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Pray for Workers

A woman talked to me this past summer and said, "Our pastor is retiring next year and two other pastors in the circuit will retire about the same time. Will our seminary have enough pastors for us?" I assured her that the Lord would provide. But the reality is that the number of men enrolling in the seminaries and training to be pastors seems to be diminishing year by year. This year we have four students in the fourth year, six in the second year, six open studies students and four students in New Testament Greek. For the first time in the history of our seminary, we have no first year students. To be sure, two men applied but we were not able to accept them because they did not have the necessary prerequisites. The work at the seminary continues and still needs your financial and prayer support but in the light of the fact that we have no first year students, the words of Jesus in Matthew 9:37-38 take on new and urgent meaning: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field."

Jesus' words tell us several very important things. **The harvest is plentiful.** Never in the history of our world have there been more people who need the message of salvation through Christ. The number of lost people in our communities is staggering. Whether they know it or not, they need the message which we have to share. **The workers are few.** Smaller families mean smaller confirmation classes and smaller youth groups. The educational



LEFT TO RIGHT:
(STANDING) DOUG STAPLETON, JAMES PROPHET, SCOTT GAMBLE,
KEITH HOVELAND, TODD GUGGENMOS, CODY COOPER, MARK SCHULTZ
(KNEELING) VINCE MOORE, ERIC MOFFETT

options in our modern world and jobs which are higher paying are legion. The number of men who are willing to spend the time and energy to prepare for the ministry is limited. What is the solution? You and I, as successors to those disciples to whom Jesus is speaking, need to remember first of all, that **it is the Lord's harvest** and secondly, that **we should pray to Him to send for workers.**

When I was about ten years old, a lady in our congregation patted me on the head and said, "You should be a pastor." Christian parents encouraged and supported me in this direction. If we acknowledge that the harvest is plentiful, that it is the Lord's harvest, and that workers are needed, we will also seek out and encourage potential pastors to be the workers whom the Lord wants to send into His harvest. May God grant it!

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Four Entrance Scholarships to be Awarded in 2013!

Do you know of someone who is planning to study at Concordia Lutheran Seminary to prepare to become a pastor? Are they ready to start but just do not have the money?

For the 2013–2014 Academic Year only, four scholarships of \$4,000 will be awarded to the top Lutheran Church–Canada students entering the Master of Divinity program. Applicants must have completed both the Greek and Hebrew language requirements and hold a minimum grade point average of 2.5. There is no special application form necessary...just apply for the program. The application submission deadline to the MDiv program is April 1, 2013. “Every year we hear of potential students who have great academic qualifications, but who are planning to work a year or more because they just don’t have the funds,” says Professor Jonathan Kraemer, Director of Financial Aid. “We’re hoping these entrance scholarships will make it possible for them to begin their studies sooner than they thought possible.”

For those receiving the entrance scholarship, this is only the beginning of the support which all LCC students receive at CLS. Financial aid

is offered to students on the basis of need. Students also receive prayer support and often financial support through the Adopt-A-Student program and there is a food pantry for students, generously supplied by congregations. The Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild also provides assistance to the students by providing software grants, grocery gift cards, and the funding of an annual retreat for the wives of seminary students.

“We know that the decision of when to attend the seminary is a big one which involves a consideration of the sacrifices students and their families are willing to make to enable it to happen,” says Professor Kraemer. “This scholarship will help financially, but even more so it represents to prospective students the fact that God does provide, and that the church recognizes just how important their undertaking is and will support them and their families.”

For more information, please go to: www.concordiasem.ab.ca or contact Professor Jonathan Kraemer, Director of Financial Aid at jkraemer@concordiasem.ab.ca



NEW LIBRARIAN

We welcome our new librarian, Rita Jandrey. Rita has over 30 years experience in her field, obtaining her BA and MLS from the U of A. She has worked in two other theological libraries and is very excited to once again be in a theological environment.

Food for Future Pastors

“Hey, Mom, what are we having for supper?” her son asks as he comes home from school. When Dad arrives from his Concordia Lutheran Seminary classes, he asks his wife the same question. “What’s for supper tonight?”

“Well,” she says, “we are going to share some Campbell’s noodle soup, then we’ll have some hamburger mixed with Kraft dinner and frozen broccoli that I found in the Seminary’s Food Pantry. You know it is getting near the end of the month and there is not much left in our pantry.”

Our future pastors at Concordia Lutheran Seminary are often short on cash as they dedicate themselves to their studies. For some, they also have families to care for and spend time with during the academic year.

Everyone needs food. Members of the LCC congregations can easily assist our future pastors and their families by contributing to the Seminary’s Food Pantry in three ways:

1. purchase gift cards from local grocery stores and send them to the Seminary Guild or give the gift cards to your church’s Guild representative. The Guild will appropriately distribute the gift cards to the students, or
2. buy some extra non-perishable foods and send/take them to CLS, or
3. send a cheque to the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild with the designation for the Seminary’s Food Pantry. The mailing address is the same as Concordia Lutheran Seminary.

Thank you for sharing your blessings with our future pastors.

Upcoming Quest Courses

FALL 2012

Nov 6, 13, 20, and 27 @ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

“Back to the Future: Missionaries of the Past and their Relevance for Canada’s Mission Challenges”

Presenter: Dr. Glenn Schaeffer
Executive Assistant, Outreach of the ABC District of Lutheran Church Canada. Dr. Schaeffer has a Ph.D. in Missiology from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



DR. GLENN SCHAEFFER

Quest participants will journey back in time to walk alongside cutting-edge Christian missionary strategists and practitioners. This expedition will take you to the bustling cities of Asia Minor and Greece and over the rugged landscape of Ireland. You will join the Celtic missionaries as they push through Europe’s wilderness of forest, swamps, and savage tribes. You will stroll through the Imperial Halls of Peking; eavesdrop on interreligious discussions with Brahmins in India; and shadow Martin Luther as he leads the Lutheran Reformation.

Along the way you will meet and learn from:

- St. Paul:
His Missionary Theology and Strategy
- St. Patrick, the Celtic Monastic Missionaries and Guinness Beer:
The Luck of the Irish or Divine Providence?
- Matteo Ricci, Robert DeNobili and other Accommodationists:
The Wave of the Future?
- Martin Luther:
A “Local Missionary” with Global Impact

WINTER 2013

Jan 22, 29, Feb 5 and 13 @ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

“Culture and the Word: Christians and New Communications Technologies ”

Presenter: Dr. Stephen Chambers,
Academic Dean, CLS



DR. STEPHEN CHAMBERS

At several key points in history, Christians enthusiastically pioneered the use of new media. The first watershed was the shift from scrolls to books, when early Christians were early adopters of the new technology. During the Reformation, a similar shift occurred as Luther and other Reformers kept the newfangled printing presses humming. For the past century, electronic media have again changed the scene dramatically. How have Christians been responding? How do these newest “new media” create new opportunities for the Word?

REGISTRATION

These Quest classes are offered as a class at CLS and as a webcast for distant students.

Cost:

No registration fee – donations welcome.

To register for the free classes, contact Sandra Esperanza at development@concordiasem.ab.ca or 780-474-1468, ext. 229

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 5 & 6

Ministry Workshop for Students

November 6, 13, 20 & 27

Fall Quest

November 12

Office Closed

December 14

Last Day of Semester I

December 17 - 19

Final Exams

December 24 - January 1

Christmas Break/
Office Closed

January 7

Short Term II Begins



LEFT TO RIGHT: IAN LANDE, CHRISTOPHER KLARENBACH, REV. DARYL SOLIE, REV. PETER VAN KATWYK, REV. TED GIESE, DR. NORMAN THREINEN, REV. MARK DRESSLER AND KAREN GALLAS

Meet Our CLS Board of Regents

Concordia Lutheran Seminary has a Board of Regents which determines policy and guides the affairs of the seminary on behalf of our church. Six members, elected by the Synod Convention from across Canada, comprise the Board, together with the ABC District President and a vice-president of the synod. Currently serving on the Board are:

Mrs. Karen Gallas, Rev. Ted Giese, Mr. Chris Klarenbach, Mr. Ian Lande, Rev. Daryl Solie (Secretary), Rev. Peter Van Katwyk, Rev. Mark Dressler (Chairman), Rev. Don Schiemann. Interim President of the seminary, Dr. Norman Threinen serves as the administrative officer. We give thanks to God for the service of these individuals who are playing such an important role in forming “servants for Jesus’ sake.”

Supporting the Seminary

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SEMINARY THROUGH PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

Some donors appreciate the ability to commit to long term support through small monthly donations. Using PAD to make small but regular donations may go unnoticed by you once established, but translates into reliable support for the seminary! Some donors have commented that they forgot that they were making regular contributions until they received a receipt at the end of the year for several hundred dollars.

The seminary relies on your financial support so that it can focus on its mission. **Would a PAD enable you to share your blessings?**

CLS is looking for 25 donors to commit to \$100 per month, 50 to commit to \$50 per month, and 100 to commit to \$25 per month. This would be almost 10% of the annual budget and would represent a substantial administrative savings compared to processing individual donations.

You can set up your preauthorized debit online through *PayPal* or *Canada Helps*. Both of these options permit you to establish a monthly donation direct from your bank account or credit card. If you would prefer to have the CLS Development team set this up for you, go to the CLS web page and print off the PAD agreement, fill it out, and send it in with a void cheque.

Did You Know...

Allen Schellenberg, ABC District and David Friesen, Central District of Lutheran Foundation Canada have responsibility for the Concordia Lutheran Seminary’s development work for endowment funds, large gifts and deferred gifts while the Seminary’s development staff focuses on regular gifts and maintaining personal relationships with faithful supporters?

Seminary Student in Focus

Name: Vincent Moore

Year: 4

Home District: Alberta–British Columbia District

My vicarage year has been without a doubt one of the best years that I have had. I left the seminary last May nervous, hesitant, anxious, and a little unsure of myself. Vicarage changed many things. A nervous feeling for the upcoming year of school replaced by anticipation and excitement knowing that very soon full time ministry is on the way. This one year was and is so important because it gives a sure footing to stand on for the future. The life lessons, the ability to work with the wonderful people of the church are so important because they show you what life is really like in the “real world.” I was able this year to go to a place that I loved, to be around people that made me excited for the future and made me want to go out and continue on this path.

Were there hardships? Of course. But as I have heard time and again, anything worth while would not be the easiest thing to do. This is worth while. This one year builds upon everything that we as seminary students have been working on for 2 years, but also on the combined experiences that we have in life. This is our trial run; our practice at what it means to be a pastor. Being able to go and visit everyday with a seasoned veteran of God’s ministry taught me so much. Just having the ability to ask questions and seek advice was exactly what I needed. By nature I am not an overly confident person. I struggle with that, but after this year I can honestly say that I feel as prepared as I am going to be for the ministry. One of the best experiences for me this past year was being able to teach confirmation. I had never done this before so I was more than a little nervous. I had the best time with those kids, though we had so much fun, we all learned a lot and I got to make some connections with families that will be remembered for a lifetime.



VINCENT AND MELISSA MOORE

My wife, Melissa, and I were in a unique circumstance this year. I was placed as a Vicar and she as a Lutheran School Teacher. There were some weeks that were more stressful than others and times where we weren’t sure if this the right place for us. But what happened throughout the year is that we realized just how active God was in our lives; how much His hand was giving us all that we needed to continue and to succeed. The biggest and hardest faith lesson that we encountered this year was to trust in God.

To come back this final year of seminary gives me a chance to talk with my fellow students about all of the things that I saw and did. We can take this year together to learn from each other and also continue to bond together as friends and eventually as colleagues. If someone would have told that this year would have turned out this well and made me this excited to go out into the church I don’t know if I would have believed them but this is exactly what vicarage has done.

Vincent was placed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Abbotsford, BC for vicarage.

ADOPT-A-STUDENT

Have you considered “adopting” a student this year? Adopt-A-Student matches students with sponsors who want to directly support them through prayer, correspondence and/or financial gifts.

For more information check us out on the web at: www.concordiasem.ab.ca/enrolment/adopt_a_student.php

Or contact Professor Jonathan Kraemer, Director of Financial Aid at: jkraemer@concordiasem.ab.ca

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*So let each one give
as he purposes in his
heart, not grudgingly
or of necessity; for God
loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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Did You Know...

tuition and books for one seminary student is between \$8,500 - \$10,000 per year?

