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Dear Bethel College Supporter:

As most of you know, the Bylaws of Bethel College provide each person who has donated at least \$100 to the college the opportunity to vote at the annual corporation meeting. We thank you for your support and invite your participation in this meeting.

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the Bethel Corporation has been set for Friday, September 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Schultz Student Center on the Bethel College campus. The following agenda is also being published in the Bethel College Annual Report:

Welcome and opening prayer
Call to order and Chair's remarks
State of the College Report
Board business
 Review of 2006 minutes
 Discussion of Bylaw Changes
 Report from the Committee on the Future of the College
Closing Remarks

The primary function of the Corporation is to elect three persons to the Board of Directors, with renewable six-year terms. Because there are no terms expiring this year, and thus there are no elections, ballots are not being mailed. Rather, this letter explains several proposed changes in the Bylaws of Bethel College.

Explanation of Proposed Bylaw changes:

The Corporation meeting will include a presentation of proposed changes in the Bylaws of Bethel College. These proposals have been processed by the Directors' Committee of the Board of Directors to accomplish three major items: (1) simplify the Corporation meeting procedure; (2) add a representative to the Board from the new Mountain States Mennonite conference; and (3) clarify and clean up other areas. These proposed changes are being presented to the annual meeting of the Corporation in advance of the official vote of the Board of Directors to change the Bylaws.

(1) Corporation Meeting Procedure: In 2006, the Office of the President incurred several thousand dollars' expense and dozens of hours of time to print and label the notice of the Corporation meeting, including the ballot and designation of votes. The Office of the President incurred significant additional expense and time to calculate and call to ensure that enough persons and votes were present at the meeting to constitute a quorum



for the official transaction of business. The only official action taken in the meeting was to affirm a candidate for the Board of Directors.

Recognizing the importance of these Corporation meetings, and the inefficiency of the current system, we propose to simplify the procedure by: (a) defining that a quorum consists of those persons present at the meeting (either in person or by proxy), which is consistent with Kansas law on quorums; and (b) provide more flexibility in how we give notice of meetings, so that notice of meetings is sufficient if it is published in mailings like the Annual Report or *Context* or separate letter (with or without a ballot specifying the number of votes the person is entitled to cast).

(2) MSMC: Several area conferences with historic ties to Bethel College have representatives on the Bethel College Board of Directors. The Mountain States Mennonite Conference was formed in 2006, and includes congregations that were formerly part of the Western District Conference, which has the largest representation on the Bethel College Board. We propose to provide that the MSMC is represented on the Board, resulting in representation from the entire western part of the country. A separate Resolution of the Board would specify the numbers of representatives from each conference, but we are contemplating decreasing the number representing WDC from four to three and having one representative from MSMC.

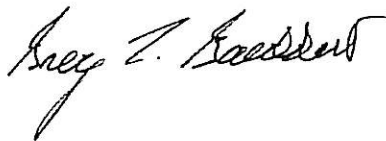
In addition, we may invite a brief discussion of the allocation of votes, which currently includes a combination of permanent votes, votes based on giving, and votes assigned to churches and conferences.

We look forward to seeing you at the Corporation meeting!

Sincerely,



Barry C. Bartel
President



Greg Gaeddert
Chair, Board of Directors