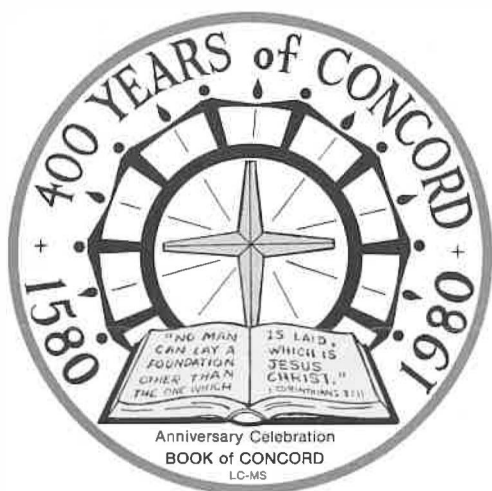


**A Celebration of
Confessional Subscription:
Past, Present, Future**



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St. Louis, Missouri

April 10-11, 1980

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Dr. Ralph A. Bohlmann, President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will speak on **“Contemporary Lessons from the Book of Concord.”**

Well known as a leading theologian in the church, Dr. Bohlmann specializes in the area of the Lutheran Confessions. He holds a Ph.D. from Yale University and studied as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Heidelberg. Before becoming Seminary President, he was Executive Secretary of the Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations. His book, *Principles of Biblical Interpretation in the Lutheran Confessions*, is widely used throughout the church.



Dr. Robert Kolb, Assistant Professor of History at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, will speak on **“Confessing Christ Before the World: Sixteenth Century Views of Augsburg, 1530.”**

Kolb, who holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, has done extensive research on the background and development of the Formula of Concord. He is the author of *Andreae and the Formula of Concord*, published in 1977 as part of a commemorative series on the Formula.



Your Invitation

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of the *Book of Concord*, as well as the 450th anniversary of the *Augsburg Confession*. Concordia Seminary is pleased to observe these anniversaries by sponsoring a Celebration of Confessional Subscription. This year's program will focus on the Confessions as they were viewed at the time of their formulation, on the role they have played in the history of the Church, and on their significance for us today.

The speakers chosen for the presentations are distinguished scholars in confessional theology and Reformation history. To lend additional significance to the program, faculty representatives from our synodical schools have been invited. Participating in the discussions will be **Professor Steven A. Hein**, Th.M. (Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois), **President M. J. Stelmachowicz**, Ph.D. (Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska), and **Professor Norman P. Wangerin**, M.A., S.T.M. (Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin).

This Celebration will give the parish pastor new insights on what it means to be confessional in the 20th century, and provide opportunity for renewed appreciation of the influence of the Confessions in the life of the church.

The program is made possible by a generous grant from Lutheran Brotherhood, which will provide all costs for lodging, food, and the banquet; your only cost is a registration fee of \$10.

The 400th Anniversary Committee

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Dr. John F. Johnson, Jr., Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will discuss **“Confession and Confessional Subscription.”**

A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Dr. Johnson holds an M.A. from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, a Th.D. from the St. Louis Seminary, and is a candidate for the Ph.D. in ancient and medieval philosophy at St. Louis University. He has done graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary and the Catholic University of America. His fields of specialization include apologetics, philosophical theology, and confessional theology.



Dr. Roy A. Suelflow, Professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Seminary, will discuss **“The Lutheran Confessions in History.”**

A recognized Missouri Synod historian, Dr. Suelflow earned his M.A. at Washington University, his Th.D. at Concordia, St. Louis, and his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He served as a missionary in China and Japan and for eight years was president of Concordia Seminary in Chia Yi, Taiwan. He also taught at Concordia College in Milwaukee. His newest volume, *Christian Churches in Recent Times*, has just come off the press.



Program Schedule

Thursday, April 10

- 3:30 p.m. "Contemporary Lessons from the Formula of Concord"
Dr. Ralph A. Bohlmann
- 5:00 p.m. Reception
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner (Koburg Hall)
Speaker: *Dr. Robert Kolb* on
"Confessing Christ Before the World: 16th Century Views of Augsburg, 1530"

Special musical program featuring Brahms' Motet, "The Wall of Heaven, O Savior, Rend." Dr. Alfred Fremder, Conductor.

Friday, April 11

- 8:30 a.m. "The Lutheran Confessions in History"
Dr. Roy A. Suelflow
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:15 a.m. "Confession and Confessional Subscription"
Dr. John F. Johnson
- 11:30 a.m. Adjournment and Lunch

All sessions will be held in Pritzlaff Hall.

Registration Form

I would like to participate in the Celebration of Confessional Subscription April 10-11, 1980.

_____ I plan to take part in all the sessions and hereby apply for a grant to cover the cost of meals, lodging and banquet ticket. My registration fee of \$10.00 is enclosed.

_____ *Please reserve a room (double occupancy) for me for Thursday evening, April 10.

_____ I plan to be at the banquet April 10 (alone, at no charge to me _____ with my wife, @ \$8.00 enclosed _____).

**Please note: A total of 70 beds are available on a first-come-first-served basis. A limited number of rooms are available for married couples at an additional cost of \$6.00.*

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (made payable to Concordia Seminary)

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April 1, 1980:**

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