

COMPULSORY CHAPEL: Mortvedt was president during the 1960s. Many rules in the country were changing, including universities. The change to voluntary chapel was not unique to Pacific Lutheran University. Compulsory chapel was part of the Christian mission in Scandinavian Lutheranism.

PIETISM: Mortvedt's father was a Lutheran clergyman from the Hauge Synod. As time has gone on the university has been less affected by Hauge pietism. There were three branches of Norwegian Lutherans and each was a degree of Pietism. Compulsory chapel was part of the Norwegian Lutheran beliefs. Many rules at Pacific Lutheran University reflected pious rules.

PIETISM: Eastvold was part of the Hauge Synod. He supported compulsory chapel and during his time as president, some faculty members questioned it. Mortvedt had a similar background as Eastvold and was very intelligent. Mortvedt did not think there was academic rationale for compulsory chapel. The growth of the university also impacted the change for voluntary chapel. There were many factors that led to voluntary chapel. Mortvedt saw the changes that Eastvold did not, like dancing and chapel.

MORTVEDT: Mortvedt believed in more justifiable ways in academic freedom. Professors liked this because it gave them freedom to think independently. Mortvedt selected his faculty carefully to fit the university.

MORTVEDT'S MOTTO: Mortvedt did not always personally follow his idea of academic freedom. A professor in religion had a different view on Christianity than the norm, and a faculty member complained to Mortvedt. The religion professor's contract was not renewed for this reason.

RELATIONSHIP: Mortvedt's cousin lived in a small town with Kristofferson's mother. They were close friends and Christopherson's mother got to know Mortvedt. This led Christopherson to have interest in Mortvedt when he came to Pacific Lutheran University. Mortvedt made sure there was a good library on campus. Christopherson was at Pacific Lutheran University four years before Mortvedt came to be president.

FACULTY: Christopherson does not know if faculty asked Mortvedt about the issues of chapel in his interview.

KNOWING MORTVEDT: Christopherson listened to his chapel speeches and other talks. He had great speeches and was used to debates. He will never forget Mortvedt's first address to the faculty.

RELATIONSHIP WITH MORTVEDT: Mortvedt liked to fly-fish. A retired physics professor went fly-fishing with him. Mortvedt and Christopherson respected each other. Mortvedt liked to know his faculty. When Christopherson was injured, Mortvedt and his wife visited.

Interview becomes hard to hear

COMMUNICATIONS: There was tension with Mortvedt at the end of his time at Pacific Lutheran University. Faculty started to work on a constitution, and the faculty did not want the president of the university to be the president of the faculty. This caused tension and debates. Mortvedt resigned soon after the debates of change and constitution. Christopherson was blamed for Mortvedt's resignation by others.

EASTVOLD: Christopherson talks about how the committee was during the Eastvold presidency. The committee wrote up a proposal that undermined Eastvold's authority. Eastvold responded in a way that made the committee embarrassed about the proposal and Eastvold never spoke to Christopherson afterwards.

MORTVEDT AND STUDENTS: Mortvedt always interacted with the students in a civil and firm manner. He was also kind to the students.