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<u>Progress Made in First Talks</u>

Between WLU and Government

Progress was made in the first talk between representatives of Waterloo Lutheran University and the Ontario Government regarding the university's move to become provincially assisted by May 1.

The Hon. Jack McNie, minister of colleges and universities, met with the Rev. Robert Binhammer of Weston, chairman of the WLU board of governors, John Reble of Burlington, board treasurer; and Dr. Frank C. Peters, president of the university.

After the meeting, Mr. Binhammer reported that good progress was made in the initial talk and more meetings with the minister will be scheduled to clarify further points in the proposed change of status for the university. The May 1 date for the change of status remains unaltered.

WLU is now operated by Eastern Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. The synod earlier this year voted approval in principle to the university's proposed move.

Matters to be resolved in the talks include drafting of a new charter, composition of a new community board of governors, the name for the university, and compensation to the synod for its financial investment in the institution over the years since its founding in 1911.