

THE FIRST GRADUATION CONVOCATION



Concordia College Edmonton

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**Saturday, May 7, 1988
3:00 p.m.**

The Shoctor Theatre
at The Citadel

WELCOME AND HISTORY

The Board of Regents, students, faculty and staff of Concordia College extend a warm welcome to all who join us today for the conferring of degrees to our first graduating class.

Concordia College was founded on October 31, 1921, for the purpose of preparing young men for the preaching and teaching ministries of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In 1939, co-education, general courses of study, and an accredited high school program were introduced to broaden the purpose of the school.

The College was affiliated with the University of Alberta on the first year college level in 1967. In 1975, the affiliation was extended to include second year courses. On July 16, 1987, Concordia College was designated as an institution that may grant 3-year Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees by Order in Council of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta.

The College is owned and operated by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Alberta-British Columbia District, and governed by the Alberta-British Columbia and Manitoba and Saskatchewan Districts through a Board of Regents.

The philosophy of the institution is espoused in its motto: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

ACADEMIC DRESS

The ACADEMIC GOWN dates back to the twelfth century. While it originally 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 degree.

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. The hoods of Concordia College are lined with blue and white, the school colors. The color of the velvet edging indicates the academic discipline in which the degree has been earned. The color for arts is white and the color for science is gold.

THE ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

The Crucifer

The Marshal

The Candidates for the Degrees of
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

The Representatives of Colleges,
Seminaries and Universities

The Board of Regents

The Faculty

The Officiants

The President

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 CONVOCATION PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL	<i>Thanks be to Thee</i> Handel
INVOCATION	Rev. Richard Kraemer
NATIONAL ANTHEM	
WELCOME	Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman
CHOIR ANTHEM	<i>"To Thee We Sing"</i> arr. by Peter Tkach
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Mr. Frank Belden
CONVOCATION ADDRESS	<i>"Not to Worry!"</i> Mr. Harold A. Dietrich
CHOIR ANTHEM	<i>"A Faithful Shepherd Is My Lord"</i> arr. by Nageli-Stein
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman Dr. Judith C. Meier Mrs. Marilyn Walz Dr. Orville C. Walz
CHRISTO ET ECCLESIAE AWARD PRESENTATION	Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	Dr. Orville C. Walz
ALMA MATER	
BENEDICTION	
RECESSIONAL	Bach

THE PRESENTATION

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

“Mr. President, I present the candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. Dr. Walz, these candidates have fulfilled all requirements prescribed by the faculty and have been recommended as worthy of the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science.”

THE ADMISSION

The President addresses the candidates in these words:

“By virtue of the authority given to me through the charter granted to Concordia College by the Government of Alberta, and as the Executive Officer of its Board of Regents, I confer upon you the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science to which you are entitled. I invest you with all the power, rights and privileges pertaining to the degree, and I charge you to use them for the Glory of God and the honor of your country.”

THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

Bachelor of Arts

Gary Wade Brucker*	Medicine Hat, Alta.
Pamela Jean Clark	Sherwood Park, Alta.
David Theodore Dressler	Churchbridge, Sask.
Donald Philip Eifert	Edmonton, Alta.
Kenneth Willard Eifert*	Edmonton, Alta.
Betty Ann Hasselstrom*	Spruce Grove, Alta.
Verna Anne Klimack*	Inglis, Man.
Scott Allen McGhie	Edmonton, Alta.
Darren James Siegle	Clyde, Alta.
Barbara Ellen Stasiuk	Edmonton, Alta.
Kevin Edward Wilkinson	Kingsville, Ont.

Bachelor of Science

Bradley Wayne Brososky*	Edmonton, Alta.
Laurance Leroy Lequier*	Legal, Alta.

* With Distinction

Degrees with Distinction: The notation “With Distinction” is inscribed on the permanent record of a candidate who obtains a grade-point average of 7.5 or higher in meeting the degree requirements of the program.

THE CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Harold A. Dietrich is a graduate of Luther College High School in Regina, Saskatchewan, and the University of Saskatchewan Law School (Saskatoon, 1952). He practised law in that province for several years before joining the Lutheran Life Insurance Society of Canada, with headquarters in Waterloo, Ontario, as Vice-President in 1973. He became President of Lutheran Life in 1974 and has served in this position since that time.

Mr. Dietrich has ministered to the Church and community in a number of capacities over the years. At present, he is Chairman of Lutherwood Foundation (Treatment Home for Disturbed Children); Chairman, Board of Directors, Canada World Youth; and Chairman, Luther College 75th Anniversary Fund Campaign.

He is a member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Bar Association, and a Fellow, Life Office Management Association.

Mr. Dietrich and his wife, Joyce, have four children. They reside in Waterloo, Ontario.

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The Lutheran Life Insurance Society of Canada launched its 15th year of operation in 1987 by announcing a Growth Fund for Canadian Lutheran schools, monies from which are distributed over a three-year period to fourteen Lutheran seminaries, colleges, high schools, bible schools and parochial schools in Canada. Concordia College is one of the institutions benefiting from this gift. The College is also the beneficiary of an annual Lutheran Life Campus Scholarship Fund, which is disbursed to deserving students.

THE CHRISTO ET ECCLESIAE AWARD RECIPIENT

The Christo Et Ecclesiae Award is awarded annually by the Board of Regents of Concordia College to an individual whose life has exemplified commitment to Christ and His Church. The medallion is presented to retired pastor and Concordia College alumnus Carl O. Beiderwieden of Abbotsford, British Columbia, this year.

Carl Beiderwieden has a distinguished record of forty years of exemplary leadership as a parish pastor. He served congregations in North Vancouver, Kitsilano, Penticton, Summerland, Keremeos, and Port Alberni in British Columbia, as well as a term at Zion Lutheran Church in Chicago. In addition, he was instrumental in establishing the Lutheran campus ministry at the University of British Columbia, and was involved with the successful "Forward In Remembrance" and "Alive In Christ" fund-raising campaigns. He has remained active in retirement, shepherding vacant congregations.

Pastor Beiderwieden was born on December 3, 1917, in Kennewick, Washington. His family moved to Stony Plain in 1927, and Carl attended Concordia Edmonton from 1932-1938. He obtained his divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Carl and his wife, Alma (whom he met during his vicarage in Buffalo, New York, in 1941-42), were married at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edmonton in 1943 by Dr. A.M. Schwermann, Concordia's founding president. The Beiderwieden's have four children — James, Kathy, Lynn, and Rev. Mark.

THE PARTICIPANTS

MARSHAL Rev. Richard Kraemer

CRUCIFER Donald Eifert

PLATFORM PARTY

Mr. Frank P. Belden
Dean of Development and Communications

Mr. Harold A. Dietrich, President
Lutheran Life Insurance Society of Canada

Rev. Richard W. Kraemer
Spiritual Life Coordinator

Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman, Chairman
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CHRISTO ET ECCLESIAE
AWARD RECIPIENT Rev. Carl O. Beiderwieden

CONCORDIA COLLEGE CHOIR Prof. Gordon Hafso
Director

ACCOMPANIST Dr. A. Barry Bromley

A reception follows in the Shoctor Theatre foyer.
All are welcome.

(Please note that the Graduates' Reception at the Westin Hotel at 5:00 p.m. is by invitation only. This small affair is planned for family, faculty, and close friends of the graduates.)