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## LUTHERAN SEMINARY FUND DRIVE DOUBLES OBJECTIVE

MEMBERS OF LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS FROM SAULT STE. MARIE TO NEWFOUNDLAND HAVE COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL APPEAL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A NEW WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY AND TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENT CENTRES IN LONDON AND MONTREAL. THE TREMENDOUS VICTORY OF THE CENTENNIAL ADVANCE APPEAL WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY DR. J. RAY HOUSER, GENERAL APPEAL CHAIRMAN, AT A SPECIAL LUNCHEON FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE DINING ROOM OF WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY.

THE DRIVE WAS LAUNCHED AT A RALLY ON FEBRUARY 7TH WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 550 DELEGATES FROM DIFFERENT CONGREGATIONS OF THE CANADA AND NOVA SCOTIA SYNODS OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

THE FINANCIAL OBJECTIVE OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS \$ 398,700 BUT RESULTS TO DATE SHOW A TOTAL FIGURE CLOSE TO \$ 850,000. IN COMMENTING ON THE VICTORY, DR. A. W. LOTZ, PRESIDENT OF SYNOD, SAID "THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN. THIS MIGHTY SWEEPING MOVEMENT WILL BRING NEW VISION, NEW LIFE AND NEW ENERGY TO OUR SYNOD AS IT STANDS AT THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW CENTURY.

GROUND FOR THE NEW WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY WILL BE BROKEN AT THE SYNOD MEETING IN JUNE. THE SEMINARY BUILDING, WHICH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT A HIGH POINT ON THE WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, WILL BE OF A TWO LEVEL DESIGN, WITH THE CHAPEL, LECTURE ROOMS AND FACULTY OFFICES ON THE UPPER FLOOR, WITH THE LIBRARY, CLASSROOMS AND STUDENT LOUNGE ON THE LOWER FLOOR.

AMONG THOSE ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON TODAY WERE MR. C.M. DARE, MR. C.N. WEBER, MRS. H. GREB, MR. C. MUSSELMAN, THE REV. N. BERNER, MR. F. STIEFELMEYER, MR. H. ZIEGLER, MR. D. ROBERTS, DR. WM. J. VILLAUME AND MR. G. LARSEN.