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WE WALK BY FAITH. 2 Cor. 5, 7.

Pacific Lutheran College greets you, dear reader, at this Christmas season, in faith, in hope, and in love. For "now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (1 Cor. 13, 13). Yet "we walk by faith, not by sight," and we labor, that we may be accepted of the Lord (2 Cor. 5, 9). May you have a truly blessed Christmas, and may you enjoy a New Year of grace, with a return of confidence and an increase of faith!

"For we walk by faith." Through faith the fathers of old time "obtained a good report" (Heb. 11, 39) and accomplished the will of God. For example, through faith they "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens" (Heb. 11, 33, 34).

We of Pacific Lutheran College recognize the obligation imposed upon us by the faith of our fathers, who also wrought righteousness, obtained promises, and out of weakness were made strong in founding and building Pacific Lutheran College by faith.

We of Pacific Lutheran College would carry on in the same spirit, and by the same faith maintain our service uncurtailed. No matter what sacrifices this may entail, we want to be found faithful,—full of faith and faithful to the end.

The Development Association Membership List

which we had hoped to print in this number of our BULLETIN, will, we trust, appear in a later number. Out of 8100 members, about one-third are active.

WE ARE SAVED BY HOPE. Rom. 8, 24.

Green is the color of hope. Green is one of the colors of Christmas. The Christmas-tree is evergreen. Jesus is the hoped-for Savior, and we are saved by our hope in Him. Moreover, "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8, 28). And so we of Pacific Lutheran College, too, are confidently awaiting the dawn of a new and better day.

Emblematic of this hope are the resolutions reprinted below, as adopted unanimously by the American Lutheran Conference, November 17, 1932, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They herald the dawn of a new day of better understanding and greater unity in the Lutheran Church.

Pacific Latheran College-Parkland, Washington

Resolved: That on the basis of facts and statistics submitted and in view of the argency of the present situation, we are prepared to express the opinion that Pacific Lutheran College at Parkland. Washington, is essential to the proper development and healthy growth of our Lutheran churches on the Pacific coast, and it is hereby recommended:

- (a) That a program of more complete cooperation be worked out between the constituent bodies of the American Lutheran Conference, more particularly between the American Lutheran Church, the Augustana Synod, and the Norwegian Lutheran Church.
- (b) That the above mentioned cooperation should involve control of the institution and should express itself in such continued financial support as is necessary to the permanent maintenance of the institution.
- (c) That the appropriations of the threefold afore-mentioned bodies be the subject of further negotiations between the bodies concerned.
- (d) That the school continue to operate as at present as a Iunior College and that any major changes in the future be made only on the basis of educational developments in the state of Washington and as the need of the Conference may require, and as the ability of the supporting bodies will permit.
- (e) That the American Lutheran Conference express its appreciation of the study and plan presented by representatives of Pacific Lutheran College for raising funds for payment of indebtedness and for endowment.

As to the realization of the plan, because it involves financial commitments, we recommend this plan to its respective constituencies for favorable consideration and such further action as they may find possible in relation to their own situation as well as the needs of this joint enterprise.

LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE. Heb. 13. 1.

Red is the color of love and of sacrifice. Therefore red is the dominant Christmas color. God is love. In God's Word, love and charity are often synonymous. So in I Cor. 13, 13: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

In these times of all times, "let us not be weary in well-doing" (Gal. 6, 9). Our fellow-men need our love.

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3, 16).

"We love Him, because He first loved us" (1 John 4, 19).

"Let brotherly love continue" (Heb. 13, 1).

"I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20, 35).

Says Charles Dickens, at the close of his priceless "Christmas Carol": "And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless Us, Every One!"

Love divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

In the spirit of Christmas, may we not urge you to send a Christmas offering to your Church? Without such gifts the work must suffer; and it should not! As far as the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America is concerned, the need is very great. Pacific Lutheran College, for example, has had to do without the emergency appropriation of \$14,581.35 and has already accepted one ten-percent cut in its regular appropriation, with more cuts in prospect unless gifts of love greatly increase.

And may we not ask you, in the spirit of Christmas, to help make up this shortage at Pacific Lutheran College by actively supporting our Development Association, whose slogan is, "At least a dollar at least once a year?" "For God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9, 7). Pacific Lutheran College carries on through your love.