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## Founders' Day Convocation (1950 Program)

Illinois Wesleyan University

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CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

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ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

MID-WINTER CONVOCATION  
HONORING THE FOUNDERS

*February 8, 1950*



MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

10:30 A.M.

*"We take up the task eternal, and the burden and the lesson,  
Pioneers! O pioneers!"*

—Whitman

# Program

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Memorial Gymnasium—10:30 A.M.  
(Academic Procession forms at Gymnasium, 10:00 A.M.)

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Processional — "Pomp and Circumstance"

*Elgar*

(Audience will stand during Processional)

Hymn — "Faith of Our Fathers"

Faith of our fathers! living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will strive  
To win all nations unto thee,  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Mankind shall then be truly free.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life:  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death. Amen.  
—Faber

Voice of the Past

Prayer

THE REVEREND SIDNEY A. GUTHRIE

Collegiate Choir — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Luther-Mueller*

Lloyd Pfautsch, Director

Scripture Reading

THE REVEREND HAROLD R. MARTIN

Solo — "Lord, God of Abraham" — Elijah

*Mendelssohn*

Francis Barnard

University Orchestra  
Kenneth Cuthbert, Director

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Alma Wesleyana

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 dream till dawn,  
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—  
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan!

—Schultz

Benediction

THE REVEREND RAYE RAGAN

Recessional — "Huldigungsmarsch" — from Sigurd Jorsalfor Suite  
(Audience will remain standing during Recessional)

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#### FUTURE EVENTS IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL YEAR

March 21—7:15 P.M., Town Meeting of the Air, sponsored jointly  
by Illinois Wesleyan University, *The Daily Pantagraph*, Radio  
Station WJBC—Scottish Rite Temple

Annual Commencement—June 3-5

Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church, beginning June 6

Homecoming, November 3-5

Educational Conference, December 2

## Historical Exhibit

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Buck Library will present an exhibit of materials relating to the early history of Illinois Wesleyan University today (February 8) from two to five o'clock. All persons interested in this phase of the Centennial Program should visit the Buck Weems Memorial Room (periodical alcove) on the main floor.