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FOUNDERS’ DAY CONVOCATION

Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
February 21, 2007
11:00 A.M.
Program

President Richard F. Wilson, Presiding
Professor Donna Hartweg, The Caroline F. Rupert
Endowed Professor of Nursing, Mace Bearer

Prelude & Processional (please stand during Processional)
Trumpet Voluntary

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

David Banas ’08, trumpet; Amy LeClercq ’08, trumpet; Casey Brant ’07, trumpet; Jessica Seils ’08, horn; Matthew Luhn ’10, trombone; Don Killinger ’09, tuba

Invocation (please stand)
Paul Bushnell
Professor of History

Founders Day Remarks
Richard F. Wilson
President

Special Music
Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen! from Cantata 51

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Ingrid Blomquist ’07, soprano
Maxie Scifres, piano

Introduction
Beth Cunningham
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Remarks
“Time To Deliver: Winning the Battle Against Poverty and Disease in the Developing World”
Stephen Lewis

Alma Wesleyana
J. Scott Ferguson, Organist
Professor of Music
NATIONAL HYMN

(please stand and join in singing, led by Ms. Blomquist)
George William Warren
(1828-1902)

From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,
Where’er we wander, over land or sea;
Through time unending, loyal we will be—
True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.
When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn,
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

—Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)

Benediction (remain standing)
Professor Bushnell

Recessional & Postlude (remain standing)
Whole Lotta Brass
Jean-Joseph Mouret
(1682-1738)
Stephen Lewis

Politician, Diplomat, and Humanitarian


During his years of service as Canadian Ambassador, Mr. Lewis chaired the committee that drafted the Five-Year UN Programme on African Economic Recovery as well as the first International Conference on Climate Change, which drew up an unprecedented and comprehensive policy on global warming.

Prior to his involvement in the UN, Ambassador Lewis was elected a member of the Ontario Legislature at age 26 and served from 1963 to 1978, leading the Ontario New Democratic Party for eight years.

The diplomat and humanitarian founded and serves as Chairman of the Board for the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which is dedicated to easing the pain of HIV/AIDS in Africa and helps to spread Mr. Lewis’ message that international health is the first step to poverty reduction and economic development.

Mr. Lewis put forth this message in his 2005 bestseller, Race Against Time: Searching for Hope in AIDS-Ravaged Africa, which presents his proposed solutions to the international failure to meet the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals which, in part, intended to cut poverty in half by the year 2015.

Mr. Lewis’ passion for reducing poverty and disease in Africa has led to his appointment as Commissioner for the World Health Organization’s Commission on the Social Determinants of Health as well as to the Board of Directors of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. With nearly half a century of involvement in African health and justice interests, Mr. Lewis was also appointed by the Organization of African Unity to an “International Panel of Eminent Personalities to Investigate the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda and the Surrounding Events.”

Recognized internationally for his efforts on behalf of the African continent, Mr. Lewis was listed alongside the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela and Oprah Winfrey as one of TIME magazine’s “100 Most Influential People of 2005” and was Maclean’s magazine’s first “Canadian of the Year” in 2003. He is a Companion of the Order of Canada, that nation’s highest lifetime achievement honor, and has also received the Pearson Peace Medal from the UN in Canada and the Jonathan Mann Health and Human Rights Award from the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada have welcomed him as an honorary fellow of their organization.

A Senior Advisor to the schools of public health at both Harvard and Columbia Universities, Ambassador Lewis holds honorary degrees from 24 Canadian universities and is a Senior Fellow at Massey College, University of Toronto. In 2006, he became McMaster University’s first social sciences scholar-in-residence, where he will continue to share his passion for global health concerns as a researcher and instructor linked with McMaster’s Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition.
Founders Gates Inscription

WE STAND IN A POSITION OF INCALCULABLE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GREAT WAVE OF POPULATION OVERSPREADING THE VALLEY OF THE MISSISSIPPI. DESTINY SEEMS TO POINT OUT THIS VALLEY AS THE DEPOSITORY OF THE GREAT HEART OF THE NATION. FROM THIS CENTER, MIGHTY PULSATIONS, FOR GOOD OR EVIL, MUST IN THE FUTURE FLOW, WHICH SHALL NOT ONLY AFFECT THE FORTUNE OF THE REPUBLIC, BUT REACH IN THEIR INFLUENCE OTHER AND DISTANT NATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Founders of Illinois Wesleyan

Peter Cartwright  
C. W. Lewis  
J. C. Finley  
John S. Barger  
James Leaton  
John Van Cleve  
James F. Jaquess  
William J. Rutledge  
C. M. Holliday  
W. D. R. Trotter  
W. H. Allin  
W. C. Hobbs  
John E. McClun  
John Magoun  
Thomas Magee  
William Wallace  
Charles P. Merriman  
James Miller  
William H. Holmes  
Linus Graves  
Thomas P. Rogers  
John W. Ewing  
Lewis Bunn  
E. Thomas  
Isaac Funk  
James Allin  
D. Trimmer  
Kersey H. Fell  
Silas Watters  
Reuben Andrus