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WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE 2008  
Lincoln Cathedral

## Honorary Award

The following individual will receive an honorary award from the University of Lincoln at today's service:



### **Reg Weaver** **Honorary Doctorate of Education**

Reg Weaver serves as Vice President of Education International for the North America – Caribbean Region. In this role, he represents Education International and its 348-member organizations with more than 29 million education workers in 169 countries. As an Officer of Education International, Reg has added an important dimension to the EI Executive Board, using his influence on behalf of teachers, education workers, and public education worldwide.

He has extensive experience with Education International – as President of the National Education Association - leading the NEA at two World Congresses, sharing his expertise at EI conferences, and serving on an EI human rights mission to Ethiopia. These experiences, combined with his broad education advocacy work in the United States, contribute to Weaver's significant international impact.

Reg Weaver is serving his second term as president of the 3.2 million-member National Education Association (NEA) – the United States' largest union and professional employee organization. The NEA membership includes primary and secondary teachers, higher education faculty, education support professionals, school administrators, retired educators, and university students preparing to teach. The NEA was founded in 1857 to advance the profession of teaching and to promote public education in the United States. NEA believes that every child, regardless of family income or residence, deserves and needs quality, well-funded education. And quality education begins with a quality teacher in every classroom.

He is an ambassador for quality, public education and an advocate for the basic right of every child to attend a great public school.

Reg Weaver earned his bachelor's degree in special education for the physically challenged at Illinois State Normal University. He received a master's degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Today Reg Weaver is receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Education.

## Order of Proceedings

1. Processional
2. Welcome from the Very Reverend Philip Buckler, Dean of Lincoln
3. Introduction from Professor David Chiddick, Vice Chancellor of the University of Lincoln
4. A sequence of music and readings to celebrate the legacy of Magna Carta:
  - A reading from the Jewish tradition
  - *Our burden is heavy*
  - A reading from the Christian tradition
  - Introductory quotes celebrating Magna Carta
  - *Fanfare for the common man* [Copland]
  - Abridged reading of the 1215 Magna Carta text
  - *Freedom is coming*
  - Gerard Brennan's panegyric – Australia 1997
  - *I wish I knew how it would feel to be free*
  - The spirit of Magna Carta goes world-wide
  - Anthem of the United Nations
  - Democracy and Islam [Esposito & Voll]
  - *Siyahamba*
  - Reflection and commitment
  - *Mayenziwe*
5. Professor David Chiddick, Vice Chancellor of the University of Lincoln
6. Citation for Honorary Graduan, Reg Weaver, read by the Reverend Canon Professor Mike West, Chancellor of Lincoln Cathedral
7. Conferment of an Honorary Doctorate of Education by Professor John Godfrey CBE, Chancellor of the University of Lincoln
8. Honorary acceptance speech by Reg Weaver
9. Professor David Chiddick announces the Magna Carta 2008 Forum: Exploring Democracy
11. Blessing by the Dean
12. Recessional: *Trumpet Voluntary* [Jeremiah Clarke]

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**A forum for students and opinion formers  
25th – 28th June 2008**

Among the most precious of the Lincoln Cathedral's treasures is one of four original Magna Carta. Dating from 1215, the document, an agreement between the king and his barons guaranteeing their rights, has become a symbol of our democratic traditions.

To celebrate this heritage, as the 800th anniversary of the signing of this great charter of rights nears, the Cathedral, and the University of the City in which it is kept, are organizing a series of events to encourage young people to engage with the concept of democracy.

Magna Carta 2008: Exploring Democracy, to be held 25 - 28 June, will bring together undergraduate students, sixth-formers and twelfth-graders with leaders from the worlds of politics, law, education and the media for a series of discussions and presentations on current thinking about democracy.

**With thanks to**

Colin Walsh, organist laureate  
The Magna Carta singers  
Lincolnshire County Youth Brass Ensemble

**Today's Music**

*Freedom is coming* (Traditional South African) *Siyahamba* (Traditional South African) *Mayenziwe* (Traditional South African) *I wish I knew how it would feel to be free* (Words B.Taylor & D Dallas; Music B.Taylor) *Anthem of the United Nations* (Bené Russell Inc.NY)