Educating and Forming Mission Developers at Wartburg Theological Seminary

Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS) Mission Statement: “…serves the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by being a worship-centered community of critical theological reflection where learning leads to mission and mission informs learning.”

WTS encourages students planning to serve as Mission Developers or Redevelopers to complete screenings for their vocational potential by the synod of their candidacy (through their Director for Evangelical Mission) in conjunction with the ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission (CSM) Unit. After passing this screening, candidates collaborate with CSM in tuition grant programs and participate in other developer/redeveloper training events offered by the CSM, including during internship year.

The entire curriculum of WTS provides: (1) academic and theological rigor (2) through its dynamic worship-centered and dialogical community (3) for collaborative, contextual, and creative leadership (4) to bear witness to the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (5) in settings that are increasingly complex in relation to ecumenical, interfaith, and multi-staff/multi-congregational realities.

Wartburg Seminary graduates are prepared for:
- Mission development call
- Mission redevelopment call
- Other missional call in congregations or agencies

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