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Evolution Among Several Themes For Theological Library Conference FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOTE: Many of these topics should prove newsworthy and worth coverage. For more information, call Richard K. Taylor at WLU.

Coverage of Speakers is Invited

More than 200 librarians are expected to register June 19 for the 26th annual conference of the American Theological Library Association at Waterloo Lutheran University for a three-day conference that will touch upon such topics ranging from evolution to the end of an era.

Evolution will come in the keynote address by Dr. Frederick G. Kilgour, director of the Ohio College Library Centre, when he discusses The Evolution of Academic Libraries on Tuesday morning.

Is religious publishing coming to an end? This topic will be explored by Dr. Helmut T. Lehman of Philadelphia, recently editor-in-chief of Fortress Press, the official publishing house of the Lutheran Church in America. He speaks Wednesday on The Apocalypse of the Religious Book. Dr. Lehman is a former president of Waterloo Lutheran University.

Library operations as they are developing to meet the demands of the 1970s with various retrieval systems and data banks will form another topic, a presentation on Thursday by Joseph Becker of Bethesda, Md., member of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries. Speaker at the closing dinner Thursday night on campus is the world-renowned Catholic Theologian, Father Gregory Baum of St. Michael's College, Toronto, who will discuss The Opening of Theology to the Social Sciences.

Delegates, most of whom will come from the United States, will also have an opportunity to see King Lear, a presentation of the Stratford Festival, on Wednesday night.

Erich R. W. Schultz, chief librarian of Waterloo Lutheran University, is host to the conference. The association has more than 500 institutional and individual members throughout North America.

This is only the second time that the conference has been held in Canada--and the first time in Waterloo.

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