

THE SECOND GRADUATION CONVOCAATION

Saturday, April 29, 1989
3:00 p.m.

Edmonton Convention Centre



Concordia College Edmonton

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 second 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 three-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-Canada, and is governed by an elected Board of Regents.

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

"Follow the Upward Call of God" is the theme for the 1988-1989 academic year. It is based on Philippians 3:14, "So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above."

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 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. 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 GOLD CORD indicates a degree earned with distinction or with high distinction.

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

True patriot love in all thy sons command,
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

INVOCATION

Rev. Richard Kraemer

NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME

Mr. Ted Holtby

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Upon This Rock"
John Ness Beck

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Mr. Frank Belden

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

"Qu'Appelle?"
Dr. Edwin Lehman

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Come, Jesus, Come"
Aria from Bach Motet #3

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Mr. Ted Holtby
Dr. Judith C. Meier
Mrs. Marilyn J. Walz
Dr. Orville C. Walz

ALMA MATER

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD PRESENTATION

Dr. Orville C. Walz

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Orville C. Walz

CONCORDIA HYMN

BENEDICTION

Rev. Richard Kraemer

RECESSIONAL

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 Second Graduating Class

Bachelor of Arts

Dan Arthur Abraham*	Buckingham, Que.
Lisa Gayle Bezugly*	Edmonton, Alta.
Oe'Livia Paulette Chassé*	Edmonton, Alta.
Marjorie Alison Combs*	Edmonton, Alta.
Reid Alan Cornell	Edmonton, Alta.
Lorna Simone Côté*	Edmonton, Alta.
Dawn Janine Dayman*	Edmonton, Alta.
Kristin Marie Hack	Calgary, Alta.
Randy Melvin Heide	Lloydminster, Alta.
Judith Lynne Hopcraft*	Creston, B.C.
Barbara Joyce Lehman	Edmonton, Alta.
Dale Conrad Lehmann	Sherwood Park, Alta.
Barbara Anne Pankow	Woking, Alta.
Corinne Lynn Perrault	Edmonton, Alta.
Robert Joseph Roy	Edmonton, Alta.
Andreas Gustav Heinrich Schwabe	Regina, Sask.
Nicholas Richard Wasylowich	Balmertown, Ont.
Cindy Lou Willisko*	Edmonton, Alta.
Rhonda Alexandra Wolf	Spruce View, Alta.

Bachelor of Science

Dean Wyatt Biernacki	Edmonton, Alta.
John Andrew Dawson*	Edmonton, Alta.
Darlene Anna Radtke	Aldergrove, B.C.

- * With Distinction
- ** With High Distinction

Degrees with Distinction: The notation “With Distinction” is inscribed on the permanent record of a candidate who obtains a grade point average between 7.5 and 8.4 or higher 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 8.5 or higher in meeting the degree requirements of the program.

The Convocation Speaker

Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman is the first president of The Lutheran Church-Canada, which gained autonomy from The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod following its founding convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in May, 1988.

Dr. Lehman is an alumnus of both Concordia's high school and college. He completed his training at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, graduating in 1956 with a M.Div. degree. He served congregations in Margo, Wadena and Nut Mountain, Saskatchewan, Red Deer, Craig and Alhambra, Alberta, and Richmond, British Columbia, before his election as President of the Alberta-British Columbia District in 1978. He was a member of Concordia's Board of Regents from 1979-1988, serving as its Chairman from 1981.

Dr. Lehman was a driving force in the founding of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, and has held numerous administrative positions within the Church. For his outstanding leadership, his alma mater (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) granted him an honorary doctorate in May, 1987.

His ministry and church leadership have been characterized by a pastoral approach combined with theological astuteness. He has contributed many devotional articles to church journals.

Dr. Lehman is married to Marjorie nee Huber of Indian Head, Saskatchewan. Their three children — Rod, Barbara and Katherine — are all Concordia College alums. Barbara is one of today's graduates!

The Distinguished Service Award Recipient

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes exceptional service to the Church, to Concordia College, and/or to society in general. The Board of Regents has chosen to honor Mr. Gilbert Berdahl of Drumheller, Alberta, with this special award for 1989.

An alum, Gil Berdahl came to Concordia College by train from Estevan, Saskatchewan, as a twelve-year old in 1926. Concordia's high school began at the Grade 9 level in those days, and he remained to complete Grade 12 in 1930.

Since the Depression made earning a living in southern Saskatchewan a bleak prospect, Mr. Berdahl returned to Alberta in 1932. His enthusiasm for sports (especially baseball) led him to the Drumheller area, the home of the then Alberta Provincial Senior Baseball champions. He found work on local farms and occasionally in coal mining services. Following his marriage to Peggy Sember in 1938, Mr. Berdahl began farming the land where the couple still make their home.

A long list of accomplishments in leadership positions in the church and community bear witness to Mr. Berdahl's distinguished service. As a church leader wrote in congratulating Mr. Berdahl, "... what a wonderful gift of the Lord our good lay people are, and how important their work for the Lord is. You are one of these people of God."

Gil and Peggy Berdahl raised a family of three daughters and two sons, and last December celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary.

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.

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.

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