



2018

President's Convocation

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Hello and welcome. In my original speech here is where I would sit down because I didn't want to say more than I needed to. I thought about it some more, and realized there is something I think is worthwhile for each of you to hear. I just want to make sure we're on the same page that I'm saying this because I think it should be said, not just because I have a microphone, cause those are very different.

Changing climates sometimes means we have to change the climate. And different situations call for different means of doing that. But as we reflect on our academic theme this year I thought that was important to touch on. As we see things that we think can improve whether in our social circle, our university, our town, our state or our country, we should remember that change is spurred by action.

That action can be as simple as a conversation, and in my experience, conversations can lead to some great improvements how things run here, but I also feel that we sometimes sit back and hope someone else says the things we're thinking.

Maybe like me, you're here mostly because you think the alma mater is a great song and you're excited for another chance to sing it, but my guess is, many of here are involved on campus and care about various aspects of wesleyan.

And as senate president I see a lot of the ways you make your voices heard and affect positive change. But since I get the chance to say something here, I wanted it to be an encouragement to continue seeking improvement in our community.

This is a great place, in part because our community is unafraid to challenge itself and grow into something a little different than it was yesterday.

That's my goal this year for me, and I hope many of you use the intersectional ways you're involved here to do the same.

Thanks for listening