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AHA Gathering VII at Augustana Celebrates Sesquicentennial

AUGUSTANA HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

The *Augustana Heritage Gathering VII* in Rock Island, Illinois, next June 10-13 will offer special opportunities to remember the beginnings of the historic Augustana Synod and its institutions during this 2010 Sesquicentennial Year of its founding in 1860.

Archbishop Anders Wejryd of the Church of Sweden, himself a former exchange student in Sparta, Michigan, has confirmed his participation, as have ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson, and Bishop Gary Wollersheim of the Northern Illinois Synod.

In recognition of the role played by Swedish operatic star Jenny Lind in funding early Augustana ministries, Sweden will also send its 2010 Jenny Lind Travel Scholarship winner and her accompanist to the gathering for a special Friday evening Jenny Lind concert, in connection with traditional Midsummer festivities.

Symposia and lectures are now being developed to tell the many stories of Augustana ministries, with special emphasis on the role of women and foreign ministries. Topics include the Americanization of the Augustana Synod, founder Lars Paul Esbjörn's continued contacts with, and interest in, the Augustana Synod after returning to Sweden, Augustana hymnody, and the impact of Augustana traditions on contemporary church life and ministry.

A day tour of Augustana Synod immigrant sites in the area is being planned to include the Jenny Lind Chapel and Augustana Lutheran Church at Andover, and nearby sites related to its earliest ministries, including First Lutheran Church of Moline and other locations in and around the Quad Cities.

Remember your heritage. Enjoy a Midsummer celebration. Explore the legacy of the Augustana Synod.

A registration form will be in the Augustana Heritage Association Fall Newsletter which is sent to all members of AHA. To become a member, check out the web site.

Välkommen!



The Rev. Lars Paul Esbjörn (1808–70), the founder of the Augustana Synod. Photo courtesy of Special Collections, Augustana College, Rock Island.

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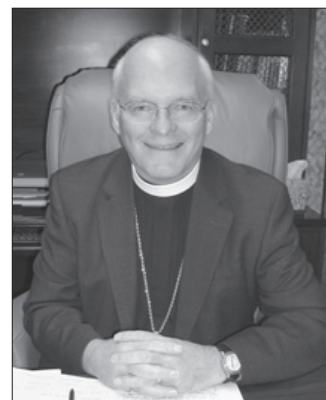
Jenny Lind, singer.



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