



**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

Thirteenth Churchwide Assembly

August 12–18, 2013
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dana College

Blair, Nebraska

Report of the Board of Regents

In July 2010, as the result of an unsuccessful attempt to extend Dana College's accreditation to Dana Educational Corporation (a for-profit entity), 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. Disposition of the property has not occurred.

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,

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

Luther College

Decorah, Iowa

Report of the President

I write this as Luther College's sesquicentennial strategic plan, *Transformed by the Journey*, has just concluded. The plan has guided decision making over the past four years, and it was accompanied by a \$50-million fundraising initiative, *The Sesquicentennial Fund*, which achieved nearly \$57 million in gifts and pledges. This success was realized in spite of the national economic downturn that occurred shortly after the funding initiative was launched.

Although the strategic plan focused on a broad range of college operations and programs, it has been particularly gratifying to see what has been accomplished in the area of environmental sustainability. Since 2004, Luther's carbon footprint has been reduced by 33 percent through a variety of strategies, including major investments in energy efficiency, the installation of a 1.6 megawatt wind turbine, and securing energy from the largest solar array in the state of Iowa. Last May, our Board of Regents endorsed campus carbon footprint reduction goals of 50 percent by 2015, 70 percent by 2020, and carbon neutrality by 2030. The college's commitment to these efforts grows out of a commitment to be good stewards of God's creation and to be good stewards of the college's financial resources. An unexpected result has been the national recognition Luther has received for its leadership in this area, most recently Second Nature's "Climate Leadership Award."

Other noteworthy outcomes of the strategic plan and Sesquicentennial Fund initiative include a new aquatic center, a Center for Nordic Studies, a Center for Sustainable Communities, two endowed faculty positions (Norwegian and Environmental Studies), and over \$22 million in endowed student scholarships. We remain committed to keeping a Luther education as affordable as possible; next year we will provide students with \$43 million in financial aid to complement the investment families are making.

Students continue to flourish on our campus. In the past three years Luther student honors and awards have included a Rhodes scholarship, three McElroy fellowships, and 13 Fulbright awards. We have also seen a steady increase in enrolling U.S. students of color (7.8 percent of the student body in Fall 2012) and international students (5.3 percent of the student body). Luther continues to mentor young people in discerning a call to ministry; in the last ten years, 116 of our alumni have attended an ELCA seminary. In addition, we have a thriving program that prepares organists and other church musicians to serve the church.

This summer I will conclude 14 years as Luther's president. These years have been rich beyond measure and I am more certain than ever that a community of faith and learning provides the best possible environment for young people to discern their callings. ELCA colleges are sending out engaged, bright leaders to serve on behalf of the common good. We count on your partnership in this ministry. Thank you for your prayers, your benevolence, and for encouraging high school students to look closely at all that our ELCA colleges offer.

RICHARD L. TORGERSON, *president*

Amendments to Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Recommended Action by the Corporation:

To amend the Articles of Incorporation as follows:

Article VII MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

7.02. The Board shall consist of not less than twelve nor more than thirty-one members, including the President of the College and a Bishop designated by the Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Region 5. The President will be an ex-officio member, without vote. ~~The Executive Director or the Executive Director's appointee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Division for Higher Education and Schools, or its successor body, shall be an advisory member.~~ A representative from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Churchwide Organization is welcome to attend Board meetings.

Rationale: There is no longer a Division for Higher Education and Schools. Though we would welcome a regular connection, the new language leaves it up to ELCA churchwide organization to decide who, if anyone, will attend.

7.04. ~~The President of the College shall be elected by the Board of Regents for a term of six years from the membership of the Lutheran Church, in a manner consistent with the policy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.~~

The President of the College shall be elected by the Board of Regents for a term of six years and shall be an active member of a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A newly elected President who is not currently part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America must have experience within the Lutheran tradition and must be willing to become an active member of a local Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregation upon election as president.

Rationale: The proposed language seeks to recognize the importance of Luther College's ethos and Lutheran heritage while providing some flexibility in light of a diminishing pool of prospects.

7.06. At least ~~sixty (60)~~ fifty (50) percent of the members of the Board of Regents shall be members of congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Rationale: The demographic makeup of Luther's primary recruiting base is changing significantly. As fewer students from ELCA congregations are enrolling at Luther, our ELCA parent and alumni base is also decreasing.

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:

- **Ms. Ann Bentsdahl, Edina, Minnesota**
- **Mr. Dennis Flatness, St. Louis, Missouri**
- **Ms. Katherine Johnson-Becklin, Middleton, Wisconsin**
- **Mr. J. Robert Paulson Jr., Medina, Minnesota**
- **Mr. James Thomsen, Eden Prairie, Minnesota**
- **Mr. Richard F. Theiler, Paradise Valley, Arizona**
- **Ms. Chinyere Ukabiala, Urbandale, Iowa**
- **Mr. Lance J. Vander Linden, Dallas, Texas**

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:

- **Bp. Michael L. Burk, Iowa City, Iowa**
- **Ms. Peggy L. Etestad, Eden Prairie, Minnesota**
- **Mr. David M. Meyer, Brookings, South Dakota**

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. Gregory D. Fields, Chicago, Illinois**
- **Mr. George D. Kuh, Bloomington, Indiana**
- **Ms. Sandra Lee, Golden Valley, Minnesota**
- **Mr. David K. Lietz, Washington, D.C.**

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 2012–2013, incoming first-year students had an average academic grade point in high school of 3.64. The class's median ACT composite score was 29, and the median combined SAT score was 1310. Fifteen percent of the students identify themselves as having a multicultural heritage, and 5.5 percent are international students. Forty-three percent of first-year students in 2012–13, 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. The Harry C. Piper Center for Vocation and Career provides programs and services to assist students as they discern their vocations and prepare for their careers.

The Martin E. Marty Professor of Religion and the Academy at St. Olaf for 2013–14 is the Rev. Darrell Jodock ('62). Dr. Jodock, founder of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College, is the author of *The Church's Bible: Its Contemporary Authority* (Fortress, 1989) and co-editor of *Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews and Judaism* (Fortress, 2008).

In September 2012, the Rev. Dr. Matthew Marohl was installed as St. Olaf's College Pastor. Pastor Marohl, who previously served ELCA congregations in Illinois and Iowa, serves as pastor to the St. Olaf Student Congregation and chaplain to the St. Olaf community.

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 *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. 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 encourage you to send students to St. Olaf, and we thank you for your prayers and support.

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. Gregory L. Buck, Edina, Minnesota (2011–2017)**
- **Bp. William O. Gafkjen, Fishers, Indiana (2011–2017)**
- **Mr. Jay Lund, Oak Park Heights, Minnesota (2012–2018)**
- **Mr. Timothy I. Maudlin, Eden Prairie, Minnesota (2012–2018)**
- **Ms. Gretchen Morgenson, New York, New York, (2012–2018)**
- **Ms. Theresa M. Hull Wise, Rosemount, Minnesota (2013–2019)**
- **Ms. Kari L. Bjorhus, Woodbury, Minnesota (2013–2019)**

and

To ratify the action of the Board of Regents of St. Olaf College in re-electing the following persons to the Board of Regents of St. Olaf College for second six-year terms:

- **Ms. Nancy J. Anderson, Seattle, Washington (2011–2017)**
- **Mr. Ronald E. Hunter, Golden Valley, Minnesota (2011–2017)**

Wartburg College

Waverly, Iowa

Report of the Administration

“Wartburg College is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning.”

Abundant examples demonstrate the vibrancy of the college’s mission and the value of a Wartburg education:

- The faculty voted unanimously to establish a new major, Peace and Justice Studies. This interdisciplinary program prepares students for vocations in organizations that seek to establish peace and justice among individuals, communities, and nations.
- Under the direction of Gail Sexton, coordinator of church relations and faith community outreach, congregational and community partnerships have grown dramatically. Students are serving through volunteer work, internships, research projects, and job shadowing in congregations as well as in congregational outreach efforts.
- The Wartburg College Choir was invited to perform at the White House on December 17, 2011, and during the same weekend sang at the National Cathedral for the annual Bethlehem Service held in cooperation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.
- In February 2011, the choral department, along with John Ylvisaker, composer and church musician, the Rev. Paul Oman, artist, and the Rev. Phil Blom, preacher, celebrated the arts and worship at an Epiphany Vespers event, *Shine Like the Sun*.
- Spiritual Life and Campus Ministry spearheaded a successful Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack, assembling over 197,000 meals and educating more than 940 Wartburg and community volunteers.
- In Fall 2012, Dr. Mark Biermann began his work as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, and Dr. Kunihiro Terasawa filled the new world religions position in the religion and philosophy department.
- The college received \$1.5 million for the social work program, including gifts from O. Jay and Pat Tomson to establish Wartburg’s first Distinguished Chair in Social Work and Jack (‘82) and Sarah (‘82) Salzwedel to establish the Slife Institute for Social Work Consultation, Research, and Training, named in honor of Sarah’s parents, the late Harry and Polly Slife.
- April 2012 marked the college’s first annual *Research, Internship, and Creative Endeavor Day* (RICE), a day-long focus on student learning through research, internships, performance, and creative expression. A total of 368 students made more than 480 presentations.
- The faculty voted to accept a proposal for a three-year pilot program for a post-baccalaureate certificate in leadership.
- Through Spiritual Life and Campus Ministry, a student group led by Kelsey Nulph (‘14), partnered with the ELCA Malaria Initiative to create and successfully complete a year-long Wartburg College Malaria Initiative. Partnerships included a dozen campus departments, more than 600 student volunteers, the Northeastern Iowa Synod, and congregations in Iowa and Wisconsin. The goal for fundraising was \$35,000.
- Creative leadership from the communication arts department and the President’s Office resulted in a partnership with Deutsche Welle broadcasting and collaborative work with Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University in Bonn, Germany.
- The Graven Award, an annual award highlighting lay vocation, was presented in 2012 to Kenneth Inskeep, director of research and evaluation at the ELCA churchwide offices and author of *Chasing Down a Rumor: The Death of the Mainline Churches*. The 2013 recipient was James E. Ellefson, J.D. (‘74), an attorney from Marshalltown, Iowa, currently serving as an Iowa District Court Judge.
- The Mission Effectiveness Committee, comprised of representatives from the faculty, staff, and administration, was established in February 2013 to oversee progress on the college’s strategic plan goals and initiatives.
- Two Wartburg alumni, Ed and Rennie Scharlau (‘61), along with 64 Wartburg students and 17 faculty/staff members worked to build three fresh-water wells in Ethiopia through Water to Thrive, a faith-based, nonprofit organization.

Wartburg College is pleased to be a partner with the ELCA in preparing young adults to share good news with the world.

DARREL D. COLSON, *president*

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:

- **Dr. Delford Doherty, Blaine, Minnesota (2011–2015)**
- **Ms. Janet Felberg, Laguna Beach, California (2012–2015)**
- **Pr. Michael J. Housholder, West Des Moines, Iowa (2012–2015)**
- **Mr. Kirk Kinnear, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (2012–2015)**

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:

- **Bp. James A. Arends, La Crosse, Wisconsin (2012–2015)**
- **Ms. Ruth Bahe-Jachna, Hammond, Indiana (2010–2013)**
- **Mr. Mark Baldwin, Cedar Falls, Iowa (2011–2014)**
- **Mr. Grady Ballenger, DeLand, Florida (2010–2013)**
- **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 (2012–2015)**
- **Pr. Sherman G. Hicks, Chicago, Illinois (2012–2015)**
- **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 (2012–2015).**
- **Mr. Raymond McCaskey, Chicago, Illinois (2011–2014)**
- **Mr. Michael J. McCoy, Ellison Bay, Wisconsin (2012–2015)**
- **Ms. Rachel Riensche, Edina, Minnesota (2012–2015)**
- **Mr. Jack Salzwedel, Middleton, Wisconsin (2010–2013)**
- **Mr. Günther Schuchardt, Eisenach, Germany (2010–2013)**
- **Mr. Robert J. Severson, Ferryville, Wisconsin (2012–2015)**
- **Bp. Steven L. Ullestad, Cedar Falls, Iowa (2011–2014)**
- **Mr. Jon Volkert, Hoffman Estates, Illinois (2011–2014)**
- **Dr. Gil Wessel, Tomahawk, Wisconsin (2012–2015)**
- **Ms. Andrea Westmeyer, Clive, Iowa (2010–2013)**