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B.J. van der Walt LEND WINGS TO CALVINISM! CHE INTERNATIONAL ACTION

There is growing realisation at the PU for CHE that it not only has a duty internally (towards its students and lecturers) or nationally, but that it also has a mission on the international level. This growing consciousness of a worldwide dedication to service has gained substance especially since the First International Conference of Institutions for Christian Higher Education (September, 1975, at Potchefstroom).

New stimulus was recently received at the Second International Conference at Calvin College, Grand Rapids in the USA. On this occasion sincere appreciation was expressed for the large financial contribution made by the PU towards the international action during the immediate past.

Great appreciation was expressed particularly for the unifying and direction-giving publications of the International Clearing House. In spite of political pressure from certain groups it was unanimously decided at the conference to request the PU to finance and administer the Clearing House for a further three to four years. (The Clearing House forms part of the activities of the — to you well-known — Institute for the Advancement of Calvinism.)

The PU for CHE perceives in this a very special opportunity to serve internationally in the sphere of Christian Higher Education, and — even though this is not the main purpose — also to present our own university and country to the outside world. Here we have the opportunity to lend wings to Calvinism emanating from Potchefstroom and South Africa, thus spreading it far beyond our country's borders.

The Council of the Potchefstroom University gave permission at a recent meeting to the IAC to collect money for a new fund

entitled "Action Christian Higher Education International" (ACGEI).

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