
ACADEMIC CONVOCATION



Wednesday, August 30, 1995

9:45 A.M.

Butterfield Chapel

NEW FACULTY APPOINTEES--1995-1996

Full-Time Appointment

Donna Blue Assistant Professor, Teacher Education
Blaine Charette, Ph.D. . . . Assistant Professor, Bible and Greek
Ceri Hill Instructor, Mathematics and Education
James Jessup Registrar, Bible and Theology
Larisa Kokoreva Visiting Professor, Russian Studies
Steven Long Missionary-in-Residence
John Ridge, J.D. . . . Assistant Professor, History and Philosophy
David Yoder, D.M.A. Associate Professor, Music

Adjunct Appointment

Joseph Fuiten, D.Min. Church Ministries
Virginia Hodges English
Suzan Kobshigawa Teaching English as a Second Language
Ernestine Rice Teacher Education
Steven Ware English
Diana Wasson, Ph.D. Life Sciences

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Processional Organ
"Hail Glorious Day"
Elgar

Invocation LeRoy D. Johnson, D.A.
Professor of History, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Political Science
Divisional Coordinator, General and Professional Studies

"The Church's One Foundation" [#277] Wesley
"The Solid Rock" [#404] Bradbury
Congregation

Scripture Reading Francis C.R. Thee, Ph.D.
Professor of Bible, Greek, and Church History
Divisional Coordinator, Religious and Ministerial Studies

"Reaching for Excellence" Kaiser
Faculty Chorale

Recognition of Faculty/Administration Marshall E. Flowers, Jr., Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Special Music David Yoder, D.M.A.
Associate Professor of Music

Introduction of Convocation Speaker Dennis A. Davis
President

Convocation Address Warren Bullock, D.Min.
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Superintendent, Northwest District Council

Benediction Deborah White, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Education and Music

Recessional Piano
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Cornell

Choir Director and Organist: Robert Swaffield, Ph.D., Professor of Music
Song Leader: Dr. Darrell Hobson, Associate Professor, Bible and Philosophy
Pianist: Mizue Yamada Fells, Adjunct Faculty, Music

NORTHWEST COLLEGE COMMUNITY AFFIRMATION

NORTHWEST seeks to relate biblical Christianity to every area of life, both on and off campus: to academic disciplines, to co- and extra-curricular activities, in the residence halls, in the local community, and in one's personal life. It assumes that all members of the NORTHWEST community desire meaningful involvement in the process of Christian higher education as they seek to express their faith in the context of an Assemblies of God college. Faculty and staff members commit themselves to be facilitators and learners in this educational endeavor. Students, by enrolling, join with them in accepting the responsibilities of membership in this community.

Since NORTHWEST holds that the Scripture is the infallible rule for faith and conduct, the Bible will always be the authority in all matters pertaining to personal and corporate behavior. The College believes that its statement of faith and its statement of principles regarding behavior find their basis in the Bible. This affirmation attempts to provide a means to understanding the nature of this community of believing learners and to encourage a sincere commitment to it.

We affirm the Lordship of Christ over all of life and thought; our responsibility to love God with all our being and neighbor as ourselves; our obligation to seek righteousness, to practice justice in all situations, and to express mercy to all; our need to exercise Christian freedom responsibly and lovingly and our dependence on the empowering of the Holy Spirit if we are to faithfully fulfill what God requires.

We affirm the biblical description of attitudes and behavior unfitting for a Christian: "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like" (Gal. 5:19-21a, NIV). Through the help of the Holy Spirit we strive to allow none of these to be part of our behavior. We affirm also the biblical description of attitudes and behavior fitting for a Christian: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23a, NIV). We seek to maintain a vital relationship with the Spirit so that such attitudes and behavior will be evident among us. We seek to follow Christ's example of unselfish love in our actions, attitudes, and relationships.

We strive to maintain stewardship of body, mind, time, abilities, and resources. We strive to integrate corporate worship, personal faith, and intellectual growth. Attendance of the College chapel services and faithful attendance and support of a local church are integral parts of that process.

NORTHWEST recognizes that not all believers share the same standards in matters of behavior the Bible does not specifically address. As members of this community, however, we also recognize the importance of respecting the values and goals of the College and will, therefore, seek to conduct ourselves in a manner that will bring only credit to the gospel and to NORTHWEST. Since we are also part of the larger society, and in order to "let our light shine out" we will strive to maintain good community relations in respect to governing authorities, social activities, and business dealings.

This affirmation provides a positive and constructive framework to aid one's personal development and for ongoing relationships with all other members of this community. We join with each other as we seek to live out this affirmation in a spirit of unity and openness, of helpfulness and caring.