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Dr. Henry Endress Leaving WLU

For New Church Post at Washington

Dr. Henry Endress, vice-president: university resources at Waterloo Lutheran University since 1963, resigns June 30 to become the first executive director of a new church agency in Washington, D.C.

The agency, to be known as the Lutheran Resources Commission-Washington, will provide a channel for the Lutheran churches of North America to inform their members of relevant legislation.

Dr. Endress will provide a channel for the church to assist in the implementation of relevant legislation where the voluntary sector should be involved.

Dr. Endress noted that increasingly the church finds itself relating to government as it seeks to implement local programs.

"This new agency is another step in the church's ministry in which individual and social needs are met as an expression of Christian responsibility for love and justice."

To date, various agencies of the Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are participating in the commission. Dr. Endress will resign as a member of the executive council of the Lutheran Church in America because of his staff election.

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He said that the new office will not serve to influence legislation but will inform the church when efforts might be made to assist through its various boards and commissions.

Prior to coming to Waterloo, Dr. Endress was director of the commission on stewardship of the LCA from 1949-1963, and has served the church in a variety of posts for more than 25 years.

At Waterloo Lutheran University, he was the chief executive officer in the area of public relations, fund raising and alumni affairs. He also served as acting president of the university in 1967-68.

He was associate director of the commission and the Lutheran Laymen's Movement from 1946 until 1969. He is a graduate of Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y., and did graduate work at Columbia University. He has received honorary degrees from Wagner College and Gettysburg College.

A former newspaper feature writer, he served as producer, associate producer, script writer, co-editor and director for more than 20 motion pictures, including the film Martin Luther, for which he was associate producer. Since 1965, Dr. Endress has been a member of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's national religious advisory council.

Dr. and Mrs. Endress, the former Clare Marie LeBlanc, have two children, Lieut. Lee H. Endress of the U.S. Navy, and Lori a fourth year student at Waterloo Lutheran University.