



Leading Teaching Serving Growing

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Why Gettysburg Seminary?

Honorary Chairpersons

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"Gettysburg Seminary has a dynamic nature. They assess their needs, and move ahead in faith to achieve it. I see the Crossroads Campaign as a natural next step in that tradition."



"Gettysburg Seminary has been in the forefront of training parish pastors and other leaders for over one hundred years. Throughout its history, the Seminary has boldly responded to the challenges of the church, education, society, and, yes, even changing funding needs to remain faithfully engaged in the business of preparing tomorrow's leaders for God's church."

— Kay MacDowell

"Before 1940, the Lutheran church was a quietistic church. It was only after WWII and in the last half of the twentieth century that the church went public. That took tremendous courage!

How will we package courage and innovation for this century?

Gettysburg Seminary."

— Kenneth Senft

"Gettysburg Seminary has never been satisfied with the status quo. We have a legacy of forward looking, faith-based risk taking and we continue to be a cutting edge place!"



- Edward Sites



Who will prepare faithful, courageous leaders for the Church of the future?



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**“We will.
We all will!”**

It was that question which prompted my first predecessor, Samuel Simon Schmucker, and his cohorts to respond, “We will!” as they founded Gettysburg Seminary more than 180 years ago. At various points throughout the amazing history of our “school for the prophets” — especially when economic scarcity or other pressures threatened its future — that same question prompted the same response: “We will!”

Today, those entrusted with stewarding this great institution continue to ask the same question. In response, we hear many voices declare unequivocally: “We will—together!” They conclude that **leadership formation is done well at Gettysburg**. The Seminary sends forth gifted, excellent, Christ-centered leaders who serve as parish pastors, leaders in educational and social ministry institutions, and servants who carry the Gospel into the public square.

And just as no school, congregation, business or public entity can carry out its mission without resources, so the Seminary needs people, a physical plant, books and computers—and, yes, money!—to fulfill our calling to prepare women and men for ministry. Towards the end of raising sorely-needed additional funds—both for current budgetary and longer-term capital needs—the Seminary’s Board of Directors has launched a **major sustained fundraising effort we call the “Crossroads Campaign.”** Through our *Crossroads Campaign* we will raise millions of dollars for current operations and capital expansion needs and grow the long-term income generating capacity of our endowment. Our successful achievement of the bold goals envisioned in the *Crossroads Campaign* will occur only through the continued generosity of committed Christian disciples.

I thank you for the privilege of extending this invitation to you for your personal gift, as well as a call to invite others to join you. By all working together, we can and will ensure an inspiring response to the enduring question of “who will prepare the Church’s future leaders;” our voices will be lifted in chorus, “We will! We all will!”

Faithfully in Christ,



Michael L. Cooper-White, President

Who We Are

A Vision for the Seminary:

Bearing witness at the crossroads of history and hope, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg proclaims Jesus Christ to a restless world by preparing students for faithful discipleship.

As we listen to God's Word in community, the Holy Spirit empowers us to lead in church and world through worship, education, service and encouragement.



The Opportunity at Gettysburg:

Founded in 1826, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (Gettysburg Seminary) is the oldest Lutheran Seminary in North America. Among the seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Gettysburg is unique in its historic setting atop Seminary Ridge on the great Civil War battlefield known throughout the world.

In a robust learning environment Gettysburg Seminary prepares graduates equipped for service and leadership in rural, metropolitan, or institutional settings. Students may take advantage of the Seminary's main campus location and rural surroundings to specialize in "Town and Country" ministry. Or, they may concentrate in urban, ecumenical and public witness through the Washington Theological Consortium that provides access to over 250 additional faculty members in more than ten schools representing Christian, Jewish, and Islamic faith communities.

Having experienced healthy growth in the last decade, this Seminary now turns its focus on the future, to ensure and undergird its most valued strengths in **"leading, teaching, serving and growing."**

Who We Are

Gettysburg Seminary, *bearing witness at the crossroads of history and hope*, has launched a capital campaign to ensure that it will produce even more excellent leaders for the church.



Four keys focus this Seminary's *Crossroads Campaign: Lead, Teach, Serve and Grow*. The campaign will raise \$25 million to develop our historic campus, strengthen support for faculty, undergird Gettysburg Seminary's Theological Education with Youth and Luther Institute programs, and broaden annual giving.

Gettysburg Seminary:

- **Leads** the way with a robust learning environment preparing the finest outreach-oriented mission leaders for the 21st century church;
- **Teaches** with an excellent faculty featuring inspired, creative intellectual energy;
- **Serves** the church with a special sense of compassionate servanthood in its formation of spiritual leaders;
- **Grows** the student body in the coming decade to serve a church with a critical shortage of leaders.



Excellent leadership has always mattered to Lutheran Christians, and the 21st century offers the opportunity for Gettysburg Seminary to *lead the way* in shaping leaders who put the most excellent teaching tradition to work with a heart for service to God's Gospel. The more than five thousand men and women who have graduated from Gettysburg Seminary bear witness to this unique combination of great teaching and strong spirit of service.

In the first decade of the 21st century, Gettysburg Seminary turned declining enrollment and deficit spending into a period of double digit growth, achieving its highest ever student count. It accomplished this dramatic turn-around with a consistent pattern of balanced budgets and the completion of a major multimillion-dollar renovation of learning facilities and technological updates.

In light of the critical needs of a church in which over 25% of the pulpits want for a called leader, through the *Crossroads Campaign*, Gettysburg Seminary is intensifying its central focus on growing graduates in number and excellence while raising public awareness concerning the calling and the foundations essential for well-prepared, well-educated ministers.

What is the Crossroads Campaign?



About the Crossroads Campaign

What?

A five-fold financial and relationship building appeal conducted in congregations and among alumni and other current and new donors.

Where?

In each of the eight synods of the ELCA's Region 8.

When?

A 5-year period beginning in 2007.

Why?

The Seminary has pressing short and long-term financial needs that cannot be met through existing revenue sources. The appeal will meet special needs, raise overall giving to the Gettysburg Seminary Fund, and expand the number of supporters. It will also offer a broad-based educational component to inform our constituency of emerging funding patterns (increasing reliance upon individual donors) that will be required for the long-term fiscal sustainability of theological education.

How Much?

- Raise \$25 million
- Increase the number of alumni/ae who give to Gettysburg Seminary from less than 30% to 50%
- Increase the dollar support from congregations, foundations and other current and new donors

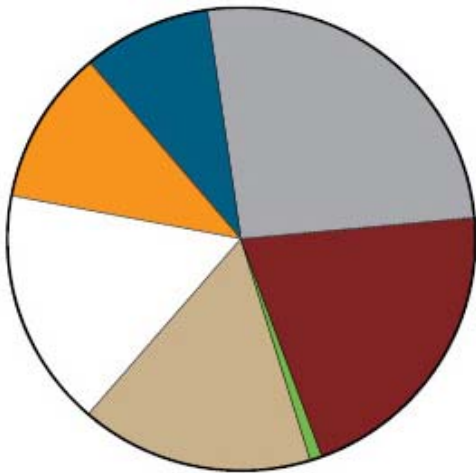
Purpose

Five areas of pressing need are addressed by the campaign:

- Campus Development (\$5 million)
- Theological Education with Youth (\$1.5 M)
- Seminary Endowment: scholarships, faculty chairs, programs, institutes and other gifts (\$10 M)
- The Luther Institute, an ELCA international learning center based in Washington, D.C. (\$2.5 M)
- Gettysburg Seminary Fund (\$6 M)

Why the Crossroads Campaign?

21st Century Challenges Call For New Levels of Support



Income Sources 2009

Net tuition & fees	17 %
Synodical giving	11 %
Churchwide	9 %
Gifts & grants	26 %
Endowment draw	21 %
Other sources	1 %
Auxiliary enterprises	16 %

At a time when pastoral vacancies are reaching critical levels (as high as 25%), the church has called upon its seminaries to increase the number of persons prepared for leadership.

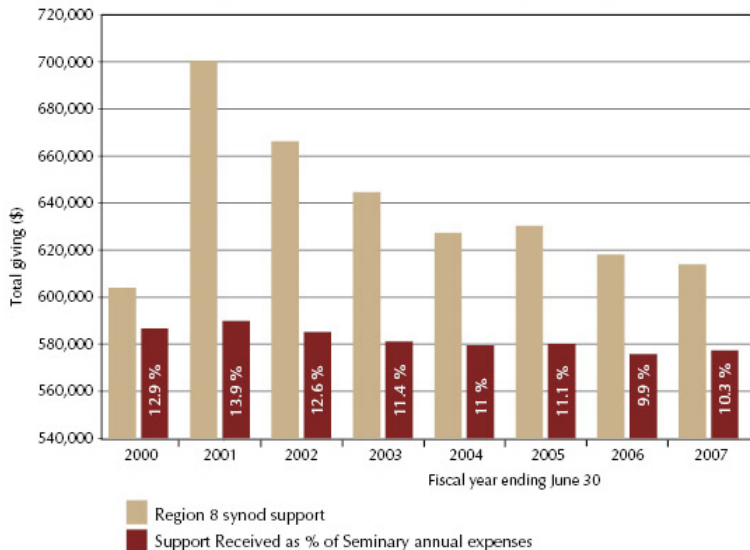
While this call to grow is going out, funds from traditional institutional sources (synods and churchwide expressions) have not kept pace. Giving from these sources have, in fact, been decreasing as a percentage of Seminary revenue – down to less than 25% from 50% 20 years ago, and 85% 40 years ago.

Sustaining strong enrollment and permitting continued growth requires increased support from individual donors and new and renewed support from congregations.

Gettysburg Seminary needs increased support for:

- Faculty growth to match enrollment growth
- Campus development - including renovations, student housing, and “green” refurbishment of campus heating and cooling systems
- Student Scholarships - tuition is slightly more than \$12,000 and covers only one-third of the actual annual cost of educating a seminarian. In order to continue providing scholarship support that covers at least 50% of tuition for most students, gifts to the Student Scholarship Fund and endowed scholarships must grow. (In addition to tuition, students incur other costs to attend Seminary; eg housing, transportation, health insurance; see page 19 for more information on the cost of attendance.)
- Current operating expenses - giving to the Gettysburg Seminary Fund must grow by 25%

Region 8 synod support to Gettysburg Seminary



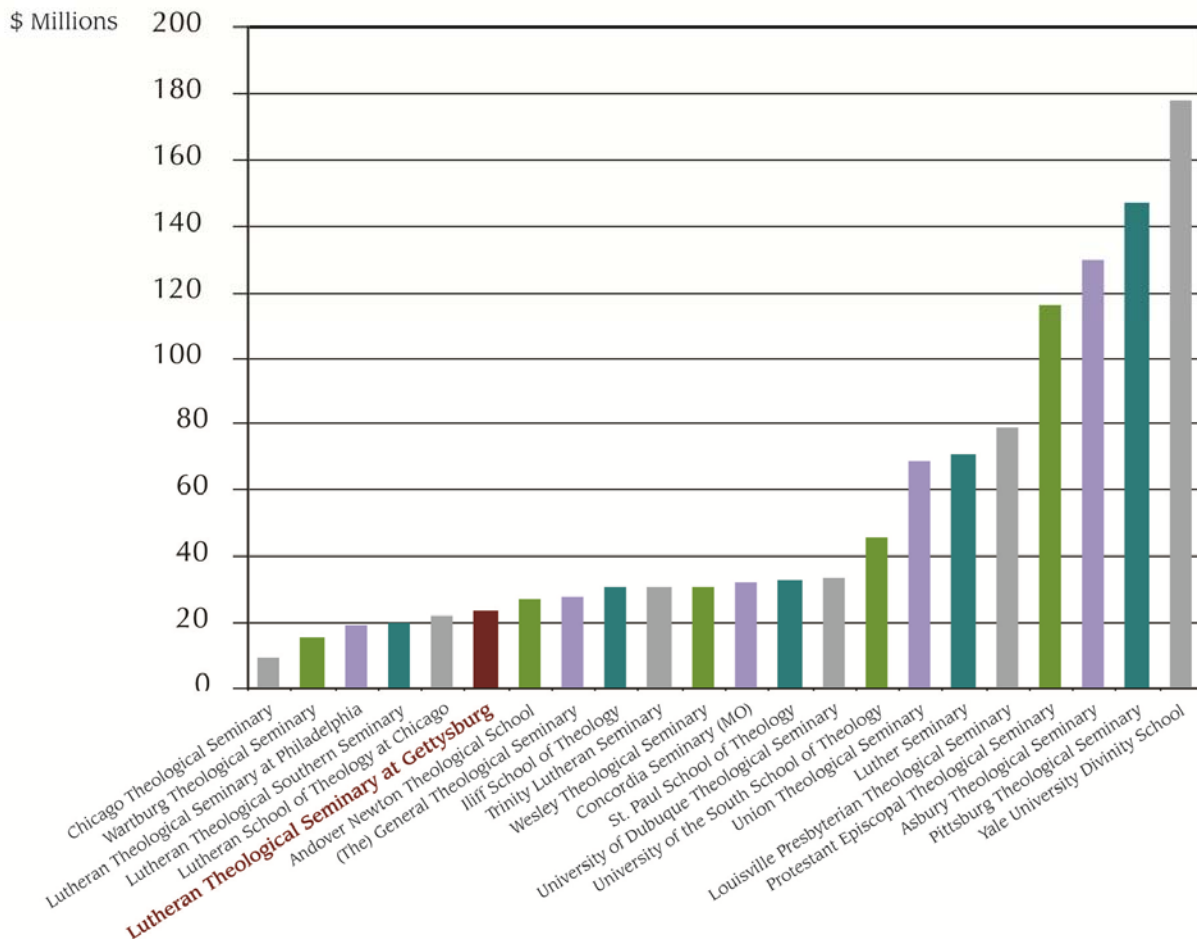
Why the Crossroads Campaign?

A Critical Need to Grow Long Term Investments

In addition to increased annual giving, sustaining the Seminary over the long term while working toward continued growth in enrollment requires both growing the Seminary's endowment and maintaining a low draw rate.

- Gettysburg Seminary knows that its endowment must grow to the range of \$200 million by 2026 in order to sustain its current program level.
- The Gettysburg Seminary Endowment Foundation, which oversees the Seminary's endowment, has set a goal of achieving a 4.5% draw rate; in recent fiscal years the draw rate has been near 5.25%.
- According to data from the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS), 33% of theological school endowments are larger than Gettysburg Seminary's.

Comparative Endowments with Peer Institutions



Based on 2005 data compiled by the Association of Theological Schools

What are we to do?

Eight Things to Do

- 1 Listen for a possible new calling in your life, perhaps at Gettysburg Seminary; encourage someone you know to consider a vocation in public ministry.*
- 2 Pray for Gettysburg and all the seminaries.*
- 3 Increase your gift (or make your first ever!) to the annual "Gettysburg Seminary Fund."*
- 4 Honor a loved one or beloved pastor with a special gift to Gettysburg Seminary.*
- 5 Endow a faculty chair, scholarship, youth program or the Luther Institute through a major current or planned gift.*
- 6 Remember Gettysburg Seminary through your estate plan, a gift of property, a portion of retirement or insurance benefits, or another creative option.*
- 7 Advocate for your congregation to increase its support for Gettysburg Seminary through benevolence, an annual line item contribution in its budget, tithing of bequests and special gifts, and seminarian support; invite someone from the Seminary to "tell the story."*
- 8 Share your plans for your gift to the Seminary with others who know that theological education is essential to the ministries of the Church.*

Let's see how many of the "eight things we can do" together to ensure future generations will share this valuable gift God has given us in this Gospel-centered, mission minded church.

And remember that there's a whole seminary of folks ready to help you help every member of your congregation have a "Crossroads experience" that both informs and inspires! For assistance just call 717-338-3011 or email crossroads@ltsg.edu.

We will! We all will!

What are we to do?

Congregational Presentation Options

Type	Description	Resources Needed	Follow-up
Announcement	One minute speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample 1 min speech • Campaign brochures • Pledge cards • Follow-up report form 	Send follow-up report to LTSG
Temple Talk	5-7 minute worship presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample 5 min presentation • Campaign brochures • Pledge cards • Follow-up report form 	Send follow-up report to LTSG
Adult Forum	40 minute church school presentation with discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample 40 min presentation • Campaign brochures • Video • Pledge cards • Follow-up report form 	Send follow-up report to LTSG
Church Council	20 minute presentation emphasizing "8 Things To Do"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample 5 min presentation • Campaign brochures • Video • Pledge cards • Follow-up report form 	Send follow-up report to LTSG
Finance Committee	15-20 min presentation emphasizing "8 Things To Do"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample 5 min presentation • Campaign brochures • Video • Pledge cards • Follow-up report form 	Send follow-up report to LTSG

What Shall We Say?

It is so important to me that I have made a commitment to this project, and in turn, today I invite you to join me in making a gift.



Brief Summary Descriptor or “Elevator Speech”

Gettysburg Seminary leads the way in preparing outreach oriented pastors, mission leaders and public theologians for the 21st century church, society and the world.

As a pioneering graduate and professional school of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the seminary provides leaders and scholars with biblical, theological and practical insight in a robust integrative learning environment. Uniquely located at the historic and spiritual crossroads of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (near the nation’s capital), its graduates go on to serve dynamic ministries in churches, social ministry and other public service settings around the world.

Basic Principles in Sharing with a Congregation

- Be warm, personable and engaging.
- Speak clearly and with enthusiasm.
- Your message will be received with as much from your energy and your commitment as from your words.
- Waste no time; approach the lectern as you are being introduced.
- Emphasize your commitment! Invite others to join you.

A One-Minute Campaign Speech

The church of Jesus Christ, and especially our Lutheran tradition, knows that good leadership is essential -- and that excellent theological education makes excellent leaders. The future of the church’s leadership is rooted in congregations [like this one], but that leadership takes shape and takes off in a seminary.

Leading, teaching, serving and growing, Gettysburg Seminary seeks to strengthen one of the most robust learning environments in all of theological education. The future of the Church’s leadership begins for many at America’s oldest and most historic Lutheran seminary, Gettysburg.

And so it is a privilege for me to support this Seminary’s Crossroads Campaign, a major effort to develop its campus, build up its endowment and annual funds, strengthen theological education with youth and undergird its Washington based program, the Luther Institute. It is so important to me [us] that I have made a [pledge, commitment, gift, etc.] to this project, and in turn, today I invite [people of faith like] you to join me in making a gift. Let’s see how many of the “eight things we can do” together to ensure future generations will share this valuable gift God has given us in this Gospel-centered, mission minded church. For as Seminary President Michael Cooper-White puts it, “Who will do this? We will. We all will...together.”

What Shall We Say?

Overview of a Three to Five Minute Temple Talk

- *Greetings*
From you personally & from your congregation or agency
From students, faculty and staff of LTSG whom I also represent today
- *Thank you*
For the opportunity to share a few moments with you
Especially, for your kind support of LTSG
In the past year seminary records show that you as a congregation plus additional support from individuals among us have contributed a total of \$_____.
In the past decade records show that you/we gave a total of \$_____.
This support has been especially important and greatly needed as LTSG has experienced an increase in the number of students enrolled.
"I'm excited about this increase and am sure that like me, you are grateful for all those who are responding to God's call to mission and ministry."
- *Critical need of the church*
But there is still much to do because the increased response of people called to ministry does not yet meet the critical need of a church that is experiencing more than 25% pastoral vacancy.
The next time your congregation or my congregation needs a pastor, will there be candidates available?
- *That is why I am so committed to raising awareness of Gettysburg Seminary and to supporting the education of future leaders trained there.*
- *Without a doubt, need and growth create new challenges*
More pastoral openings mean we must call still more women and men who have gifts for ministry and encourage them toward a seminary education
More students mean higher costs of education:
More faculty, more housing, and more scholarships (lest graduates leave overburdened with a large educational debt)
- *So who will prepare faithful and courageous leaders for the church of the future? We will!*
Take a look at the brochure included in your bulletin. I hope you will read all of it, but note especially the panel that outlines the 8 things we can do. We can start today, for you see...
- *You and you and you and I and the Seminary working together will make the difference. We all will!*
It will be through our collaborative efforts that we will share the word about this wonderful opportunity to encourage and call.
When we join hands we become a part of the great cloud of witnesses who are committed to giving, to growing, to preparing those who will proclaim the Gospel in a world that is searching for help and hope.

Think of your setting as if the service were being broadcast on the radio, for we live in a society with a "sound-byte-attention-span."

If seated in the congregation, move toward the lectern as you are being introduced. Don't waste any time you have been given in walking.

May God bless our commitment and our efforts.

How do we bear witness?

The most important thing to remember about Gettysburg Seminary's Crossroads Campaign is that it's all about people -- people called to Gettysburg from all sorts of backgrounds and for all sorts of ministries to serve the whole Church and people to whom they minister in so many ways -- people like you!

The Seminary was founded more than 180 years ago to train pastors to serve an emerging American Lutheran church. Today, as in 1826, the Lutheran church needs more pastors. Twenty five percent of ELCA churches do not have a full time called pastor and the average age of the ELCA clergy roster exceeds 55. Gettysburg Seminary is responding with a consistently strong enrollment. The current group of seminarians are younger and more geographically diverse, and we want to continue that trend in growth. We are planning to grow to 400 students within a decade. But, we are really, really challenged.

First, financial support from the institutional Church is static and covering a dramatically declining percentage of total costs as growth in enrollment, inflation and new programs drive costs higher. The percentage of total Seminary revenues provided by the ECLA and our supporting synods was 85% 40 years ago; 50% 20 years ago and less than 25% now.

Second, unlike other professional schools whose graduates command significant salaries, we have not dramatically increased tuition, which is slightly more than \$12,000. We do everything we can to enable students with limited means to fulfill their calls to ministry by keeping tuition low and operating auxiliary services like housing and food service on a break even basis.

So net tuition and institutional church support provide less than half of total Seminary revenues.

You can help us meet our challenges by including Gettysburg Seminary in your charitable giving plans and by increasing the level of your regular giving to the Seminary. Your gifts can really make a difference in the lives of seminarians, in the life of the Seminary and in the life of the Church itself.

We appreciate every gift at every level from you, our mission partners, and we promise to put them to good use.

More than half of our revenues must come from Seminary generated funds, primarily endowment income, grants, and gifts from congregations and individual donors. We very much need to increase financial support from faithful people who have been good stewards of God's gifts to them, who love and support the Church and its ministries in response to his gracious love.

The Crossroads Campaign is one opportunity for you to help us realize our potential for ministry to the whole Church. You can help us meet our challenges by including Gettysburg Seminary in your charitable giving plans and by increasing the level of your regular giving to the Seminary. Your gifts can really make a difference in the lives of seminarians, in the life of the Seminary, and in the life of the Church itself.

[Ideally, you would come to Seminary Ridge to see what a huge difference your financial support will make, and we do hope to see you on campus soon. But today, as an admittedly inadequate substitute for a visit, we've brought along a brief video to introduce you to some of our people and places...

...I hope you enjoyed the video.]

There are many competing opportunities for charitable giving, even within the Church. The case for giving to Gettysburg Seminary is compelling.

First, the Seminary is an unbeatable investment. Our graduates change countless lives with the message that we are more than conquerors through him who loved us (Romans 8:37).

Second, the Seminary's core product is in great demand, and it is very effective at training public ministers for the Church. Pastors and other rostered leaders are the glue that holds this Church together and are absolutely essential to the Church's future.

Third, the Seminary is a good steward of its resources. Gettysburg Seminary makes and imple-

ments effective strategic and financial plans. It stays on plan and on budget to achieve its goals. Those plans include sustaining its endowment by lowering and keeping endowment draw as low as possible to foster growth.

The Seminary's real need is for many more Lutherans to respond to the need of the Church for more pastors and other leaders and become financial partners in theological education.

Finally, the Seminary's more than 180 year history, including the horrific events of July 1863, demonstrates not only institutional stability but also the ability to adapt in a timely way to changing circumstances. We carry that tradition forward today. We intend to be on Seminary Ridge raising up leaders for the Church for many centuries to come.

What do we need to sustain that growth? Lots of things really, but three substantial needs stand out. First, we need to provide additional faculty resources to adequately serve a growing student body and enhance teaching and counseling capacity.

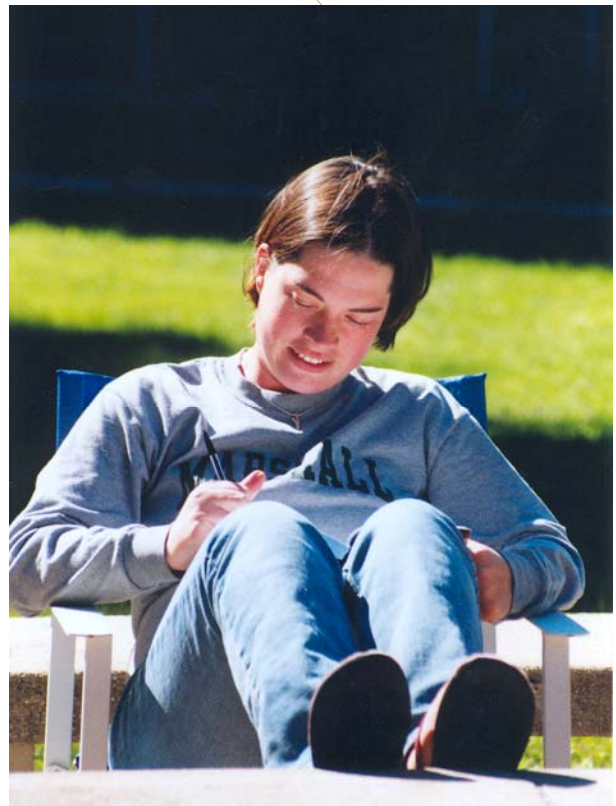
Second, we need to provide more scholarship aid to keep seminary training affordable for all who are called. Ninety percent of our seminarians receive scholarships, but today, scholarship aid covers only 40% of total tuition.

Third, we need to increase housing options and maintain the environmental integrity of our historic campus through "green" solutions.

The brochure you have contains specific information about opportunities to support this Seminary through the Crossroads Campaign, and we ask that you consider them. By growing current giving and the endowment we will address several key needs for faculty and scholarship support and campus development.

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The Church faces many challenges today but God's grace is abundant. We cannot know what tomorrow's Church will look like, but we should not fear for or doubt its future. Your support for Gettysburg Seminary through its Crossroads Campaign will ensure that Gettysburg Seminary will be contributing to the ministries of the Church for centuries to come, and I hope that you will join in that endeavor.

How do we make a gift?

There are Many Ways to Make a Gift

There are good options to consider when thinking about your gift to Gettysburg Seminary:

CASH GIFT OPTIONS

- ▶ One-time cash gift
- ▶ You can make a gift online anytime through our secure website
www.Ltsg.edu/giving
- ▶ Larger cash gifts spread over a period of time (3 to 5 years) during which you make annual, semi-annual or quarterly payments or use a preauthorized monthly draft from your bank account.
- ▶ Gift of appreciated property (most often stocks, mutual funds or real estate) that can be transferred to Gettysburg Seminary by your broker or investment adviser.

DEFERRED GIFT OPTIONS

Become a member of the Samuel Simon Schmucker Society by including Gettysburg Seminary in your estate plans through one of these options:

- ▶ BEQUESTS - Designate a portion of your estate through your will.
- ▶ CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS - By retaining an income interest, substantial gifts can be made at a low cost with minimal disruption of cash flow or future financial security. Retirement funds or other assets can be used to fund trusts.

UNITRUSTS - Receive payments based on a *percentage of the trust assets* as valued annually plus generous tax benefits.

ANNUITY TRUSTS - Receive annual *fixed* income amount determined when trust is established.

- ▶ CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS - Transfer assets to the Gettysburg Seminary Endowment Foundation for a designated period of time in which the Seminary receives the gift income; all principal plus growth then reverts back to donor or other beneficiaries allowing transfer of asset without additional tax obligation.
- ▶ GIFT ANNUITIES - Transfer assets to the Seminary (cash or property) and receive guaranteed fixed payments for life, part of which is tax free.
- ▶ LIFE INSURANCE - Name Gettysburg Seminary as owner & beneficiary of an established or new policy and receive tax benefits through charitable deductions.
- ▶ RETAINED LIFE ESTATES - Transfer a personal residence or farm with full use of the property during your lifetime and earn an immediate tax deduction for the remainder value.

How do we meet our goal?

In addition to the recommendations of *8 Things to Do*, p. 10, here are recent examples of *Crossroads* giving undertaken by congregations:

- *Giving a Crossroads gift to celebrate a congregational anniversary.*
- *Giving a Crossroads gift to celebrate an anniversary of service or ordination.*
- *Doubling of support for Gettysburg Seminary in congregation's annual mission (budget) plan.*
- *Integrating support for Gettysburg Seminary in a capital campaign.*
- *Creating a Gettysburg Seminary student scholarship endowment fund of \$25,000 to honor an outstanding pastor.*
- *Dedicating a series of weeks to learning about the process of becoming an ordained, commissioned or consecrated leader, culminating with an opportunity for members to make pledges to Crossroads.*

Naming Opportunities

What's in a name? An opportunity to inform and inspire for generations to come! When receiving a named scholarship, experiencing teaching from the holder of a named chair, or entering a building that has a name attached to it, seminarians benefit from the knowledge that a particular individual, family, or congregation at a particular time in history was moved to bear witness to their hope in future of the church. If "naming" seems like "boasting," it is the kind of "boasting in the Lord" that the apostle Paul meant in I Corinthians 1:31. Here are some illustrative examples of naming opportunities:

- A Gift of \$2 million or more for an endowed faculty chair
- A Gift of \$1.5 million or more to endow the directorship of the Theological Education with Youth program
- A Gift of \$1 million or more for campus conversion to geo-thermal climate control
- A Gift of \$250,000 or more for endowment of a full-tuition scholarship
- A Gift of \$25,000 or more for endowment of a partial-tuition scholarship

Voices of Gratitude

Stephanie Zinn, Diaconal Ministry, 2010, first recipient of a New Wine Scholarship

"I cannot express my gratitude enough for the scholarship support I receive at LTSG. I am so grateful that the Holy Spirit has moved in and through these people because without their support I would not be here. With the amount of debt I have from my undergraduate studies, it didn't matter that I'd felt called to be here, I almost didn't come because I was afraid I just could not afford it. And really, I can't. If it wasn't for the scholarship money available to seminarians I, and others like me, would have no way to study here. I thank God for the continued opportunity to be here, and to serve."

Linda Brown, Master of Divinity (M. Div.), 2010, Katie Luther Scholarship

From Southern California, Linda chose LTSG because of the Rural Small Church Ministry program and, as she reports: "I wanted to come to a place with four seasons and a smaller town... With this scholarship I was able to purchase a number of much needed books and for that I am truly grateful. I have been blessed by donors such as you who assist with my seminary costs. I thank you again, and may God bless you." (The Katie Luther Scholarship Fund is one of the few that grants non-tuition aid.)

Regina Beard, M. Div., 2010, Jubilee Challenge Scholarship

A Delaware-Maryland Synod parish nurse, Regina writes: "My heart is humbled and tears of joy flow when I receive generous gifts and scholarships for my seminary studies. The struggles and challenges of answering this call to ministry are overshadowed by God's awesome power to work in and through God's people. No matter how small or large, from friends or from strangers, these gifts are proof of the priesthood of all believers following God's call to serve. I give my heartfelt gratitude for the prayers and gifts of the Body of Christ."

Michael Louia, M. Div, 2009, Bernadette Kulikowsky Scholarship

Mike moved his family to Gettysburg after a 20 year career with Wachovia Bank in North Carolina: "My seminary journey has been enriched by the faithful support of all those who use their God-given gifts supporting the financial needs of today's seminarians. Paul's words from the opening of his letter to the Philippians (1:3-5) *I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now* expresses my gratitude every day that so many of the Body of Christ supports each of us in such a selfless manner, accompanying seminarians and their families in such a wonderful way."

Marsha Roscoe, Master of Arts in Ministry, 2008, William Ackerknecht Scholarship

Marsha serves as a Diaconal Minister of Faith Formation and Congregational Outreach at Zion Lutheran Church in Hummelston, PA. She said, "The scholarship funds that I received at LTSG enabled me to stay focused on my theological studies, rather than the overwhelming financial burdens that I could have faced without the gracious scholarships I had received. It is a blessing that so many donors really understand the need to help the greater church by providing a servant model of Christ-like leadership in the world. I will work hard to offer that example in return."

Matthew Day, M. Div., 2012, William Ackerknecht Scholarship

A recent Towson University graduate used to working while he goes to school, Matt says: "These past few months have truly been a gift from God. There has been such a burden removed from shoulders due to the generous scholarship donations I have received. Financial well-being is a major concern of mine and many of my classmates and I can attest personally that if it was not for the ample scholarship funding I received, I doubt I would be here right now."

Cost of Attending Seminary

The expense budget outlined below contains 2009-2010 fixed costs of attendance and annually adjusted estimates for other expenditures incurred by most students. This budget is based on the federal methodology for determining cost of attendance for full-time students and estimates costs incurred by a single full-time student without dependents.

	STUDENT COST			
1. Tuition *	12,285			
2. Fees (Student Association, Community Life, Technology)	280			
3. Apartment, 1 bedroom furnished @ \$650/month	5,840			
4. Books (estimated)	900			
5. Food & Household Supplies	3,500			
6. Health Insurance (required, estimated)	2,500			
SUBTOTAL OF BASIC COSTS	\$25,305			
7. Computer Hardware & Software	800			
8. School Supplies	500			
9. Clothing, Cleaning, Laundry	900			
10. Incidentals (Phone, Recreation, etc.)	1,000			
11. Auto Payments (\$250 x 9 mos.)	2,250			
12. Auto Maintenance/gas/insurance (\$300 x 9 mos.)	2,700			
13. Group Excess Major Medical & Deductible (est.)	550			
14. Other, Liability insurance, entertainment, etc.	500			
SUBTOTAL OF ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$9,200			
TOTAL FOR 9 MONTHS	\$34,505			
Additions for extended study/Internship (usual sequence)		1st Year Summer Greek	2nd Year CPE	3rd Year Internship
15. Estimated Tuition Cost		425	600	1,000 (12,285)
16. Living expenses, food, etc. (student only)		350	2,800	3,500
SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL STUDY		\$775	\$3,400	\$4,500
ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE 12 MONTHS		\$35,280	\$37,905	\$26,720

NOTE: * Part-Time student cost per credit hour is \$475 less a \$100 per credit hour scholarship for the first 3 credit course, \$200 for the second 3 credit course and so on for ELCA and certain other students.

** Full-Time ELCA applicants and certain other students receive a minimum \$2,000 scholarship per year upon timely completion of the seminary in-house financial aid application



Facts and Statistics 2009

Total number of students	228 (full & part-time) 51% men, 49% women
Total number of graduates	More than 5400
From where do students come?	34 states and Europe and Africa 44 (of 65) Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America More than 11 different Christian and interfaith denominations
Faculty	15 + 7 visiting, lecturer, active emeriti and adjunct professors
Library	190,000 books, journals, microforms and other resources plus the resources of the combined libraries of the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries and the Washington Theological Consortium
Related Institutes	Institute for Luther Studies Town and Country Church Institute The Luther Institute, Washington DC (International Learning Ctr) Stewardship of Life Institute Intersections Institute
Educational Partnerships	Washington Theological Consortium Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries Collegium Ocumenicum, Munich, Germany Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, CT
Publications	Seminary Ridge Review (semi annual journal) Seminary Views (newsletter/magazine, three times/year) Seminary Ridge Press offerings
Websites	www.Ltsg.edu www.seminaryridge.org www.musicgettysburg.org www.lutherinst.org
Annual Budget 2009-2010	\$5.8 million
Total cost to educate a student	\$30,000 per year
Student tuition	\$12,285 per year
Average cost of textbooks	\$900
Seminary Endowment	\$22 million
Financial Support and Sources of Revenue	ELCA Churchwide support 9% Region 8 Synods 11% Net tuition & fees 17% Endowment draw 21% Gifts & grants 26% Auxiliary enterprises 16% Other sources <1%
Facilities	25 buildings on 52 acres

