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<u>No Delay Forseen</u>

<u>As WLU Seeks New Status</u>

Dr, Frank C. Peters, president of Waterloo Lutheran University, said today he had been assured that appointment of the new minister of colleges and universities would not delay the university in achieving provincially-assisted status,

Dr. Peters, in a message to the university community, said he got in touch with Queen's Park when informed that the Hon. George Kerr was leaving the education ministry to become Provincial Secretary of Justice.

Mr. Kerr wrote Dr. Peters that he had made a point of informing his successor, the Hon. Jack McNie, of the negotiations with WLU and had also asked officials to inform the new minister of all details concerning the university's requests.

In addition, Dr. Peters has been informed that there seems to be no reason for any delay in the university's request for inclusion as a fully provincially-assisted university by the original target date.

At present, the university receives only half the grants for operating as the other Ontario universities and no grants for capital expenditures. When it separates itself from church control, already approved in principle by the Lutheran synod, it will be eligible for full grants.