



**Evangelical Lutheran
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College Corporation Meetings

Dana College, Blair, Nebraska

Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa

Twelfth Churchwide Assembly

August 15-19, 2011
Orlando, Florida

Dana College

Blair, Nebraska

Report of the Board of Regents

In the spring of 2010, following authorization by the Dana College Corporation, the Board of Regents of Dana College submitted a change of control request to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to extend Dana College's accreditation to Dana Educational Corporation (a for-profit entity). On June 30, 2010, the HLC denied the request and as a result, on July 12, 2010, the Dana College Board of Regents voted to suspend the operations of the college.

The college had pledged its physical assets as collateral for \$11 million of bonds. The bondholders have appointed a receiver that is in control of the property and is actively seeking buyers for the property.

The Board of Regents is completing the few remaining tasks before the corporation can be dissolved. At this point, there are no formal actions required by the corporation.

Respectfully Submitted,

MR. STEVEN A. PETERSON, *chair*
Dana College Board of Regents

Luther College

Decorah, Iowa

Report of the President

In 2011 Luther College is celebrating its sesquicentennial. Founded in 1861, five months after the outbreak of the Civil War, Luther was the first college established by Norwegian immigrants in the United States. The theme we've selected for the sesquicentennial is "Transformed by the Journey." It evokes the stories of our founders who travelled from Norway to the Upper Midwest as well as the transformational experiences of our students in their four-year journeys at this liberal arts college of the church.

Our celebration has been grand. We transformed part of the campus green to create "Bentdahl Commons," a gathering place for worship, performances, and receptions. We hosted the 23rd annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum, *Striving for Peace: Courage to Act*, which inspired 1,500 participants to do the hard and vital work of peacemaking. On Palm Sunday weekend, a commissioned choral/orchestral work—"The Luther Mass" by Stephen Paulus—was premiered on campus and at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. We've even planned a 150 kilometer summer relay race that will trace the route from the college's birthplace in rural Wisconsin to Decorah.

Next fall Luther will host a sesquicentennial "Servants Banquet," honoring alumni who have served the church as pastors or leaders in Christian education, youth and family ministry, or music. A new hymn, "Transformed by the Journey," will be premiered, as will a new liturgy focused on environmental stewardship. Both resources will be offered to the wider church. In October the campus will welcome Their Majesties King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway, and a few days later Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will preach at a festival Eucharist. The final sesquicentennial event will be the dedication of a wind turbine that will provide one third of the electricity that Luther consumes in a year. Luther was one of eight schools in the nation to earn an 'A' on the College Sustainability Report Card this year, and adding a wind turbine will only further our reputation as a leader in this area.

Since March 2009 I have had the privilege of being the college representative on the ELCA's *Living into the Future Together (LIFT)* task force. Our work concludes in August 2011. It has been a huge task to enter in conversation and discernment about renewing missional imagination for this church. When we move beyond difference and disagreement to discover what God is asking us to do in the world great possibilities emerge. Colleges and universities have much to offer as new ways emerge for doing mission locally and globally.

A 150th anniversary expresses stability and gratitude. Luther College continues to flourish and we thank you, our partners, for your prayers, your benevolence, and the encouragement you give young people to consider an ELCA college. In my Decorah congregation alone, nearly 30 students will be studying at ELCA colleges next year. I know they will find these institutions to be wonderful environments in which to discern their callings.

RICHARD L. TORGERSON, *president*

Ratification of Election of Regents

Recommended Action by the Corporation:

To ratify the action of the Board of Regents of Luther College in electing the following persons to the Board:

- **Mr. Steven Barnes (Niwot, Colorado)**
- **Ms. Wendy Davidson (Reisterstown, Maryland)**
- **Ms. Susan Sorlien (Bonita Springs, Florida)**
- **Ms. Diane Thormodsgard (Plymouth, Minnesota)**
- **Mr. Enwei Xie (Beijing, China)**
- **Ms. Judith Vijums (Arden Hills, Minnesota)**

and

To ratify the action of the Board of Regents of Luther College in re-electing the following persons to the board for second four-year terms:

- **Mr. Russell Bruemmer (Washington, D.C.)**
- **Mr. Ronald Have (Bloomington, Minnesota)**
- **Mr. Timothy M. Jones (Rye, New York)**
- **Mr. Arne Sorenson (Chevy Chase, Maryland)**
- **Mr. Jon Stellmacher (Appleton, Wisconsin)**
- **Mr. Paul M. Torgerson (Lake Elmo, Minnesota)**
- **Ms. Judith Vijums (Arden Hills, Minnesota)**

and

To ratify the action of the Board of Regents of Luther College in re-electing the following persons to the board for third four-year terms:

- **Mr. Steven Schaver (Madrid, Spain)**
- **Ms. Marti Tomson Rodamaker (Mason City, Iowa)**
- **Dr. Steven Overholt (La Crosse, Wisconsin)**
- **Ms. Marilyn Roverud (Decorah, Iowa)**

St. Olaf College

Northfield, Minnesota

Report of the President

Since 1874, St. Olaf College has educated students in an academic community shaped by its commitment to the Lutheran theological tradition. At St. Olaf, students work closely with dedicated faculty who challenge them to grow in mind, body, and spirit.

St. Olaf College continues to attract talented students from all regions of the United States. In 2010–2011, the majority of first-year students ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Their average academic grade point in high school was 3.63. The class' median ACT composite score was 29, and the median combined SAT score was 1320. Fifteen percent of the students identify themselves as having a multi-cultural heritage, and 15 percent are the first generation of their families to attend college. The class includes a record number of international students. Forty-two percent of first-year students in 2010–11 who indicated their religious affiliation identified themselves as Lutheran.

In both the curriculum and the co-curriculum, St. Olaf students explore theological issues and are challenged to choose their vocations and careers in light of this exploration. All St. Olaf students take two religion courses, one focusing on the Bible and the other on Christian theology. In addition, all students take an ethics course in which they analyze ethical issues from a variety of perspectives.

The Martin E. Marty Professor of Religion and the Academy at St. Olaf for 2010–11 is Dr. Paul D. Hanson, a renowned expert on biblical hermeneutics. Dr. Hanson is the Lamont Research Professor of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School, where he taught from 1971 to 2009.

St. Olaf offers daily chapel services, which are led by the college pastors and St. Olaf faculty, students, and staff. Each Sunday, a service of Holy Communion is celebrated using the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book. All services at Boe Chapel are streamed live via the Internet and then archived on the St. Olaf website. I invite you to join the St. Olaf community for worship services at www.stolaf.edu/church/chapel.

We thank you for your prayers and support, and we encourage you to send students to St. Olaf.

DAVID R. ANDERSON, *president*

Ratification of Election of Regents

Recommended Action by the Corporation:

To ratify the action of the Board of Regents of St. Olaf College in electing the following persons to the Board of Regents of St. Olaf College for the terms noted:

- **Mr. John B. Grotting, Rancho Santa Fe, California (2010-2016)**
- **Ms. Jody Kleppe Horner, Wichita, Kansas (2010-2016)**
- **Mr. Jon W. Salvesson, Wayzata, Minnesota (2010-2016)**
- **Mr. Alphonso E. Tindall, Jr., South Orange, New Jersey (2010-2016)**

Wartburg College

Waverly, Iowa

Report of the Administration

Wartburg College's mission statement guides and supports the campus community and continues to create a living legacy among the college's 19,000 alumni in 72 nations. Faith, learning, leadership, and service are not simply words in a statement but practices that support these alumni as they offer their lives in daily service to their churches, communities, nation, and world.

As Wartburg continues to focus on the theological exploration of vocation, this focus has begun to find a home across the academic disciplines, in Spiritual Life and Campus Ministry work, and in co-curricular programs. Students are asked to explore deep questions of meaning and purpose as they learn about service to the world and make a commitment to leadership and citizenship in their daily lives.

A new model for Spiritual Life and Campus Ministry work now offers greater flexibility and encourages stronger student leadership throughout four areas of focus: Spiritual Life, Faith Formation, Interfaith Dialog, and Worship. This approach has led to a three-fold expansion in leadership and provided growing participation in the number of students involved in faith formation groups and small group leadership training. It has also equipped students to work collaboratively and think more broadly about questions of faith and meaning across campus programs.

Wartburg is an active member of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA) and participates annually in LECNA programming. William E. Hamm, '69, currently serves as president of LECNA.

Dr. Darrel D. Colson has served as the 17th president of Wartburg College since July 2009. He has provided creative and energetic leadership in a time of challenge and change that has included:

- Unveiling of "Living Our Learning, Claiming our Calling, Transforming Tomorrow" a strategic plan that grew out of a three-year examination of the college's mission.
- Growth of integrative learning opportunities through student involvement in academic research, internships, service-learning, global and multicultural studies, and spiritual life and campus ministry programs.
- Change in Board of Regents leadership as Fred Hagemann stepped down and Ray McCaskey became chair of the board.
- Exciting, initial work in developing a master campus plan through consultation with Performa, Inc., and college wide constituencies.
- Expansion of the Center for Community Engagement with the addition of a new position, Coordinator of Church Relations and Faith Community Outreach, now filled by Gail Sexton.
- No. 1 ranking by BreakAway's, recognizing Wartburg out of 150 alternative Spring Break chapter schools for the highest percentage of students who participate in service trip programs. More than 15% of Wartburg students participate in service trips.
- New adventures for two long-standing members of the religion and philosophy department as Dr. Fred Strickert became the new pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jerusalem, and Dr. Lake Lambert, past director of the Discovering and Claiming our Callings Initiative, accepted a position as Dean of Mercer University's College of Liberal Arts.
- Retirement of Dr. Ferol Menzel, dean of faculty and vice president for academic affairs in June 2011.

Wartburg is grateful to share in the work of the ELCA as a college whose mission continues to reach out to young adults with God's grace and as a partner in serving the world in concrete ways that work toward justice, reconciliation, and hope for all people.

DARREL D. COLSON, *president*

RAMONA S. BOUZARD, *dean of the chapel*

Ratification of Election of Regents

Recommended Action by the Corporation:

To ratify the action of the Board of Regents of Wartburg College in electing the following persons to the Board for the terms cited:

- **Bp. James Arends (La Crosse, Wisconsin) (2011-2012)**
- **Mr. Grady Ballenger (DeLand, Florida) (2010-2013)**
- **Ms. Andrea Westmeyer (Clive, Iowa) (2010-2013)**

and

To ratify the action of the Board of Regents of Wartburg College in re-electing the following persons to the Board for the terms cited:

- **Ms. Ruth Bahe-Jachna (Hammond, Indiana) (2010-2013)**
- **Mr. Mark Baldwin (Cedar Falls, Iowa) (2011-2014)**
- **Ms. Dorothy Bowen (Long Beach, California) (2011-2014)**
- **Mr. Hans-Peter Brodhun (Eisenach, Germany) (2010-2013)**
- **Ms. Shon Cook (Twin Lakes, Michigan) (2009-2013)**
- **Ms. Marilyn Flachman (Westminster, Colorado) (2010-2013)**
- **Mr. Fred Hagemann (Waverly, Iowa) (2009-2012)**
- **Pr. Sherman Hicks (Chicago, Illinois) (2009-2012)**
- **Mr. Gary Hoover (Scottsdale, Arizona) (2011-2014)**
- **Ms. Joann Kilgus (Morrison, Illinois) (2011-2014)**
- **Mr. Jim Loveridge (New Berlin, Wisconsin) (2010-2013)**
- **Ms. Liz Mathis (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) (2009-2012)**
- **Mr. Raymond McCaskey (Chicago, Illinois) (2011-2014)**
- **Mr. Michael J. McCoy (Ellison Bay, Wisconsin) (2009-2012)**
- **Ms. Rachel Riensche (Edina, Minnesota) (2009-2012)**
- **Mr. Jack Salzwedel (Middleton, Wisconsin) (2010-2013)**
- **Mr. Günther Schuchardt (Eisenach, Germany) (2010-2013)**
- **Mr. Robert J. Severson (Ferryville, Wisconsin) (2009-2012)**
- **Bp. Steven Ullestad (Cedar Falls, Iowa) (2011-2014)**
- **Mr. Jon Volkert (Hoffman Estates, Illinois) (2011-2014)**
- **Dr. Gil Wessel (Tomahawk, Wisconsin) (2009-2012)**

Ratification of Amendments to the Restated Articles of Incorporation

Background:

The Wartburg College Articles of Incorporation require that amendments of the Articles be ratified by the Members of the Corporation. The Board of Regents approved certain amendments to the Articles on February 19, 2011. It also approved editorial amendments on May 28, 2011, at the request of the ELCA Office of the Secretary. All of the amendments are presented for ratification at the Corporation meeting held during the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

Recommended Action by the Corporation:

To ratify the action of the Board of Regents of Wartburg College in approving the amendments to the Restated Articles of Incorporation as stated below:

ARTICLE 5.2(C) MEMBER COMPOSITION

~~(c) The Executive Director of the Vocation and Education Unit of the Church~~ ELCA with responsibility for relationships with colleges of the ELCA.

ARTICLE 6.2.1(A) AND 6.2.1(B) BOARD COMPOSITION/MEMBERS

(a) Persons elected to the Board. The elected members of the Board shall include two (2) Bishops of the ELCA. Such Bishops shall be (i) from different states or (ii) from different Regions of the ELCA; however, at least one such Bishop shall be from a synod of the ELCA in the State of Iowa.

(b) The following persons who serve as ex officio voting members of the Board during the years in which they hold their respective elected positions:

(i) President of the College.

~~(ii) The Executive Director of Vocation and Education Unit, or the Director for Colleges & Universities, or another~~ A representative designated by the Church ELCA.

~~(iii) Two (2) Bishops of the Church. Such Bishops shall be (i) from different states or (ii) from different Regions of the Church; however, at least one such Bishop shall be from a synod in the State of Iowa.~~

(iii) The President of the Wartburg College Alumni Board.

(iv) The President and the President-Elect of the Wartburg College Alumni Board.

~~(v) The Chair of the advisory group known as the President's Advisory Council.~~