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LUTHERAN SEMINARY CONSTRUCTION BEGINS;
BUILDING TO INCLUDE CHAPEL, BELL TOWER

Construction of the new Waterloo Lutheran Seminary building -- a U-shaped structure with a chapel and bell tower crowned with a cross -- will begin this month at the Albert and Bricker Streets area of the Waterloo Lutheran University 25-acre campus, it was announced today by Dr. William J. Villaume, university president.

The structure, together with its furnishings, will cost \$515,240. Funds were contributed by the parishes and people of the Eastern Canada Synod during the Centennial Appeal held in early 1962. A sum of \$850,000 had been pledged for the seminary and Lutheran student pastoral work on university campuses in London, Ontario, and Montreal, Quebec.

On the basis of competitive bids just opened, construction contracts have been awarded to three Kitchener firms: Ball Brothers Ltd. for general contracting work, Rozell & Son Ltd., for heating, ventilating, and other mechanicals, and Bennett & Wright, Ltd., electrical. The foundation is in process of being poured and will be completed when the old Conrad House has been removed for the chapel site.

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The new building -- finally realized after many years of planning by the Lutheran synod, seminary, and university committees -- will be ready for occupancy by September 15. Facilities, for a maximum of 75 theological students, will include lecture rooms, reference room, faculty and administrative offices, student lounges and a chapel that will seat 120 persons. New living quarters will be provided for in a seminary dormitory building that is to be constructed nearby.

The exterior of the chapel will consist of sandstone and the rest of the structure limestone. While design is modern and simple, the inside courtyard of the U-shaped building, in classical proportions, will include garden and walk reminiscent of Old world monastery gardens. The architects are Kruschen and Dailey of Oakville.

Chief consultants in the planning have been a committee consisting of the Rev. Paul W. H. Eydt, pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church, Kitchener, chairman; Dr. Villaume; Karl Kruschen, architect; Dr. J. Ray Houser, president of the seminary; Harry D. Greb, chairman of the University Board of Governors; the Rev. George F. Durst, seminary professor of church architecture and liturgics; the Rev. Dr. Ulrich Leupold, dean of the seminary and secretary of the committee; and the Rev. Earl W. Haase, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Hamilton, and chairman of the sub-committee on chapel design.