The Twelfth Graduation Convocation

May 8, 1999, 2 p.m. Northlands Agricom



Welcome and History

The Board of Regents, students, faculty and staff of Concordia University College of Alberta extend a warm welcome to all who join us as we confer degrees and diplomas on members of the twelfth graduating class.

This event concludes a year of new milestones and continued blessings in the development of our undergraduate degrees and our professional degree and diploma programs. We celebrate the achievements of our largest graduating class to date and give thanks as they join the growing number of Concordia's alumni.

Concordia's work in building leaders began in 1921 when the institution was founded by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to prepare young men for preaching and teaching ministries. In 1939, Concordia expanded to include women and to offer general courses of study and an accredited high school program. In 1967, Concordia began offering first-year university courses in affiliation with the University of Alberta. Today, Concordia offers three- and four-year bachelor of arts degrees, three- and four-year bachelor of science degrees, a two-year bachelor of education degree, an after-degree diploma in environmental health, a director of parish services program, and colloquy programs for the church, as well as an academic high school and an extensive continuing education program.

Throughout our history, Concordia has remained grounded in the belief that the Christian faith gives purpose to life and that success depends upon spiritual maturity. Concordia fosters a Christian lifestyle on campus and encourages a dual commitment to academic excellence and religious vitality. Concordia is owned and operated by Lutheran Church-Canada and governed by an elected Board of Regents. Our philosophy is best expressed in the Concordia motto: "Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

We thank you for joining us today in honoring the graduates to whom we entrust the future.

Academic Dress

The **Academic Gown** dates back to the twelfth century. While originally it may have been worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, it has come to symbolize levels of academic scholarship with variations in sleeves and decorations representing degree levels.

The **Academic Cap** symbolizes the dignity and freedom of scholarship. The mortarboard (a square cap) represents a book. Tassel colors may vary according to the wearer's major area of study. Gold bullion tassels indicate doctor's degrees.

The **Academic Hood** varies both in size and color. The colors of the silk lining of the hood are the colors of the institution granting the degree. Concordia's hoods are lined with blue and white. The color of the velvet edging indicates the academic discipline in which the degree has been earned. The color for arts is white, for science is gold, and for education is blue.

The **Gold Cord** indicates a degree earned with distinction or with high distinction.

The Order of the Processional

The Crucifer

The Candidates for the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Education, and for the After-Degree Diploma in Environmental Health

The Representatives of Universities, Colleges and Seminaries

The Board of Regents

The Faculty

The Officiants

The President

The Convocation Program

Processional

Invocation

Dr. Gerald S. Krispin

National Anthem

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Welcome

Rev. Dr. Roy K. Holm

Choir Anthem

Two Motets by Christopher Tye: To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name and O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Richard A. Willie

Convocation Address

Dr. Roland E. Miller

"The Starting, the Starters, and the Startling"

Choir Anthem

Anybody Here, a spiritual arranged by

Richard Smith

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Catherine I. Eddy Dr. Harriet L. Harris

Dr. Richard W. Kraemer Dr. June A. McConaghy Dr. Neil W. Querengesser

Dr. Richard A. Willie

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Recessional

The Presentation

The Dean of Academic Affairs asks the candidates to rise, and presents them with these words:

"Dr. Kraemer, I present the candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Education, and the candidates for the After-Degree Diploma in Environmental Health. These candidates have fulfilled all requirements prescribed by the faculty and have been recommended as worthy of their respective degrees or diplomas."

The Admission

The President addresses the candidates in these words:

"By virtue of the authority given to me through the charter granted to Concordia University College of Alberta by the Government of Alberta, and as the Executive Officer of the Board of Regents, I confer upon you the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Education, or the After-Degree Diploma in Environmental Health. I invest you with all the powers, rights and privileges pertaining to the degree or diploma to which you are entitled, and I charge you to use them for the glory of God and the honor of your country."



Degrees with Distinction: The notation "With Distinction" is inscribed on the permanent record of a candidate who obtains a grade point average between 7.50 and 8.49 in meeting the degree requirements of the program.

Degrees with High Distinction: The notation "With High Distinction" is inscribed on the permanent record of a candidate who obtains a grade point average of 8.50 or higher in meeting the degree requirements of the program.

The Twelfth Graduating Class

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Four-Year Degrees

Brian Paul Babiak, Edmonton, AB Ian James Campsall, Edmonton, AB Carissa Antoinette Harychan, Edmonton, AB Lisa Maria May Henderson, High Prairie, AB Timothy Matthew Kay-Lassels, Edmonton, AB Jennifer Dawn Laws, Edmonton, AB

**Karen Joy Leonhardt, Drumheller, AB Andrew John Robert Madill, Edmonton, AB

* Michelle Dawn Strychar, St. Albert, AB

* Patricia Deane Terrett, Edmonton, AB Debra Carolyn Walsh, St. Albert, AB

* Jennifer Lindsay Webber, Edmonton, AB Cristina-Marie Angela Willson, Edmonton, AB

Three-Year Degrees

Ebru Aydin, Edmonton, AB Colleen Marie Baldwin, St. Albert, AB Cheryl Lynn Buerger, Edmonton, AB Crystal Selena Bull, Goodfish Lake, AB

* Chad Larry Burden, St. Albert, AB Nancy Bella Cardinal, Lac La Biche, AB Beverly Grace Chalifoux, Valleyview, AB Jason Paul Cheremshynski, Holden, AB Carrie-Lynn Coghlan, Edmonton, AB Scott Russell Coleman, Edmonton, AB Candace Cheryl Corrigal, Edmonton, AB

**David Walli Joseph Côté, Edmonton, AB Marc Allen Cramer, Edmonton, AB Pamela Rose Dennis, Edmonton, AB Johnathon Kevin Deveau, Fort Saskatchewan, AB Lisa Marie Dmytriw, Vegreville, AB Ian Donald Stewart Edwards, Edmonton, AB

* Doris Eppinger, St. Catharines, ON Orlando Del Carmen Farias, Edmonton, AB Jason Allen Farrer, Edmonton, AB Karmen Fok, Edmonton, AB Kimberley Ann Fulton, Sherwood Park, AB Caroline Patricia Galloway, Dawson Creek, BC Tracy Michelle Geisler, Sherwood Park, AB Stacey Veronica Gibson, Kinuso, AB Jefferey Joseph Girard, Morinville, AB

* With Distinction

** With High Distinction

Major

Psychology -English Psychology / Psychology -English Psychology . Religious Studies Psychology -Psychology Psychology Psychology -Psychology

Area of Concentration

Psychology

Psychology Psychology English Psychology Psychology Sociology Sociology History History Psychology Psychology English History Psychology Psychology Psychology Psychology Religious Studies Psychology Psychology Sociology Psychology English English English History

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Three-Year Degrees (cont'd.)

* Kimberly Danielle Goebel, Leduc, AB Sandra G. Harding, Edson, AB Sarah Emily Holland, Edmonton, AB Sharlinda Marie Huber, Drumheller, AB

* Deirdre Bridget Hunt, Fort Saskatchewan, AB Mark Lawrence Henry Just, Yorkton, SK David Carl Kehler, Edmonton, AB Hina Aziz Khan, Edmonton, AB

* Gerald William Kolkman, Langley, BC
KaraLyn Rose Kucy, Cold Lake, AB
Michael John Kuhn, Red Deer, AB
Audra Yvonne Kwasnitza, Edmonton, AB
Dana Dionne LeBlanc, St. Albert, AB
Alan William James Lewis, Fort Saskatchewan, AB
Anna Ka Po Li, Edmonton, AB
Music

* Rebecca Ruth Luchka, Edmonton, AB Chantelle Marie Lysgaard, Stony Plain, AB Shelley Lynn Lyzaniuk, Two Hills, AB Bradley Scott MacCallum, Sherwood Park, AB

* Joanna Lynn Maglisceau, St. Albert, AB
Shannon Kathleen Maher, Sherwood Park, AB
Nandita Mani, Edmonton, AB
Trisha Marie Manolescu, Edmonton, AB
Anne-Marie Louise Marquardt, Edmonton, AB
Sandra May McBride, Edmonton, AB
Joan Marion McCord, Edmonton, AB
Sarah Lyn McNamara, Edmonton, AB
Nicholas Phillips Merrett, Edmonton, AB
Heather Christine Mierau, Cochrane, AB
Sandra Faye Mills, Edmonton, AB

* Carmelita Fay Moore, Vermilion, AB
Nandagopal Nageshwar, Edmonton, AB
Cristal Raini Nault, Edmonton, AB

* Maxine Delores Nelson, Edmonton, AB Carla Bruno Nobre, Edmonton, AB Hussein Hassan Noormohamed, Edmonton, AB Nichole Marie Olenek, Sherwood Park, AB Rebecca Lynn Omeasoo, Edmonton, AB Angela Dawn Orr, Edmonton, AB

* Judith Anne Paterson, Edmonton, AB
Richard Andy Payne, Edmonton, AB
Helen Lydia Penner, Cold Lake, AB
Geoff Douglas Perry, St. Albert, AB
Melaney Alecia Philip, Edmonton, AB
Cheryl Price, Edmonton, AB

* Jacob Paul Quast, Edmonton, AB

Area of Concentration

Music
History
English
Religious Studies
English
Music
Religious Studies

Sociology
History
English
Sociology
Sociology
Sociology
English
Music
English

English
Religious Studies
Psychology
Sociology
Sociology
French
Psychology
Sociology

English
Psychology
Sociology
Psychology
Philosophy
Music
English
English

Sociology Political Fco

Political Economy English Psychology Sociology Psychology Sociology Psychology Sociology Sociology Psychology

Three-Year Degrees (cont'd.)

Kathy Lynn Richer, Slave Lake, AB
Fernando Dave Runco, Edmonton, AB

* Christine Marie Runnalls, Chelmsford, ON
Nisha Lynn Sajnani, Edmonton, AB
Gregory Jon Schuhknecht, Sherwood Park, AB

* Michael Donald Louis Schutz, Regina, SK
Pamela Parmesh Shahi, Duncan, BC
Rebecca Lynn Shuttleworth, Edmonton, AB
Marnie Louann Simonson, Edmonton, AB
Jaime-Lynn Kathleen Sopka, Edmonton, AB
Robert Daniel Stepaniuk, Penticton, BC
Laureena Lou Super, Westlock, AB
Bradley Ernest Teske, Edmonton, AB
Jodie Lee Ann Torhjelm, Edmonton, AB
Theresa Anne Tuck, Edmonton, AB

* Robert Joseph Twa, Fort Saskatchewan, AB Rocco Volpe, Edmonton, AB Pavankumar Voruganti, Edmonton, AB Susan Michelle Watts, Camrose, AB

* Susan Melanie Weissgaerber, Winnipeg, MB Sebastian Matthew Woch, Edmonton, AB Jason Woywitka, Edmonton, AB

* Veronika Zsamboki, Edmonton, AB

Area of Concentration

Sociology Psychology Religious Studies Psychology History Music/Religious Studies Psychology History English Sociology Psychology Psychology Religious Studies Psychology Religious Studies English/Religious Studies English Religious Studies Religious Studies Religious Studies Psychology Sociology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Three-Year Degrees

Billal Hassan Al-bekai, Edmonton, AB
Cindy Rae Alton, Sherwood Park, AB
Edward Garth Boraas, Pitt Meadows, BC
**Stephen Arthur Bromley, Edmonton, AB
Sam Chan, Edmonton, AB
Aaron James Chaykowski, Medicine Hat, AB
Eric Ming-Ho Chung, Edmonton, AB
Robert Simon Dootson, Edmonton, AB
Mireille Estephan, Edmonton, AB

* Jason Johann Fuger, Edmonton, AB

* Jason Johann Fuger, Edmonton, AB
Jagdeep Singh Gill, Edmonton, AB
Jennifer Lynn Goede, Fort Saskatchewan, AB
Mitchell Fraser Graham, Edmonton, AB
Sara Marcia Gravesande, Toronto, ON
Gordon John Hagan, Edmonton, AB
Cynthia Marie Harrison, Edmonton, AB
Darcy Scott Hilkewich, Ardrossan, AB
Debra Joyce Langier-Blythe, Edmonton, AB

Area of Concentration

Psychology

Chemistry / Environmental Science -Mathematics Environmental Science -Biology -Environmental Science -Mathematics Biology-Biology -Biology ~ Biology-Biology -Mathematics Mathematics Biology -Environmental Science-Mathematics Environmental —

Science

* With Distinction

** With High Distinction

Psychology

History

History

Three-Year Degrees (cont'd.)

Bronwyn Patricia Lewis, Edmonton, AB Jonathon Todd Maclure, Edmonton, AB James Michael Makowecki, St. Paul, AB * Naomi Sharon McGlade, St. Albert, AB Sandra Joan Meeres, Busby, AB Tumelo Mokoena, Edmonton, AB Dean Lawrence Mumby, Devon, AB Dione Marie Nahirnick, Bon Accord, AB Kathy Nham, Edmonton, AB Cheryl Mae Normandeau, Terrace, BC Trevor Bradley Pasika, Sherwood Park, AB Jason Arnall Patzer, Edmonton, AB Nicole Marie Pointkoski, Sherwood Park, AB Gurbinder Singh Rai, Edmonton, AB Manish Sehgal, Edmonton, AB Michael Joseph Strauss, Edmonton, AB Ian Alexander Sustrik, Edmonton, AB Lucie Svoboda, St. Albert, AB Koreen Dione Westly, Sherwood Park, AB

* Trudy Dawn Woudstra, Edmonton, AB

Area of Concentration

Biology -Biology -Environmental Science _ Biology -Biology ~ Biology-Mathematics Biology~ Mathematics Biology-Environmental Science -Biology-Chemistry / Biology -Mathematics Biology-Biology-Environmental Science -

Biology-

Biology -

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Cecilia Mary Adam, Edmonton, AB

* Zooni Najah Fatima Asif, Bombay, India Colin Matthew Barron, Sarnia, ON

* Laureen Gayle Bellamy, Edmonton, AB Kirsten Jane Bendickson, Ardrossan, AB Marlo Ann Berezan, St. Albert, AB Pamela Dawn Bleau, Edmonton, AB

* Gerald Franklin Bly, Edmonton, AB Geoffrey Gordon Brown, Edmonton, AB

* Chantal Nicole Chevrier, Redwater, AB

* Marie Rita Constance Cox, Montreal, PQ

* Heather Dianne Cust, Edmonton, AB

**Trixie Annette Deckert, Leduc, AB Mary-Jean Dohei, Edmonton, AB Susan Janine Elies, Calgary, AB

* Deloyce Jean Elle, Edmonton, AB

**Gregory Kenneth Engel, Edmonton, AB

* Darin Victor Frandsen, Ponoka, AB

Carmen Tracey Giles, Stony Plain, AB Susan Marie Gizzie, Edmonton, AB

* Cecilia C. Goncalves, Edmonton, AB

* Maureen Margaret Gough, Sherwood Park, AB

* Patricia Gayle Heron, Edmonton, AB Darcy Scott Hilkewich, Ardrossan, AB

** With High Distinction

Bachelor of Education (cont'd)

Nicolette Michelle Jansen, Sherwood Park, AB

* William Alexander Kinderwater, Grande Prairie, AB

Georgena Kolay, Assumption, AB

Dwain Maurice Patrick LaFlamme, Edmonton, AB

* Roderick Gregory Lester, Edmonton, AB

* Meridith Ann Lovell, Gibbons, AB

* Elizabeth Anne McMillan, Edmonton, AB Roberta Jean Moro, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

* Maria Pagnotta, Edmonton, AB

**Sharon Grace Poetker Thompson, Edmonton, AB Elizabeth Polly Richardson, Dauphin, MB

* Nellie Daune Roberts, Edmonton, AB

* Judith Susanne Shewchuk, Edmonton, AB

* Deborah Lynn Sigaty, Edmonton, AB Jorn Michael Verne Starko, Sherwood Park, AB Kathleen Ann Templeton, Edmonton, AB Kelly Lynn Terry, Moncton, NB

* Brent Freeman Thompson, La Crete, AB

* Leanne Marilyn Toole, Winnipeg, MB Bradley Carl Tyler, Edmonton, AB Donald Scott Vantour, Sherwood Park, AB Charles Reginald Weaver, Montreal, PQ

* Breena Anne Victoria Whalen, Bonnyville, AB

* David Ken Wong, Edmonton, AB

**Margaret Kathleen Wright, Edmonton, AB Marnie Georgina Wright, Edmonton, AB

* Janice Celeste Yaremko, Edmonton, AB Shane Daniel Zeyha, Grande Prairie, AB Keltey Lynn Ziegler, Edmonton, AB

* With Distinction

** With High Distinction

AFTER-DEGREE DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Donna Louise Alden, Grande Cache, AB
Karen Starr Hislop, Edmonton, AB
Jay Patrick Jorgensen, Spruce Grove, AB
Tomislav Matija Marjanovich, Edmonton, AB
Sharon Lee Milroy, St. Albert, AB
Darcey Gordon Savage, Rochester, AB
Wai-kong Suen, Edmonton, AB
Hoa Thai, Edmonton, AB

The Participants

Marshals Dr. Harriet L. Harris

Dr. Robert J. Jerrard Dr. Neil W. Querengesser Rev. Wavne J.H. Stuhlmiller

Crucifer Michael Kuhn

Officiants Dr. Catherine I. Eddy, Dean of Academic Affairs

Dr. Harriet L. Harris, Professor of Biology & Environmental Science

Rev. Dr. Roy K. Holm, Chair, Board of Regents

Dr. Richard W. Kraemer, President

Dr. Gerald S. Krispin, Associate Professor of Religious Studies

Dr. June A. McConaghy, Dean of Education

Dr. Neil W. Querengesser, Associate Professor of English

Dr. Richard A. Willie, Vice-President Academic

Convocation Speaker

Dr. Roland E. Miller Alumnus/Author/Scholar

Governor General Award Recipient

David W.J. Côté

Special Awards

Christo et Ecclesiae Award Distinguished Service Award Distinguished Alumni Award Rev. Paul G. Eifert, Edmonton, AB Mr. Harry Hole, Edmonton AB Dr. Roland E. Miller, Manotick, ON

Concordia Concert Choir

Dr. W. John Hooper III, Director

Organist Dr. Carlene E. Rudnick

Brassterisk* Pat Huck, French Horn

Mike Roberts, Trumpet Jean Runyon, Trumpet Peter Stevenson, Trombone Sheldon Campbell, Tuba

The Christo et Ecclesiae Award

Paul G. Eifert was born in Edmonton, Alberta on October 22, 1932, to Rev. William and Ida Eifert, the middle child in a family of eleven children. He grew up in Leduc, Alberta, and attended elementary school there. He received his high school and junior college education at Concordia College in Edmonton, graduating in 1953. He then attended Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, and received a B.A. degree in 1955 and a Theological Diploma in 1958. His ordination as a Lutheran pastor was on July 27, 1958, at London, Ontario. After attending summer school at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1968 and 1973, he was awarded the M.Div. degree.

In addition to his seminary education, he is credited with two quarters of Clinical Pastoral Education, taken at Douglas Psychiatric Hospital and Montreal General Hospital, Montreal, Quebec in 1971 and 1976. Throughout his career he has participated in numerous workshops and seminars in the area of personal growth and counselling.

His first Call was to establish a new congregation in London, Ontario, which he served as pastor until 1962. He then became pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sarnia, Ontario, and remained there until 1969. His next parish was Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Montreal, Quebec, serving this English-speaking congregation through the turbulent years of the FLQ crisis until 1977. His next Call was to Edmonton to lead two Lutheran congregations from different Synods through merger, relocation, and a building program. The new congregation that was formed was All Saints Lutheran Church, which he served until 1986. In 1986 he became pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (ELCIC) and St. Mark Lutheran Church (LCC) in North Vancouver. He was pastor of this parish until his retirement near the end of 1994. Since then he spent eighteen months in Johannesburg, South Africa, serving a newly-established English-speaking congregation there.

He and his wife, Ruth, returned to their native Edmonton in 1996 to establish their retirement home. Since that time he helped Concordia University College with fundraising for the new high school and athletic centre. He also served Concordia Lutheran Church in Millwoods for a six-month period during a pastoral vacancy.

In addition to serving the church as a parish pastor, he was elected to Concordia's first Board of Regents in 1979 and continued serving in this capacity until 1993, including six years as Board Chair from 1987-1993. He has also served as pastoral advisor to the Ontario District of the Lutheran Laymen's League, Chairman and Secretary of pastoral conferences, Chairman of the Building Committee for the ABC District Office building in Edmonton, Major Gift Coordinator for the ABC District for the Alive In Christ fundraising campaign, and member of the Board of Directors of The Good Samaritan Society in Edmonton (1977-1984).

He and his wife, Ruth, have seven children and two grandchildren.

The Distinguished Service Award

Harry Hole, son of Henry and Annie (King) Hole, was born at Edmonton in 1921. He attended MacCauley, Victoria and McDougall Commercial Schools and the University of Alberta, obtaining a B.Sc. degree in Civil Engineering.

He served with the Royal Canadian Engineers, and then joined Lockerbie and Hole (Mechanical Construction) after his discharge in 1946. His career with Lockerbie and Hole involved various construction and development activities throughout western and northern Canada, Pennsylvania and Hawaii. He was extensively involved in oil and gas development in western Canada.

He has been a director of a number of public Canadian corporations, including Melcor Developments Ltd., the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Northwestern Utilities Ltd., Canadian Reserve Oil and Gas, and Neutrino Resources Inc. He also served as a director of numerous nonpublic corporations.

Mr. Hole's public service has also included terms as Chairman of the Edmonton Plumbing Appeal Board; President of Edmonton Northlands; President of the Northern Alberta Chapter of ASHRAE, and committees of the Salvation Army, United Way, Children's Hospital and various charity appeals; Director of the Sir Winston Churchill Society; and President of the Edmonton Klondike Days Association.

He has served on the Concordia University College of Alberta Foundation, as well as those of Grant MacEwan Community College and the Edmonton Space and Science Centre.

He served on the Council of the Alberta Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta. In 1997 he was elected a Fellow in the Canadian Academy of Engineering.

He is the Honorary Colonel of the 15th Edmonton Service Battalion of the Canadian Army.

Harry and his wife, Muriel, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have four daughters: Elaine (Bjarne) Pedersen, Mary (John) Robbins, Janice (David) Kent, and Karen (Doug) Cox. They have also been blessed with thirteen grandchildren.

The Distinguished Alumni Award and Convocation Speaker

Roland E. Miller has had a rich and varied career in the service of church and society, a life that has taken him into many different parts of the world and that has made him an internationally known scholar.

Born in 1927 in MacNutt, Saskatchewan, from a pioneer prairie family, Dr. Miller had his elementary and early high school education at Neudorf, Saskatchewan, and then completed his high school and junior college education at Concordia, Edmonton. In 1952 he graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, from which he received both B.A. and B.D. degrees. Declining offers to teach both at St. Louis and Edmonton, he instead chose service in the India mission field, specializing in ministry among Muslims. He took his M.A. degree in 1953 at the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, Connecticut, and his Ph.D. from the Hartford Seminary Foundation in 1973, both in the field of Islamic Studies.

From 1953 to 1976 Dr. Miller served as an ordained missionary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in India, where he participated in a variety of church-related activities, including evangelistic, medical, literary and administrative tasks. With his wife, Mary Helen, a social worker who has received wide recognition for her global citizenry, especially in refugee services, and their five children, Dr. Miller resided in the Muslim-majority community of Malappuram in the Malabar area of Kerala State. As part of his service he chaired the Missouri Evangelical Lutheran India Mission and held many offices in the India Evangelical Lutheran Church – which he helped to establish – including serving as the head of its Planning Commission. He also served as chair of the Managing Committee of Kodaikanal International School. In furlough periods he taught at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Dr. Miller continues his involvement with India through a variety of agencies and projects, including the Malabar Mission Society.

From 1976 to 1993 Dr. Miller was at Regina where he served as Professor of Islam and World Religions and as Academic Dean of Luther College. He was the Coordinator of the flourishing Religious Studies Program of the University of Regina, and served on many university committees. He founded the Summer Centre for International Languages at the University and initiated a major bilateral Indo-Canadian project, "The Computerization of Indian Universities," which was funded by both nations. For a time he was national secretary of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. In 1993 he was given the University's Master Teacher Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

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During his tenure at Regina he also served on various church boards, including the LCMS Commission on Health and Healing, and LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots).

For long Dr. Miller had urged the need for a fresh Christian engagement with Muslims. In 1982-1983 he lectured in every major Lutheran Seminary in Asia, Africa and North America on the topic, on behalf of the Lutheran World Federation. In 1991 he developed a Focus on Islam Plan for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which is now being implemented. One of the many developments from that Plan is a new medical institution in southern Bangladesh. From 1993-1999 he accepted the challenge to establish a new Islamic Studies graduate program at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, now the largest such program in the USA under Christian auspices. He conceived and directed the Congress on the World Mission of the Church: St. Paul '98, an historic mission assembly that drew together scholars from around the world to reflect on the church's global mission task. He retired from these activities in March, 1999, to live in Manotick, Ontario, where he will continue his writing ministry.

Dr. Miller's academic specialization is Indian Islam, and he is regarded as the leading authority on the Mappila Muslims of Kerala. However, he has written broadly in the fields of Islamic Studies, India Studies, Theology and Missiology. He is the author or co-author of six books, fourteen book chapters, numerous journal articles, encyclopaedia articles and book reviews, and has edited six other books, in addition to contributing to many popular publications. His major works include The Sending of God (1980), The Mappila Muslims of Kerala (2nd ed., 1992), a university textbook in India, Religious Studies in Manitoba and Saskatchewan (co-author, 1993), Muslim Friends: Their Faith and Feeling (1996), a widely-used introduction to Islam, and Christian-Muslim Dialogue: Theological and Practical Issues (ed., 1998). He produced the latter volume in his capacity as chair of the Lutheran World Federation study commission on Christian-Muslim dialogue. Dr. Miller has been frequently called upon to lecture in various institutions and forums, and has twice been a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University.

Dr. Miller has held membership in the Manitoba and Saskatchewan District, now the Central District of Lutheran Church-Canada, since 1953.

The National Anthem

O Canada! Our home and native land! True patriot love in all thy sons command, With glowing hearts we see thee rise, The true north, strong and free! From far and wide, O Canada, We stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

The Alma Mater

Far above Saskatchewan's waters, With its waves of blue, Stands our noble Alma Mater, Glorious to view.

Lift the chorus, speed it onward Loud her praises tell; Hail to thee! Our Alma Mater, Hail, Concordia, hail!



The Concordia Hymn

Concordia, thank God for thee; Your witness strong and true To burdened souls has brought release Thro' God's great love, His pow'r and peace In the Cross of Christ, His only Son.

Concordia, we sing to thee, College of Christ our Lord; We stand as one beneath the Word, And will not rest till all have heard That Christ, the promised Lord, has come.

Arise and build, Concordia! God speed thee to thy task, To lift the Cross into the sky, That all may live and need not die; O Lord, help us thy love to share.

For wisdom, strength and pow'r of mind We thank their Source, our God. Praise to the Father and the Son And to the Spirit, Three in One, From all who fear and love the Lord.

The Concordia Hymn was composed by Professor Emeritus Gordon Hafso. The words for stanzas 1-3 were adapted by Professor Hafso with the permission of Marge Wold, who provided the lyrics. Stanza 4, a doxology, was written in 1992 by Dr. Ronald W. Jones, former Vice-President Student Services.



Concordia gratefully acknowledges Mr. Bert Van Essen and Edmonton Church Organs Ltd. for the loan of an Allen MDS-16 organ.

