

INSTALLATION

of

DR. GERALD S. KRISPIN

as

Seventh President

of

Concordia University College of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta

September 28, 2007

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Edmonton, Alberta

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	Rev. Lorne Manweiler
Call to Worship	Trio: <i>O Come, Let Us Sing</i> (Ps. 95:1)
Processional Hymn: Praise the Almighty	LSB 797
Invocation	Rev. Todd Hoeffs
Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34	Rev. Nolan Astley
Anthem: Horn Solo	
Psalms III (sung responsively)	Rev. Todd Hoeffs, Cantor
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17, 23-24	Rev. Nolan Astley
Anthem	Trio: <i>Psalm &amp; Alleluia</i> (arr. John Purifoy)
Gospel: John 13:12-17	Rev. Nolan Astley
Hymn: How Firm a Foundation	LSB 728
Sermon	Rev. Thomas Prachar "God Appointed a Worm" (text: Jonah 4:7)
Hymn: O God, My Faithful God	LSB 696
Installation of Dr. Gerald S. Krispin	Rev. Donald Schiemann
Prayers and Benediction	Dr. Gerald S. Krispin
Recessional: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng	LSB 813
Postlude	Rev. Lorne Manweiler



Dr. Gerald S. Krispin became Concordia's 7th President on July 1, 2007. He accepted the call to the presidency extended by the Board of Regents on April 13, 2007, following a search that began in the fall of 2006 after Dr. Richard Kraemer announced his plan to retire at the end of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Dr. Krispin was born in Germany in 1956 and emigrated with his family to Canada and the Bonnie Doon area in Edmonton, where he has lived since 1965. He attended local elementary and secondary schools and in 1981 graduated from the University of Alberta with a B.A. in Greek and Classics. Following an M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon in 1983, he entered the parish ministry as Associate Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Vernon, British Columbia. Encouragement from church leaders led him to pursue theological credentials that would position him for a teaching role in Lutheran Church-Canada institutions; he received the S.T.M. degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1987, followed by the Th.D. degree in 1992.

Dr. Krispin's career as a professor in the Religious Studies department at Concordia began in 1987. In addition to his classroom responsibilities, he has provided leadership as Chair of the Religious Studies Division, and as a member of the University Academic Council, the Graduate Policy Committee, the Academic Research Council, and the Faculty Personnel Committee. He has also served the wider community in various capacities.

Gerald Krispin is married to Helen (née Tabor); they have six children – Daniel, Benjamin, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Rachel, and Joanna.

## BRIEF HISTORY OF CONCORDIA

Concordia's work in developing leaders for the church and society began in 1921, when the institution was founded to prepare young men for preaching and teaching ministries in the Lutheran church. 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.

Concordia became a degree-granting institution in 1987 and conferred the first undergraduate degrees upon the 1988 graduating class. Today, Concordia offers three- and four-year Bachelor of Arts degrees, three- and four-year Bachelor of Science degrees, a four-year Bachelor of Management, a Bachelor of Education (After Degree), a Bachelor of Environmental Health (After Degree), a Master of Information Systems Security Management, a Director of Parish Services program and colloquy programs for the church, as well as extensive professional and continuing education programs.

Throughout its 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.

An institution of Lutheran Church-Canada governed by an elected Board of Regents, Concordia has been shaped by the philosophy expressed in its motto: *Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

Dr. Gerald S. Krispin is Concordia's 7<sup>th</sup> president. His predecessors in the presidential office were Dr. Richard W. Kraemer (1991-2007), Dr. Orville C. Walz (1981-1990), Dr. Alfred R. Roth (1975-1979), Dr. Roland A. Frantz (1960-1974), Dr. Walter M. Wangerin (1955-1959), and Dr. Albert H. Schwermann, the founding president (1921-1954).

## PARTICIPANTS

Preacher	Rev. Thomas Prachar President, Central District Lutheran Church-Canada
Liturgist	Rev. Todd Hoeffs Pastor Redeemer Lutheran Church
Reader/LCC Greetings	Rev. Nolan Astley Vice-President Lutheran Church-Canada
Organist	Rev. Lorne Manweiler Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church Wetaskiwin, Alberta
Installation	Rev. Donald Schiemann President Alberta-British Columbia District Lutheran Church-Canada
Prayers	Rev. Dr. Gerald S. Krispin President, Concordia University College of Alberta
Vocal Trio	Jolene Recht, Elle Salvaggio, Stephanie Smith
French Horn	Kristin Mohr
Crucifer	Darren Dressler

Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service



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