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Wartburg Theological Seminary Announces Interim President

DUBUQUE, IA – April 21, 2010 – The Board of Directors at Wartburg Theological Seminary have announced the appointment of Dr. David Tiede as Interim President for the seminary beginning July 1, 2010. Dr. Tiede is currently the Bernhard M. Christensen Professor of Vocation at Augsburg College. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Luther Seminary, and Harvard University. Dr. Tiede is President Emeritus and Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary.

Rita Dudley, Board Chair said, “Dr. Tiede has graciously accepted the offer to lead the board during a transition period that will set new directions for Wartburg Theological Seminary.”

Dr. Tiede comes to Wartburg Theological Seminary with much recognition in theological education for his expertise in governance and board empowerment. He will serve as an advocate for Wartburg’s strengths and continue to build relationships internally and externally for the good of the institution. The interim presidency begins as current President Duane Larson begins his retirement at the end of June.

Dr. Tiede is a governance mentor for IN TRUST and an Auburn research consultant for “Leadership that Works” in theological schools. His academic studies are focused on the world of the New Testament and Luke-Acts. He serves on the California Lutheran University Board of

Regents and as Theologian in Residence to the Board of Lutheran Services in America. He is blessed to be married to Martha, and their two children have brought them the joy of seven grandchildren.

“Wartburg Seminary’s voice and vocation in forming valued leaders is critical to the future of the ELCA. The board’s understanding of this ethos brings energy to our future planning. We look forward to working with Dr. Tiede in proactive ways to re-shape Lutheran theological education in the next ten years,” said Board Chair, Rita Dudley.

Wartburg Theological Seminary is one of eight theological schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Wartburg is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and educates women and men to serve the church as ordained and lay leaders. Established in Dubuque, Iowa in 1854, Wartburg Theological Seminary is in its 156th academic year.

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