

1 constructive effort to upgrade that Constitution so that
2 it becomes a yet more workable and effective instrument
3 for the government of our State and for the well being
4 of all of its people, and for the preservation of these
5 vital freedoms.

6 May each of these here gathered for this purpose
7 feel the burden of responsibility that has been given them
8 by their Constitution, may they feel the honor of that
9 burden, and may they each, seeking thy help and thy guidance,
10 bring to the business of this day, their best mind --
11 their best judgment and their best dedication to a great
12 task.

13 In all things may they be tolerant, each of the
14 other man's opinion, and be welded together in a single
15 fellowship dedicated to the strengthening of our great State.

16 Out of the work they do, the hours of time they
17 spend, the judgments they must make, may they forge a
18 Constitution for the State of Maryland that will be fair
19 and just and reasonable for many years to come.

20 God bless this Constitution Assembly, and keep
21 its members and their people in Thy love and care. Amen.