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Foreword

The major section of this issue of *Consensus* comprises a *Festschrift* for Rev. Dr. Faith Rohrbough, the Past President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where she served from 1996 to 2004. She was the first woman in North America to lead a Lutheran seminary, and served that presidential office with warmth, dignity, keen insight, and a theological awareness that had been honed by her pastoral experience, academic achievements, and her extensive institutional service. She proved to be a particularly effective ambassador for LTS among its traditional constituency, and was instrumental in the renewed affiliation among all the theological colleges on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan, for the sake of increased cooperation and sharing of resources.

She had previously served at the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary where she was Ann Burkhalter Professor of the History of Christianity; she had also served as Dean and as Vice President from 1978 to 1991.

A graduate of Wellesley College, Massachusetts, Rohrbough took her D.Phil. degree from the University of Basel in Switzerland. She undertook post graduate work in Church-State relations at Boston College Law School and, later, professional development in educational administration at Bryn Mawr College and at Harvard Business School.

Rohrbough has served on various boards and commissions of the American Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She has been active in the Association of Theological Schools where she has served on the Accrediting Commission, the Taskforce for Globalization of Theological Education and the Taskforce for Women's Leadership. She was a member of the Lutheran World Federation consultation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was also a Canadian delegate to the Harare, Zimbabwe, Festival Event to mark the close of the Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women; in a similar vein, she served in an advisory capacity in the project, *With Many Voices: Twenty-five Years of Ministry by Ordained Women in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) 1976-2001*.

She has been honored by Capital University with a Doctor of Humane Letters.

Rohrbough is on the clergy roster of the Saskatchewan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and in her retirement continues to live in Saskatoon.

The essays presented in this *Festschrift* were commissioned and edited by **Jann E. Boyd**, Assistant Professor of Worship and Homiletics at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon.

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