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Convocation
Honoring the Founders
February 15, 1978

The 1978 Convocation honoring the Founders marks the University's 128th anniversary and, simultaneously, the 25th in a series of choral commissions established in 1952 under the direction of Dr. Lloyd Pfautsch, at that time a member of the Illinois Wesleyan music faculty. Now professor of sacred music and director of choral activities at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Dr. Pfautsch is honored today as founder of the series and as composer of the anniversary work.

Believed to be the oldest such project on a college campus in the nation, the IWU choral commission series has attracted prominent American and British composers. Many of the works have been published and are frequently performed by school and college choirs. After Dr. Pfautsch left for SMU in 1958, the commission series was carried forward by his successors, Dr. Lewis Whikehart and Dr. David Nott. The national music fraternity, Delta Omicron, has funded the commissions in recent years.

In recognition of the anniversary, all music performed in today's ceremonies has been selected from works by IWU-commissioned composers.



ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION HONORING THE FOUNDERS

CO	NVOCATION HONORI	ING THE FOUNDERS
February 15, 1978	11:00 a. President Robert S. E	
	("Come thou fount of	
PROCESSIONAL	David Gehrenber	ck, Organist
		Leo Sowerby
	For all the saints, who fr David Gehrenbe	om their labors rest'')
INVOCATIONANTHEM		Chaplain William Luther White
"Songs of Innocence" (Blal (First Collegiate Choir C		Earl George
	The IWU Cham	ber Singers
	David Nott, I	Director
PRESENTATION OF SPEAKE	R	President Robert S. Eckley
HYMN "Songs of Experience" (19 (25th Commissioned Wo Who Hath a Right to Be Careful What You	78)	sion Series Lloyd Pfautsch Lloyd Pfautsch
A Litany for America	(Adlai Stevenson)	
	The Collegia	
AWARDING OF HONORARY	David Nott, I	Director
ALMA WESLEYANA	DECKEE	
From hearts aflame, our lo Where'er we wander, over Through time unending lo True to our Alma Mater, W	land or sea; yal we will be —	When college days are fully past and gone, While life endures, from twilight dream till dawn Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on — Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan!
	· ·	Chaplain William Luther White
POSTLUDE		John Joubert
("Praise God, from whom David Gehrenbe	all blessings flow")
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*dedicated to Dr. Robert Anderson '55, Professor of Organ at Southern Methodist University.