

PREFACE

From Wednesday evening until Saturday noon, May 29 to June 1, 1985, 52 delegates attended the fifth conference on mathematics from a Christian perspective. The conference was held on the campus of the King's College in Briarcliff Manor, New York. This was the first time that the conference was not held at Wheaton College. Our featured speaker was Donald MacKay from the University of Keele, England. He was a delightful person who participated in all the events of the conference and who provided us with many insightful ideas.

At the Business Meeting on Friday, May 31, first drafts of a Constitution and Bylaws were accepted and it was unanimously approved to incorporate our informal organization into the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences. We have since formally incorporated as a non-for-profit corporation in the State of Illinois and have applied to the federal government for tax-exempt status. Paul Zwier of Calvin College is serving as President and Gene Chase of Messiah College is serving as Vice President until July 1, 1987. Other board members are Bay Baylis of the King's College, Charles Hampton of the College of Wooster, Richard Laatsch of Miami University and Richard Stout of Gordon College.

The Board will formally meet in New Orleans in January 1986, and the ACMS will sponsor a dinner and lecture on January 10, 1986 in conjunction with the annual mathematics meetings. Wayne Roberts of Macalester College has agreed to be the after-dinner speaker. It was also decided to hold the sixth conference at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan from May 27 to 30 in 1987. Paul Zwier is in charge of the program arrangements, and is accepting ideas and volunteers from the membership. Donald Knuth of Stanford University has accepted our invitation to be the featured speaker at this conference, and we are anticipating a profitable time already.

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