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FEATURES

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“ONE SPIRIT SPEAKING TRUTH IN COMMUNITY”

Slogan and explication by Michael Anderson, contest winner

ONE SPIRIT

- John 4:24
  “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”
- 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6
  “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.”
- 1 Corinthians 12:13
  “For we were all baptized by one spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one spirit to drink.”
- Ephesians 2:17-18
  “He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one spirit.”

SPEAKING TRUTH

- Ephesians 4:25
  “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.”

IN COMMUNITY

- Romans 12: 4-5
  “Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form in one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

“New Visions and Voices” was an appropriate theme to initiate a new tradition in this 96-97 academic year. The classroom, the chapel, and the music concerts are among the vehicles whereby Concordians were introduced to new visions inspired by the voices of their varied cultural traditions. It was a good beginning. And there is more to learn as next year’s theme is anticipated. A faculty committee representing the five colleges of Concordia recently selected the 97-98 theme to be “One Spirit Speaking Truth in Community.” Michael Anderson, a student, is the author and award winner for submitting this theme. Kris Zelinka, from the Concordia admissions staff, was also given an award for her logo design, which is printed on the cover of this issue. The faculty committee and the Promethean also thank the following people for submitting thematic ideas: Prof. Robert Blake, David Colburn, Charlotte Evensen, and Koty Zelinka.

The faculty committee solicited ideas for an annual theme which might unify the various activities at Concordia. The possible applications for this theme are numerous, and all Concordians are encouraged to participate in the theme’s development. For examples, faculty may adjust their courses to explore the theme; Student Services and Associated Students may plan activities and events which promote the theme; individual students are encouraged to suggest ideas for Speaking Truth in the classroom community; Chapel and performing arts ensembles will continue to promote the theme. Look forward to a spirited dialogue at Concordia next year!

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