

## Georg Sverdrup Society Holds Fourth Annual Meeting

The program for the fourth annual meeting of the Georg Sverdrup Society, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Georg Sverdrup's death, was held in Minneapolis on October 13, 2007, at the Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary chapel. Prof. Sverdrup died May 7, 1907.

Hymns from his funeral service were sung, a translation of an article describing the service was read by Rev. Raynard Huglen, and a tribute was given by Rev. Ronald Dahle, grandson of Rev. Ole Dahle, a casketbearer.

Since the Georg Sverdrup Society is focusing on translating Sverdrup's writings on missions during 2007 and 2008, a translation of the address he gave at the inauguration of the Augsburg Mission Society in 1885 was dramatically pre-



The AFLTS Seminary Chorus sings, "*Den Store Hvide Flok*," which was sung at Sverdrup's funeral by the Augsburg Glee Club. L. to R.: Tom Olson, Jeremy Crowell, Brett Boe, Anthony Pope, Erlend Straume (seminarian from Norway, soloist), Bob W. Lee, and Micah Hjermstad.

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Rev. Ron Dahle, Grenora, ND, tells of his family's long connection with the Sverdrup family, beginning when his grandfather, Ole Dahle, left Norway to study at Augsburg Seminary under Sverdrup. For several summers the Sverdrups vacationed at the Dahle home on Farm Island Lake in northern Minnesota. Ole Dahle was also a pallbearer at Sverdrup's funeral. (See an excerpt from Rev. Dahle's presentation on page 6 of this newsletter.)



AFLTS seminarian Sam Wellumson, dressed as Sverdrup would have dressed in 1885 when he inspired the first meeting of the Augsburg Mission Society with his "Students and Missions" address. Wellumson memorized Faythe Thureen's translation of "Students and Missions" and presented it as a dramatic oration, much to the enjoyment of the members in attendance.



Madagascar was the first mission field for Augsburg Seminary graduates. In attendance at the annual meeting were four former missionaries to Madagascar. L to R: Kathy and Dr. Stanley Quanbeck, Rev. Amos and Ovidie Dyrud, and Rev. Ron Dahle.

Dr. Quanbeck represents the third generation of a family of missionaries to Madagascar. His grandparents, Rev. J. B. Jerstad and his wife, began serving in Madagascar around 1898 and continued until Jerstad's death there in 1911. Stan's parents, Rev. Caleb and Connie Jerstad Quanbeck, began serving in 1928. Rev. Quanbeck served 56 years before his retirement. Dr. Quanbeck was raised in Madagascar and returned as a medical missionary with his wife, Kathy, a nurse. They served there 40 years.

Rev. Amos and Ovidie Dyrud were missionaries to Madagascar from 1950 to 1969. After returning to the United States, Rev. Dyrud served as Dean of the

Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary for several years.

Though not himself a missionary, Rev. Ron Dahle had two aunts who served in Madagascar, Ragna Dahle and Astrid Dahle Awes. Ragna