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### **Forty-Eight Students to be Honored at Wartburg Theological Seminary Commencement Exercises**

**DUBUQUE, IA – May 11, 2009** – Wartburg Theological Seminary will honor forty-eight degree and certificate candidates at commencement exercises on Sunday, May 17 at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Dubuque. Dr. Martin E. Marty, a distinguished theologian, will deliver the commencement address titled, “The Faces of Ministry: In-Your-Face, About Face, and Face to Face.”

“We have graduates who will be accepting calls to ministry around the world. Approving forty-eight candidates allows the seminary and the Board of Directors to rejoice in our mission of providing valued leaders for God’s mission,” said President Duane Larson.

In addition, honorary degrees will be awarded to Dr. Martin E. Marty, Dr. Charles Maahs, Bishop Mark Narum, Rev. Larry Trachte and Dr. Hong-ki Kim.

The public is invited to attend the Wartburg Theological Seminary commencement exercises which will begin at 3:00 pm.

Wartburg Theological Seminary is one of eight theological schools operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Wartburg is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and educates women and men to serve the church’s mission as ordained and lay leaders. Established in Dubuque, Iowa in 1854, Wartburg Seminary is celebrating its 155<sup>th</sup> academic year.

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