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Dr. Frank C. Peters, to retire
as WLU president on Aug. 1, 1978

At an in-camera meeting of the board of governors of Wilfrid Laurier University today, Dr. Frank C. Peters, president, requested that he be granted early retirement effective Aug. 1, 1978 for reasons of health.

After expressing deep appreciation for his service and dedication, the board reluctantly agreed to his request.

Dr. Peters said he will serve for the next academic year before stepping down. A search committee will look for a successor.

In accepting his present term as president when the university became a provincial university in 1973 Dr. Peters indicated to the board that his present term would be his last.

He has been associated with the university for 16 years, first as a member of the psychology department and for the last 10 years in administration. He has always continued to teach at least one class a year.

During his tenure the Lutheran university became a public institution, a difficult time of negotiation and transition in which Dr. Peters carried the major responsibility.

Enrolment increased significantly during his tenure, new programs were added and four buildings erected. He is presently deeply involved in the planning for a new professional building.

Dr. Peters, a Canadian citizen, was born in 1920 in the Ukraine. He has a B.A. degree from Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, an M.Sc. from Kansas State University, a B.D. from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas and a Th.D. from Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City.

Before coming to Waterloo, he served Tabor College as president and later was dean of the Mennonite Brethren College of Arts, Winnipeg, then affiliated with WLU.

Tribute to Dr. Peters was paid by William H. Timmis, chairman of the university's board of governors, who echoed the deep regret of himself and his fellow board members at Dr. Peters' decision.

"We are conscious of the great contribution he has made to the progress of this university and of his deep commitment to his church, this community and his country."