

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA**



**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY  
FOR  
THE ROBERT TEGLER STUDENT CENTRE**

**AUGUST 30, 1991**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Richard W. Kraemer, President

**HYMN** *NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD*

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all harm  
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

**REMARKS**

Rev. Harry Ruf, President  
Alberta-British Columbia District,  
Lutheran Church-Canada

Professor Wayne Stuhlmiller  
Dean of Student Affairs

Mr. Blair Schmaus, President  
College Student Association

Miss Kirsten Bergstrom, President  
High School Student Association

Rev. Paul Eifert, Board of Regents

**GROUNDBREAKING**

College President: The Lord be with you

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU

College President: Let us pray

ALL: ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS LORD, LET YOUR BLESSINGS REST UPON THIS PLACE, THAT THE BUILDING THAT IS RISING BEFORE US MIGHT BE A BLESSING TO THE STUDENTS OF THIS SCHOOL AND TO THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 1:1-3 and 127:1 Mr. Norman Selman  
Member of the Building  
Committee

Hebrews 11:8-10 Rev. Larry MacKay  
Member of the Building  
Committee and of the Alumni  
Association

College President: With this spade we celebrate the groundbreaking of the Robert Tegler Student Centre which is under construction here, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*During the Groundbreaking, the Concordia College Choir under the direction of Prof. Gordon Hafso will sing a Choral Anthem.*

Wielding of the Spade:

Richard Kraemer, President  
Ted Holtby, Member of the Building Committee and of  
the Board of Regents

Robert Tegler, Trustee Robert Tegler Trust  
Harry Hole, Chairman of the "Faith in the Future"  
Campaign

Blair Schmaus and Kirsten Bergstrom  
Student Association Presidents

Sheri Dalton, Member of the Faculty

Bob Thompson, Assistant Plant Superintendent

Arlyn Belden, Concordia College Guild

Arnold Dyke, President of the Alumni Association

## **PRAYERS**

Rev. Martin Kaarre, Chaplain

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **THE CONCORDIA HYMN**

Choir: 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.

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

All: 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.

The Concordia Hymn was composed by Professor Gordon Hafso. The words were adapted by Professor Hafso with the permission of Marge Wold, who provided the lyrics.

## **THE BLESSING**

## **GREETINGS FROM SPECIAL GUESTS**

**A reception follows**