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President's Message

Jesus said, "take My yoke upon you and learn from Me ..."

This theme for the 2015-2016 academic year focused the opening service in our chapel on September 8, 2015. A yoke, used in the ancient world to harness a worker for the task, may seem more of a burden than a joy. But the greater context tells us that the yoke is Christ Himself, who becomes yoked as one with us in forgiveness, discipleship, and service.

The yoke of Jesus has seen us through a difficult year of changes from the November fire, the impact of the CEF financial crisis, and the challenges that arise from every aspect of our mission to "form servants for Jesus' sake."

Our library is open. The physical fire reminds us of the winnowing fire of God and the way the Holy Spirit's fire guides our days. We have a new faculty member, Dr. John Hellwege, whom we warmly welcome.

We placed four students back to the Church as pastors. We welcome four new students, who submit to Christ's yoke to be formed "as servants for Jesus' sake."

All eleven 2015-16 students respond to Jesus' invitation and take up JESUS ... the yoke who is Christ Himself, as they are harnessed for ministry. And your partnership – through prayers and donations – are also part of the joy of faith and trust as each of you, along with us, are yoked with him.



LEFT TO RIGHT: ANDREW MCDONALD, SHIEKH LIEF MAURICIO, KAI BUCK, SCOTT BRAYALL, KEITH HOVELAND, MICHAEL MAYER, ALEXEY NAVROTSKY, ALEXANDER TIMM, CHRISTOPHER MCLEAN, KENNETH STADNICK, WILLIAM ROSE

Our financial needs are great for this year, but we trust God to be at work through you, knowing that He is able to do abundantly more than all that we ask for or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

As you support us with prayers and dollars, envision what that means in the lives of these men, their families, and their future ministries. We thank God for you in this partnership.

May the yoke of Christ be easy and light in our lives by His grace and favour, filling us with joy.



Dr. James Gimbel, President

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 29 & October 6, 13, 20
Fall Quest Course

October 12
Thanksgiving –
Office Closed

October 24
Exploring Pastoral Vocations

November 11
Remembrance Day –
Office Closed

November 30
Guild Meeting

December 18
Last Day of
Semester I Classes

December 21-23
Final Exams

December 24 - January 1
Christmas Break –
Office Closed

January 4
First Day of
Short Term II Classes

February 4
Timothy Lectures

RECRUITMENT

Do you know of someone who would make a great pastor? We invite them to join us Saturday, Oct 24 at CLS or online via videoconference for **Exploring Pastoral Vocations for 2nd Career Students**. Contact Jeff at jnachtigall@concordiasem.ab.ca or 780-474-1468, ext. 227.

Entrance Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Shiekh Lief Mauricio and Alexander Timm, recipients of this year's Entrance Scholarships. Shiekh Lief and Alexander received the award of \$2,500 toward their tuition for their first year of studies at CLS.

The CLS Seminary Guild sponsored these two scholarships of \$2,500 to be awarded to Lutheran Church-Canada students entering the Master of Divinity program who have completed both the Greek and Hebrew language requirements and hold a minimum grade point average of 2.5. Two more Entrance Scholarships will be awarded to students who apply for admission for the 2016-17 academic year.

All MDiv applicants who meet the criteria will be considered for the scholarships.

Adopt-A-Student This Year

Have you considered "adopting" a student this year? Even though the new academic year has begun, it is not too late to take part in this rewarding program. Adopt-A-Student matches students with sponsors who want to directly support them through prayer, correspondence and/or with financial gifts this year. Whether the sponsor is an LWML-C group, an entire congregation, or just an interested individual, the students appreciate knowing there are others in the church who are cheering them on through the sometimes difficult years at seminary. Sponsors also appreciate getting to know a student who one day may even be called to be their pastor.

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

Or contact Professor Jonathan Kraemer, Director of Financial Aid at: jkraemer@concordiasem.ab.ca
Tel: 780-474-1468, ext. 223



ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2015-2016
LEFT TO RIGHT: SHIEKH LIEF MAURICIO AND ALEXANDER TIMM

APPLY TODAY!

Students must submit their application to the M.Div. program by February 1, 2016 in order to be considered for the scholarship. No special application form is required.

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Friends of the Seminary – CLS Guild

The Concordia Lutheran Seminary Guild is a phenomenal ministry partner that focuses on finding the best way to support and nurture CLS students.

Your donation, marking you as a *Friend of the Seminary*, goes for a variety of projects that include:

- student grocery gift cards,
- Christmas, Easter, and birthday gifts,
- student lockers,
- the Application for Admission incentive scholarship upon acceptance, and
- programs like the "Take Wing" project that provides a breadth of experience for the students.

THANK YOU for your support ... every dollar matters to us, and to the students, as God so lavishly forgives and motivates your life in response.

CLS STUDENTS 2015-2016

Year 4

Keith Hoveland

Alternate Route

Alexey Navrotsky
Will Rose

Year 2

Scott Brayall
Kai Buck
Andrew McDonald
Kenneth Stadnick

Year 1

Shiekh Lief Mauricio
Michael Mayer
Christopher McLean
Alex Timm

Did You Know...

our CLS student families total 37 people this year, 17 of which are children?

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CHURCH WORK VOCATION?

Is God calling you to serve as a Pastor, a Lutheran Teacher or a Director of Parish Services (DPS)? Or do you know of someone who should consider a vocation as a full-time church-worker?

www.IsGodCallingMe.ca

Seminary Student in Focus

Name: Andrew McDonald

Year: 2

Home District: ABC District

So how does a Roman Catholic boy who loves Russian literature become a Lutheran seminarian? I'm not quite sure, but here's what I can tell you.

I first became interested in the priesthood during middle school. I found it easy to connect with the priests I knew, and often wondered what their lives were like. My curiosity increased when I attended a Jesuit high school. But after I started university, I lost interest in the priesthood, and turned my attention to teaching high school English instead.

Somewhere during my studies I was led towards the Lutheran Church—ironically, of all things, through the writings of Dostoevsky. And when I couldn't secure a teaching job, my interest in the pastoral ministry started coming back. Although I wasn't sure if I wanted to become a pastor, I decided to apply for seminary and give it a try.

My first year of seminary was a challenging, wonderful experience. It was the most rigorous academic program I have ever undergone. And I became increasingly aware of the trials of pastoral ministry. But I also discovered a calling that is tremendously meaningful, and—I think—a good fit for my passions. I am especially



ANDREW MCDONALD

thankful for my field education at King of Kings Lutheran Church, which solidified my interest in the ministry.

I am tremendously grateful for the chance to study at this seminary. I draw much support from my classmates and professors—as well as my family and friends. And it is such a joy to bring the mercy of Christ to people. I do not deserve this calling, but I truly hope that I may serve the Church as a pastor someday.

Andrew's 2015-16 Field Education congregation is Bethel Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park.

Take Wing Program

This year we have five students who will be eligible for the Take Wing program (funded by the Seminary Guild).

In this program a student's expenses are paid to travel to another part of Canada to better understand the broader/greater LCC and to gain exposure in a ministry style that is new to him.

We are looking for Take Wing host sites (contact President Gimbel if you are interested). This step helps us meet our goal of preparing men for the wide variety of ministries throughout LCC.



Upcoming Quest Courses

FALL 2015 – Tuesday Nights

September 29 and October 6, 13, and 20, 2015
@ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Topic: “Religion and Pop Culture”

Presenter: Dr. William (Bill) Anderson,
(Professor of Biblical Studies,
Concordia University of Edmonton)

This four-part Quest series explores the connections between religious faith, especially Christianity, and popular expressions of culture. Dr. Anderson holds a Ph.D. in Old Testament and is rostered as a pastor in LCC. His longstanding interest in pop culture connects well with his role as founder and director of Concordia’s “Canadian Centre for Scholarship and the Christian Faith.”

Check out our CLS YouTube Channel for past Quest classes and more!

www.youtube.com/user/ConcordiaLutheranSem

Quest classes are open to pastors, lay leaders, and all Christians as a service of CLS.

The face-to-face course at CLS is webcast to those outside of driving distance with the same opportunity to hear and interact online.

WINTER 2016

Tuesday nights: January 22, 19, 26
& February 2, 2016
@ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm MST

“Nazism and Religion”

Presenter: Rev. Dr. John Hellwege
(Assistant Professor of Theology,
Concordia Lutheran Seminary)

Were the Nazis Christians, atheists or something else? How did the Christian churches in Germany respond to Hitler and his regime? This four-part Quest series explores the complex interaction between religion and the infamous Third Reich. Dr. Hellwege has done extensive studies on what is known as the *Kirchenkampf* – the struggle for control of the German churches during the Nazi era. His dissertation focused on the American Lutheran perceptions of Nazi Germany.

REGISTRATION

Cost: No registration fee – donations welcome.

To register for the **free classes** contact:
Rhonda Buck, Administrative Assistant
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DR. BILL ANDERSON



DR. JOHN HELLWEGE

Thank You! Post-fire Rebuilding Campaign

We thank God for the way He motivated so many of you to support our capital campaign allowing us to fund the upgrades that were part of our fire recovery.

The library has much better lighting, study carrels, and electrical outlets for student laptops. We have a few new security features for access to the building. We have upgraded our paint and carpet in the chapel and some of the offices. Next summer, in anticipation of receiving additional funds, we hope to paint and re-carpet the remaining offices in the building. Thank you!



CLS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

The CLS family is always changing. We welcome new faculty member Rev. John P. Hellwege, Ph.D., as Assistant Professor of Theology, and Anna Yang as Librarian. We also welcome Rev. Warren Steckelberg who is helping schedule and supervise our chapel services.

Concordia Lutheran Seminary Honorary Awards

The faculty and Board of Regents of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, invite individuals, congregations, and Boards of Lutheran Church-Canada to submit the names of persons to be considered for one of the seminary's honorary degrees and awards.

The purpose of these honorary degrees and awards is to acknowledge outstanding service to the church, the seminary, and the community. We encourage you to nominate outstanding servants of the church for a degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D), Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.), Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) or Faith in Life, Friend of the Seminary or Doulos Dia Iesoun awards. A description of the awards and degrees and the forms required for each are available at www.concordiasem.ab.ca.

Desirable qualifications for each position are listed on each nomination form.

Completed forms must be received by January 1, 2016, for consideration. Degrees and awards will be presented at the seminary's Sacred Convocation on May 26, 2016.

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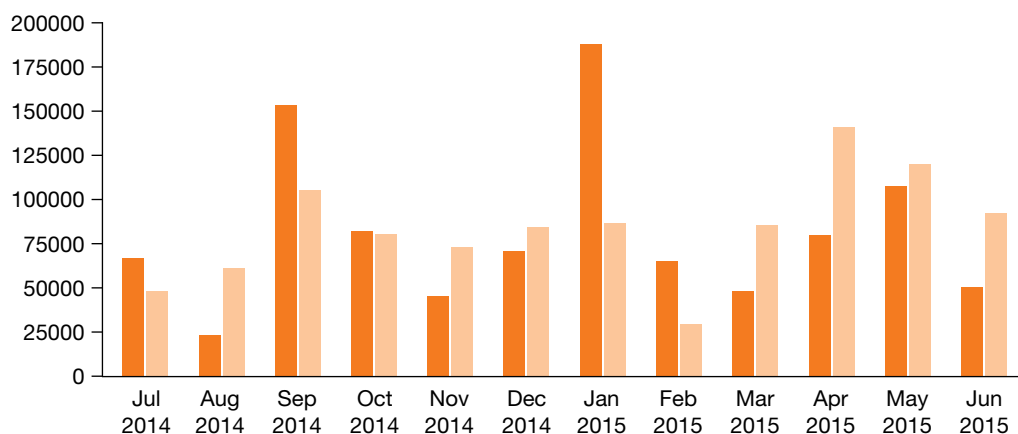
ENDOWMENT AT CLS

CLS is supported by current donations that go directly to our operations and, when designated as such, for direct student support (through Financial Aid or the Adopt-a-Student program). Many of our donors support our current operational needs AS WELL AS tucking funds into an endowment. Endowment Funds are often established in honour of a beloved person of faith (many are parents or pastors), where a portion of the revenue generated by the investments is used each year and the principle continues to earn for future needs. If you are interested in supporting the future ministry of the Seminary through an endowment, please contact us.

Financial News

CLS carefully monitors our revenues and expenses each month. With a new faculty member, less income from some sources (LCC and ABC District), and losses from CEF, we rely upon your generosity. This chart reflects our monthly totals and our commitment to live within our means.

INCOME AND EXPENSES BY MONTH (in dollars)



Income (\$977,013 Total)
Expenses (\$1,005,089 Total)*

*This includes unreimbursed fire recovery expenses of over \$40,000.00.



GRANT

We are so thankful for the faithful, loving, mission-hearted women of the LWML-C who granted us money to upgrade audio and video technology in the chapel. Future improvements will add technology to the library and Missionary Study Centre, and in the classrooms.

Your Seminary exists to serve you and your congregation. Out of love for the Lord's church, we invite you to sustain your Seminary with your interest, your prayers, and your gifts.

Yes, I want to make a donation to Concordia Lutheran Seminary

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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- Student Financial Aid
- Please contact me about pre-authorized debits

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