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SPECIAL

CANADIAN LUNCHEON

BUILDS UNITY AT MIAMI

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. -- A highlight of the Lutheran Church in America's youth conference at Miami Beach, Fla., was the Canadian luncheon, sponsored by Waterloo Lutheran University.

Bob Schmidt of Kitchener, Ont., a student at the university, reported afterwards that the dinner, held in the DiLido Hotel's Venetian Room, brought a real spirit of unity to the 78 Canadians in attendance.

Delegates from Western Canada, Central Canada and Eastern Canada units attended the dinner and heard Bob Schmidt outline the university's new scholarship program.

Under the plan, five annual full-tuition scholarships will be offered to students throughout North America to encourage study for the ministry at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Termed "Decision Scholarships", their aim is to give young men who are not registered with synods as ministerial students an opportunity to sample theological studies and to reach a decision on the ministry as a career.

Mr. Schmidt, speaking briefly of the school, described its individual attention to students and its small size as one of the university's distinct advantages.

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"An interesting accompanying feature is the family dinners, held each week in the Dining Hall", he said, "Students and faculty sit down together at small tables over dinner and really get to know one another."

He added that WLU is not "a Lutheran ghetto", enrolling more United Church, Anglican and Roman Catholic students than Lutherans. There are many Jewish students and kosher food is always available on campus.

In addition to arts courses, WLU offers degrees in science, masters of arts degrees in geography and romance languages, and divinity. Next year, a graduate school of social work will be added. The growing department of business administration teaches on the case system pioneered by Harvard.

A special guest at the luncheon was Rev. Lawrence Nelson of Philadelphia, executive director of the Commission on Youth Activities of the Lutheran Church in America.

Unit representatives included Ruth Schmidt of Waterloo, president of the Eastern Canada Luther League; Ernie Dojack of Winnipeg, president for Central Canada; and Darlene Blumenthall of Roily View, Alta., Western Canada.

Also sponsored by Waterloo Lutheran University was a booth at the Miami Beach Convention Hall, where nearly 8,000 youth were in daily attendance. The booth was manned entirely by volunteers, WLU students who were convention delegates.