



Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne



Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

ABOUT THE LCMS JOINT SEMINARY FUND

Preparing Messengers of God's Forgiveness

Our seminaries ("seedbeds" of the Gospel) are important to everyone who needs the good news about Jesus — believers and nonbelievers alike. Well-equipped pastors, deaconesses, missionaries and theological leaders are vital to our life together, as they faithfully and accurately teach the Gospel. For our entire history as The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, well-formed and compassionate pastors have been important, because the Gospel, faithfully delivered in Word and Sacraments, is essential to each of us. The Gospel is life!

Our Synod operates two world-class seminaries — Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. And our seminaries are equally blessed by God to have caring people all around the Synod who give cheerfully to fund their work through multiple avenues and means. For families, groups and congregations who want to support BOTH seminaries with their voluntary gifts, the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund is a convenient option.

Every voluntary gift directed into the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund (special account A20740-23201-01) provides annual unrestricted operating grants to both of our seminaries, over and above what our Synod's members can supply in "subsidy" through their weekly worship offerings. Our two seminaries are free to apply these precious resources wherever the pressures or opportunities are greatest, including:

- › Teaching and research (faculty support)
- › Curriculum and program development
- › Facilities maintenance, upgrades and construction
- › Educational tools and resources
- › Student financial aid
- › Recruitment of students, faculty and support staff
- › Continuing education for our current pastors
- › Distance education programs
- › Wherever the need is greatest as determined by the seminaries

Every donation to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund encourages both LCMS seminaries.

A PRAYER FOR OUR SEMINARIES

Father in heaven, bless our seminaries and the students enrolled in them. Grant them the wisdom and knowledge that flows from Your Word alone. Give courage and patience to the faculty and staff, that Your truth would be taught and spoken to a world that seems to despise it. Give diligence to those who study and equip our future pastors with boldness and compassion. Stir up Your people to prayer, that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into His fields, and to generosity, that they might support the work of our seminaries for the shared mission of the church. Lord God, we praise and thank You for giving The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod faithful seminaries and pray that You preserve this gift among us for the sake of the Gospel. In Jesus' name,

Amen.



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