Lawrence University
Convocation Series
2002-03

Richard Warch
Matriculation Convocation
"Liberal Education and Civic Engagement"

Thursday, September 26, 11:10 a.m.
Lawrence Memorial Chapel
In the Quest for Understanding

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1996
Music: Thaxted, 8686x3; adapted by Gustav Holst from his 1916 orchestral suite The Planets
Harmonization adapted from Holst, from Hymns for Church and School, 1964

1. In the quest for understanding, for knowledge deep and true; with the
intellect and talent we bring to all we do; when our studies
are boastful and yield what we set out to do.

2. From the scholars past and present by whom our minds are stirred; from the labors of our
fathers, resolve and bravely wise, from the shock of fresh perspectives that
learning what to ask; though the answers seem less frequent than questions they intake us by surprise; from the hope that understanding will help our world u-

vite; as new challenges confront us: we search for light, more light.
Program

Prelude

Concerto in G Major, BWV 592
Allegro-Grave-Presto

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Wolfgang Rübsam

University Organist and Artist-in-Residence

Processional

Improvisation

Wolfgang Rübsam

Procession of the Faculty

Interlude

Selections by the New Student Week Choir
Richard Bjella, Associate Professor of Music, Conductor

Opening Words

Howard Niblock
Professor of Music

Introduction of President Warch

Richard Bjella
Associate Professor of Music and Chair
of the Committee on Public Occasions

Address

“Liberal Education and Civic Engagement”

Richard Warch
University President

Sesquicentennial Anthem

(All rise and sing)

Closing Words

Howard Niblock

Recessional

Toccatas in F Major, Op. 42

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Wolfgang Rübsam

* Please stand for the processional and the recessional.

Ushers for today’s convocation are members of Lambda Sigma, an honor society for sophomore men and women.
Richard Warch

Richard Warch has served as president of Lawrence since 1979. Immediately prior to his appointment as president, he served as vice president for academic affairs and professor of history.

Warch earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Williams College in 1961 and followed that with two years of study at Edinburgh University. An ordained minister in the United Presbyterian Church, he earned the Bachelor of Divinity degree at the Yale Divinity School in 1964. He continued study at Yale University and earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in American studies in 1968.

For the next ten years, Warch served Yale in a number of capacities, including associate professor of history and American studies, director of the National Humanities Institute program, associate dean of the college, and director of the Visiting Faculty Program.

At Yale, he was awarded the Rockefeller Brothers Theological Fellowship, the Mary Cady Tew Prize, the William Robertson Coe Fellowship, and the Morse Fellowship.

Warch has written the book *School of the Prophets: Yale College, 1710-1740* and co-edited *John Brown, Great Lives Observed* Series, published by Prentice-Hall, along with more than a score of articles and reviews addressing issues in higher education.

Next Convocation

William Sloane Coffin

“The U.S., Iraq, and Nuclear Weapons”

Tuesday, October 8, 2002, 11:10 a.m.

The renowned peace activist and former visiting professor of religious studies at Lawrence University rose to prominence during the 1960s as a leader in the civil rights and anti-Vietnam movements. Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr., gained national attention as one of the seven “Freedom Riders” arrested and convicted in 1961 while protesting local segregation laws in Montgomery, Alabama. The conviction was later overturned on appeal. The former chaplain at Yale University has also written several books, including his autobiography *Once to Every Man*.