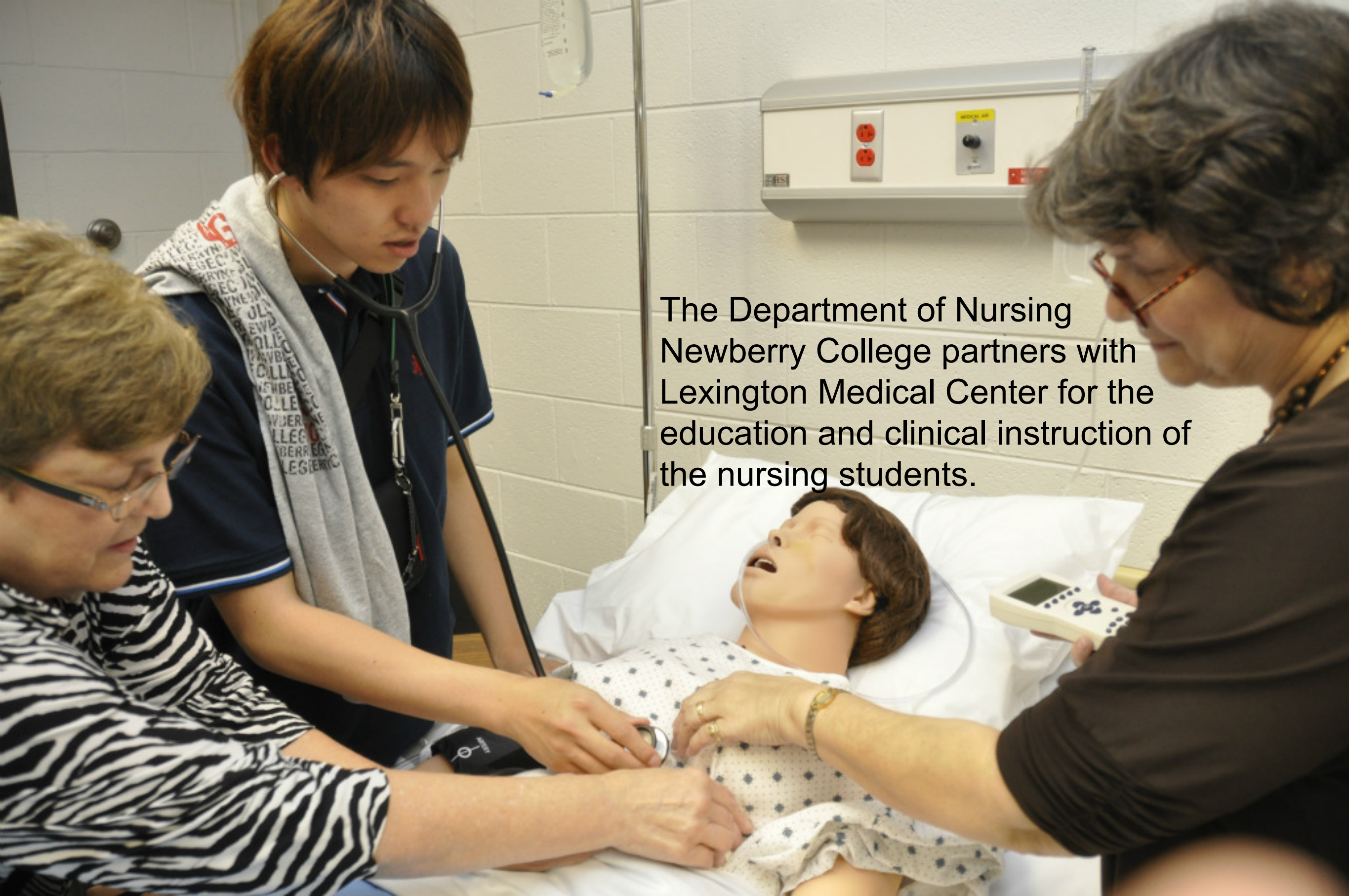
Jerry and Janice Livingston

Jerry was officially commended for the refugees assistance from the Japanese foreign minister Youhei Kono in 1995.



Newberry college is the private school founded in 1856 by the Lutheran Church, Newberry College is a small liberal arts college with a beautiful 90-acre campus in Newberry, South Carolina.





The Department of Nursing
Newberry College partners with
Lexington Medical Center for the
education and clinical instruction of
the nursing students.

Lutheran Church in SC has three Retreat Centers. Camp Kinard is one of them. It has 325 acres and numerous facilities.



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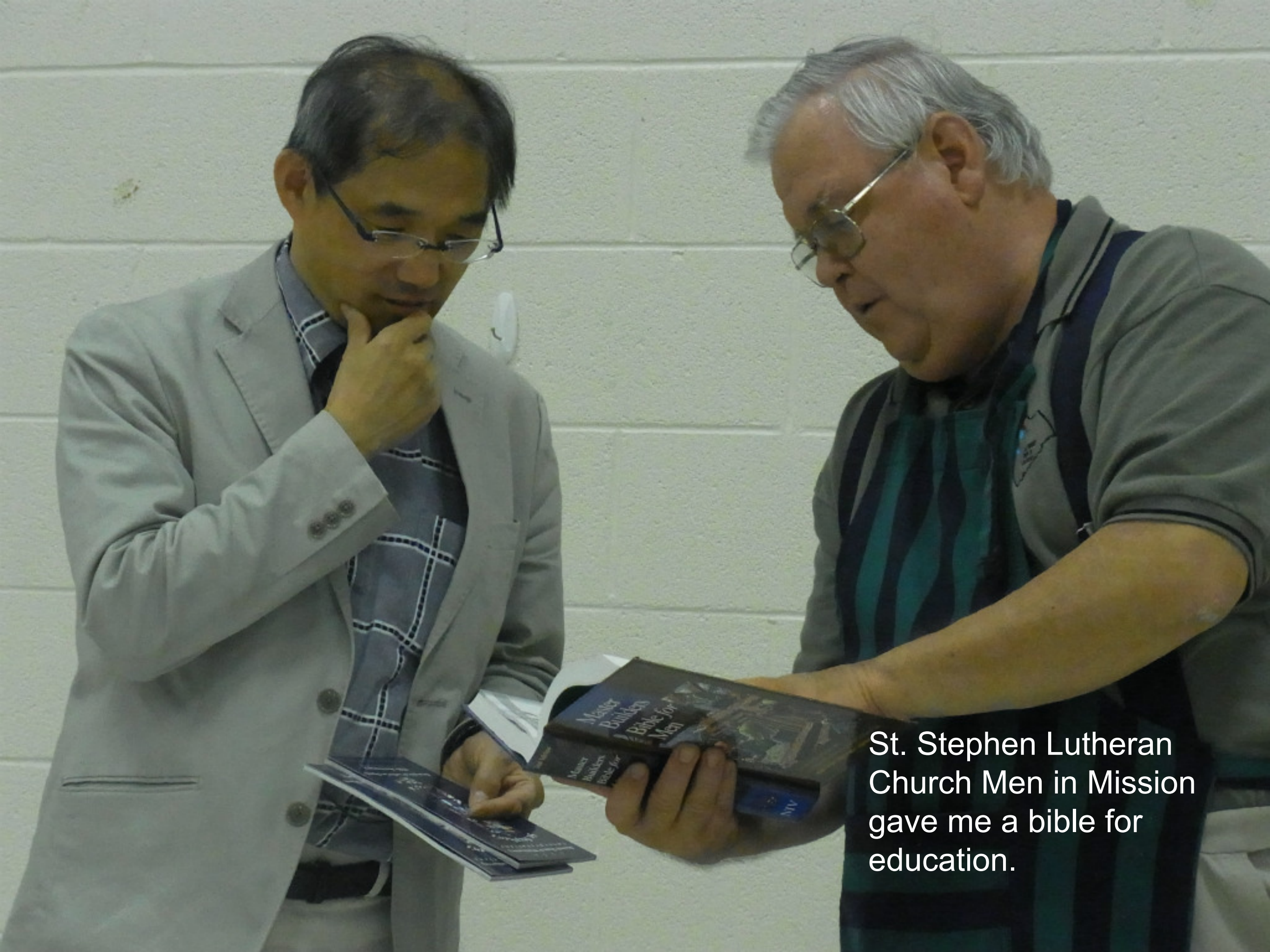
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I had the last presentation at
St. Stephen Lutheran Church



St. Stephen Lutheran Church



St. Stephen Lutheran
Church Men in Mission
gave me a bible for
education.



Jerry and Janice drove us to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport. We had great experiences in South Carolina. Indeed this was the first visit to US for me. We met many wonderful people. All experiences I had made me know the fact that South Carolina Synod and JELC have a strong relation. God, and parents, and our master Jerry and Janice, can never be requited. Thank you again. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.