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Wartburg Theological Seminary serves Christ's church through 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.

The community embodies God's mission by stewarding resources for engaging, equipping, and sending collaborative leaders who interpret, proclaim, and live the gospel of Jesus Christ for a world created for communion with God and in need of personal and social healing.

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168TH WARTBURG SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

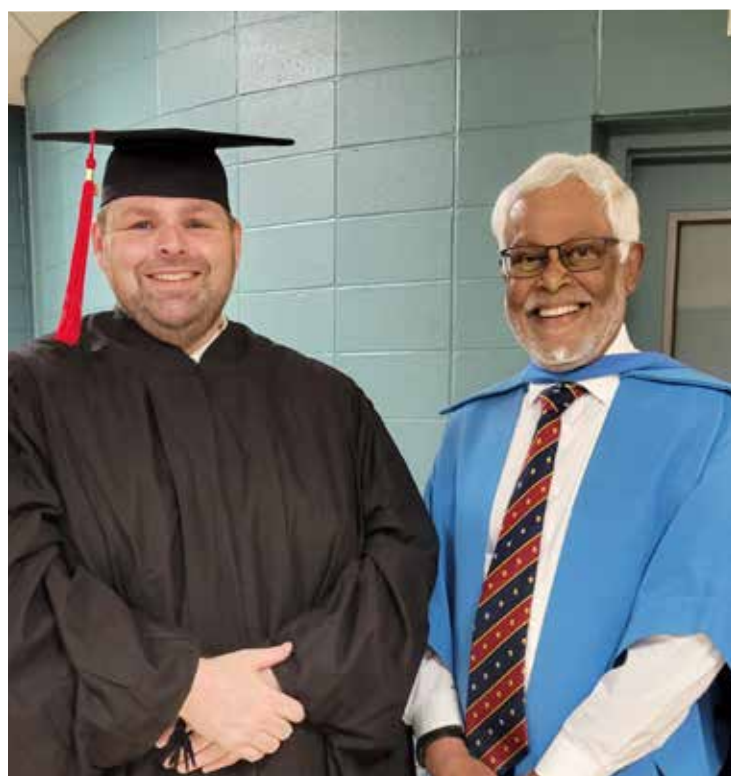
"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

-Isaiah 43:19, the Class of 2022's chosen verse.

Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS) honored 65 degree and certificate candidates and four special guests on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Graduation festivities included a banquet for graduates and special guests, their families, and friends at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque on Saturday. Baccalaureate was held on Sunday morning in the Loehe Chapel at WTS followed by a reception and campus open house. The weekend concluded with the 168th WTS Commencement at St. Joseph the Worker Church on Sunday afternoon.

Janet Anderson, M.Div. graduate shared of the occasion: "What an amazing, transformative journey! My life has unfolded in unexpected ways, as the Spirit guides mi paseo. This has been a journey that has invited me to live in other countries, engaging and learning from many beautiful faith communities. Each opportunity has been like taking another step, growing, and deepening my faith as it leads me into places I never anticipated. Like many of you I never anticipated the road was leading me to attend seminary. The call of the Spirit is relentless. There may be many challenges along the way, but the Spirit has met me where I am and provided me with resources, opportunities, and mentors that inspire me and draw me deeper into God's call. These rich experiences led me to Wartburg Seminary four years ago. From the first time I laid eyes on the campus a spark was ignited. Within moments of my arrival, I began meeting new friends and fellow travelers on this faith journey. The opportunity for collaboration was enhanced by the experiences and gifts of each person within this community. I am grateful for the diversity of educational opportunities and the encouragement I have received from each professor. It has taken a village to create the fullness of my growth and the equipping I needed in preparation to serve as the Spirit calls me. Trust the Spirit. Bendiciones on your journey!"

In addition to the graduates and their families







and friends, WTS welcomed and awarded four special guests for their accomplishments in the academy, the church and/or society. The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity was presented to The Rev. Dr. Gordon Lathrop, The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, and Dr. Gail Ramshaw.

The Living Loehe Award, which was established by Wartburg Seminary in 1973 as a way of honoring individuals who have given distinguished service to and through the church and exemplify Christ's call to be disciples in the context of their own daily lives and professional commitments, was given to the ELCA presiding bishop, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton. Eaton also gave the Commencement address. WTS is grateful to God for each of these individuals and their contributions to a world so longing to hear and see the gospel.

The joy of graduates and honored guests was palpable as they received their awards and diplomas. Master of Divinity graduate Aneel Trivedi reflected, "Graduation weekend went by in a flash, much like my four years at Wartburg. It was such a joy to celebrate with those who formed me during this time – my classmates, professors, and family all in one place. Even though I was a distance student, the Wartburg community was present in my life through the ups and downs of this ridiculous adventure, supporting me, challenging me, and encouraging me. I am especially grateful for my asynchronous colleagues who learned with me through hundreds of video posts and responses, even if we sometimes listened to one another at 1.5x speed. God prepared me at Wartburg for what comes next, and I am excited to go out into the world with this very special class of leaders and friends to pursue our call to mission."

Wartburg Seminary is proud to send the 168th class of graduates out to serve in Jesus' name and take the next step as faith leaders in their call to ministry.

MORE ABOUT THE HONOREES

The Rev. Dr. Gordon Lathrop has been a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 1969. He is a retired professor of liturgy who taught at Wartburg Theological Seminary from 1975 to 1984, and at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) from 1984 to 2004. From 2006-2010 he was Visiting Professor of Liturgical Studies at Yale Divinity School. He has also taught, more briefly, at the University of Uppsala in Sweden, the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, the University of Iceland in Reykjavik and at Skálholt, and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the "Angelicum") in Rome. Prior to all of these positions he served as parish pastor in Grace Lutheran Church, Darlington, Wisconsin (1969-1971), and as University Minister at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington (1971-1975).

The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb is the founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem. Dr. Raheb is a co-founder of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, a not for profit 501(c) (3) in the USA. The most widely published Palestinian theologian to date, Dr. Raheb is the author and editor of 40 books including: *The Cross in Contexts: Suffering and Redemption in Palestine*; *Faith in the Face of Empire: The Bible through Palestinian Eyes*; *I am a Palestinian Christian*; and *Bethlehem Besieged*. His books and numerous articles have been translated so far into eleven languages. He served as the senior pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem from June 1987 to May 2017 and as the President of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land from 2011-2016. Dr. Raheb was elected in 2018 to the Palestinian National Council and to the Palestinian Central Council. A social entrepreneur, Pastor Raheb has founded several NGO's, including the Christian Academic Forum for Citizenship in the Arab World (CAFCAW). He is a founding member of

The Rev. Dr. Gordon Lathrop

HONORARY DOCTOR OF DIVINITY
DEGREE RECIPIENT



The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb

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Dr. Gail Ramshaw

HONORARY DOCTOR OF DIVINITY
DEGREE RECIPIENT



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

LIVING LOEHE AWARD RECIPIENT



the National Library of Palestine and a founding member and author of Kairos Palestine.

Dr. Gail Ramshaw studies and crafts liturgical language from her home outside of Washington, D.C. As part of her academic formation, Ramshaw has written a eucharistic prayer for an honors paper at Valparaiso University, Holy Week resources for a creative writing master's degree at Sarah Lawrence, a doctoral dissertation on the poetry of Thomas Merton at the University of Wisconsin, and an M.Div. thesis on liturgical prayer and God as mother at Union Theological Seminary. A past president of the North American Academy of Liturgy, a recipient of its Berakah award, and a member of Societas Liturgica, she is a Professor Emerita of Religion at La Salle University. In 2019 she was honored by Virginia Theological Seminary with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. She is married to Gordon Lathrop, and they share four children, five grandchildren, and a home filled with images of the Tree of Life.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton is serving a second six-year term as ELCA presiding bishop. Eaton is the ELCA's fourth presiding bishop and was first elected at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Eaton earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School and a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the College of Wooster. Eaton was ordained in 1981 and served three different congregations in Ohio before being elected bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod in 2006. She was reelected synod bishop in May 2013, shortly before her election as ELCA presiding bishop. Eaton's four emphases for the ELCA are: We are church; We are Lutheran; We are church together; We are church for the sake of the world. These four emphases are fundamental to identifying the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As chief ecumenical officer of the ELCA, she represents this church in a wide range of ecumenical and interfaith settings. She is vice president for North America on the Council of the Lutheran World Federation and serves on the governing board and development committee of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and on the Religions for Peace USA Council of Presidents.

2022 Matching Gift Challenge

Have you heard? Wartburg Seminary faculty and staff have challenged YOU to **DOUBLE your impact by June 30th!** Use the provided envelope or give online to ensure your gift is matched!

GIVE ONLINE AT [WARTBURGSEMINARY.EDU/GIVING-OPPORTUNITIES](https://wartburgseminary.edu/giving-opportunities)



Getting to Know Kathy Patrick

WTS Board of Directors



"In a polarized world, what I love about the Board is our shared and deep faith that the gospel matters. The inclusive, compassionate example of Jesus—who crosses all human boundaries for the sake of love—and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit really can make a difference in the world. Wartburg's Board is inspired by both, and by the glory of the diverse creation God made, to Lead Boldly so we can do our part to equip a diverse and inclusive array of students and lay leaders to build the just, equitable kingdom of God on Earth for which Jesus taught us to pray."

Kathy Patrick is a partner at Gibbs & Bruns LLP, a litigation boutique based in Houston. In her 37 years of trial practice, Kathy's cases have run the gamut of high-profile cases involving subjects as varied as international securities fraud, litigation arising out of the mortgage crisis, leveraged buyouts, and environmental matters.

In addition to her nationally recognized litigation practice, Kathy has devoted significant time to serving the Church. She served on the ELCA's Committee for Discipline, as Synod Attorney to Michael Rinehart, the Bishop of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, and on the Advisory Committee for Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Before joining the Wartburg Board, Kathy also served on the Board of Mosaic, an ELCA Ministry that is the nation's largest non-profit provider of housing and habilitation services to adults with disabilities. She was also a member of the planning committee for The Table, a gathering of youth with disabilities and their parents which precedes the National Youth Gathering. Kathy has served as president of her home congregation, Faith Lutheran Church in Bellaire, Texas, where she also sings in the worship band and has taught adult learning groups.

Getting to Know Jeanette Perrault

CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATE'S NEW ROLE AS ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR FOR WTS



CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PATH TO ENTERING SEMINARY? HOW WILL YOUR EXPERIENCE HELP YOU IN YOUR NEW ROLE AS DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS?

When I was 15 years old, I was one of the students who spoke at our church's confirmation service. It was a short message, no more than five minutes, but afterwards someone came up to me and said, "You should be a pastor." I laughed and shrugged it off, but for some reason his comment stuck with me for over ten years. As I made my way through college and working full time afterward, I always found myself doing other things that fueled my love for leadership and the Christian faith. Working at Bible camp, being a staff advisor for college service trips, teaching confirmation, becoming a

yoga instructor and teaching faith-based classes, and leading local church events all seemed to be pulling me closer and closer to seminary. There were the obvious signs, too, such as someone speaking at an event I was attending and him saying to those gathered, "If you are even just thinking about seminary, you need to go." I tried to convince myself otherwise, that I didn't have the gifts/skills/education/lifestyle to go and make these "side gigs" a full-time thing, but of course, God had other plans. And I'm grateful for it!

Through my own discernment and experiences, I am reminded of the vast array of ways people are called into the Body of Christ to participate in what God is already up to. That might mean you are called to attend seminary and become a pastor. Or a deacon. Or a professor or an administrator or a chaplain or something else you don't even know yet. You might be called to work in a church or at a seminary or at a non-profit or at a school or at a hospital or out in creation. You may have gifts for leading worship or planning events or being with those who are sick or grieving. And, you also may not be called to attend seminary at all. But you, as you are, for who you are, belong and are called by God. Everyone's story looks different, but the thing that remains true and the same is that you are loved by a God who calls you to love others with the gifts you have been given, just as you are.

WHY WARTBURG?

The main reason I decided to attend Wartburg was the hospitality and community. Those drew me in and were the deciding

factors for me to attend Wartburg. I remember the first time I visited campus was over a weekend with a group of college students. Our wonderful faculty at Wartburg took time out of their weekend to host us and talk to us about what seminary was like and ask us questions about our call to ministry. We even went bowling with one of the faculty (shout out to Professor Martin Lohrmann!). The second time I visited was for the spring Considering Your Call weekend, where I had the opportunity to meet with current students living on campus. We ate together, worshipped together, and attended Wartburg's annual "Coffee House" variety show together. I remember looking around at the event, realizing that this was an intentional community I wanted to be part of, to learn with and do life with, and I knew that I was in the right place.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY WARTBURG EXPERIENCE

I have loved getting to know and forming relationships with my classmates over the last four years. A lot happened in our life together while at Wartburg, and I continued to find support in my classmates and joy in the things we did together. I have left my education at Wartburg with lifelong friends who were called to seminary, formed by our life together, and sent out in many different ways to continue in God's mission and sharing the gospel.

FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS

My favorite spot to study and write on campus was at a study carrel on the third floor of the library, way in the back next to some windows. It was always quiet since no one ventured that far up!

My overall favorite spot on campus was actually the Admissions office! There was always a bowl of chocolate candies out, and the staff often had their doors open to greet us as we stopped in between classes to grab a piece of chocolate (or two!). It was a nice break to chat and share some of the things going on in life with people who genuinely cared. Come visit me in my office — you may just find some chocolate!

TOP 3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPLYING TO WARTBURG

1. Visit! Even if you do not plan to be a residential student, come visit us on campus. Meet with faculty and students, attend a class, and worship with us. You never know what the Holy Spirit might do when you come. And visit other seminaries too! You may realize one is a better fit for you than another.

2. Take each step one at a time. Talking to someone about going to seminary doesn't mean you're committed to going. Visiting seminaries doesn't mean you're committed to going. Applying to Wartburg doesn't even mean you're committed to going! If you are feeling called to seminary, taking the next step will help you in your discernment process, listening to where God is calling you and if/how/when/where you should take the next step. Take a breath, take a step, and know that God is with you.

3. Talk with trusted people in your life. Sharing your call to ministry is a very vulnerable thing to do, but there are people in your life who will be so excited to hear this news! Whether it's a close pastor or faith leader, a family member or friend, or someone who is excited to hear what God is up to in your life (like a Director of Admissions!), having conversation partners who can and will accompany you is important. They will be there to support you, hold you accountable, and cheer you on as you continue to follow God's call. Don't forget, talking also includes praying and talking to God!

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU'D LIKE THE WARTBURG COMMUNITY TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Be warned! If you come to seminary, you may end up getting a dog, or in my case, two! I have a two-year-old Pomeranian/Havanese mix named Sandie and a one-year-old Tibetan Terrier named Nissa. I may be biased, but they are the cutest. I am one of many of my classmates who found themselves adopting a furry friend while in school. They provide great company for the many hours of reading, writing, and studying!

Wartburg Announces Koplitz Auditorium and Dr. Gerald R. Kleinfeld Professorship

REV. RON AND MRS. MARY ELLEN KOPLITZ AND DR. GERALD R. KLEINFELD

Wartburg Seminary is honored to have received two new major gifts in support of the **Lead Boldly** campaign. We are grateful to these donors for their faith and trust in the mission of Wartburg Seminary and for all the future ministry leaders who will benefit from their generosity. Join us in celebrating these donors by reading their stories.

On behalf of Wartburg Theological Seminary, President Kristin Largen is pleased to announce the naming of the new auditorium in the soon to be remodeled Fritschel Hall. The Rev. Ron and Mrs. Mary Ellen Koplitz of Tempe, AZ generously stepped up to become lead donors to the \$28 million Lead Boldly campaign which includes the \$7 million remodel of the seminary's main academic building. In recognition for their generosity, the WTS Board of Directors approved naming the greatly expanded auditorium, the "Koplitz Auditorium." (Rendering shown on opposite page.)

The Rev. Ronald Koplitz is a 1969 graduate of Wartburg Seminary, and he and Mary Ellen are graduates of Wartburg College. Mary Ellen was a schoolteacher who supported Ron during his years at Wartburg Seminary. The Koplitzs have also contributed a large endowed scholarship fund at Wartburg Seminary. In 2018, WTS honored them with the first ever Life Together Award in recognition of their generosity.

Ron's years of ministry included 17 years of parish ministry in Wisconsin and 18 years of chaplaincy in governmental correctional facilities in Wisconsin and Arizona. Since retiring in Tempe, AZ, Ron and Mary Ellen remain active members of University Lutheran



Church on Arizona State University's campus and actively encourage students interested in ministry to attend Wartburg Seminary. The Koplitzs consider the students they support at Wartburg College and Wartburg Seminary their legacy.

In June, the seminary will begin a year-long major reconstruction of Fritschel Hall that will include expanded classrooms, centralized student services, and a modernized library. The 100-year-old building will also receive new, efficient electrical, heating, cooling and plumbing systems, including new windows and a host of other improvements. Several naming and dedication spaces remain available for those wishing to leave a legacy in this place that has shaped so many church leaders.



President Kristin Largent, together with the Wartburg Theological Seminary Board of Directors, is pleased to announce the formation of the endowed “Dr. Gerald R. Kleinfeld Professorship for Lutheran Heritage.” When fully funded, this professorship will support the seminary’s commitment to the Lutheran understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ and its foundational teaching at the seminary.



The endowment, created in support of the \$28 million Lead Boldly campaign, is named to honor the generosity and faithfulness of Dr. Gerald Kleinfeld in support of Wartburg’s mission. Dr. Kleinfeld has also formed a generous endowed scholarship to provide direct support to students who are studying to become future church leaders.

In further recognition for his generous support of the mission of Wartburg Seminary, Dr. Kleinfeld received Wartburg’s annual Life Together Award. This award is represented by a sculpture from Dubuque area artist, Gail Chavenelle. The sculpture depicts the

mission of the seminary by people gathered in worship and sent out into the world.

Dr. Gerald R. Kleinfeld is Professor Emeritus from Arizona State University. He holds academic degrees from New York University (PhD), University of Vienna, and University of Michigan as well as Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from Wartburg College. His significant honors include Grand Merit Cross, Federal Republic of Germany; Order of Merit, First Class, Federal Republic of Germany; and Austrian Cross for Science and Art, First Class, Republic of Austria.

For more information on the Lead Boldly campaign, visit wartburgseminary.edu/lead-boldly or contact the WTS Development Office at 563-589-0322 or development@wartburgseminary.edu.

Remodeling of Fritschel Hall Begins

11 MONTH CONSTRUCTION PROCESS GETS UNDERWAY

The construction project leading to the creation of the new Fritschel Hall will begin this summer. After Prolog Week in early September, the building will be completely vacated for the length of the 11-month construction process. The staff and faculty have begun relocating to Mendota and the Grossman Tower buildings for the duration of the project.

The full project is expected to cost \$7.5 million dollars and strong donor support to the Lead BOLDLY campaign is anticipated to cover the complete cost of the project without long term debt. For more information on the New Fritschel Hall, including a video explaining some of the changes, visit wartburgseminary.edu/lead-boldly.

Several naming and dedicating opportunities are still available for faculty offices, classrooms, and other spaces in the New Fritschel Hall. Contact the Development Office to discuss options.



Lead Boldly Update

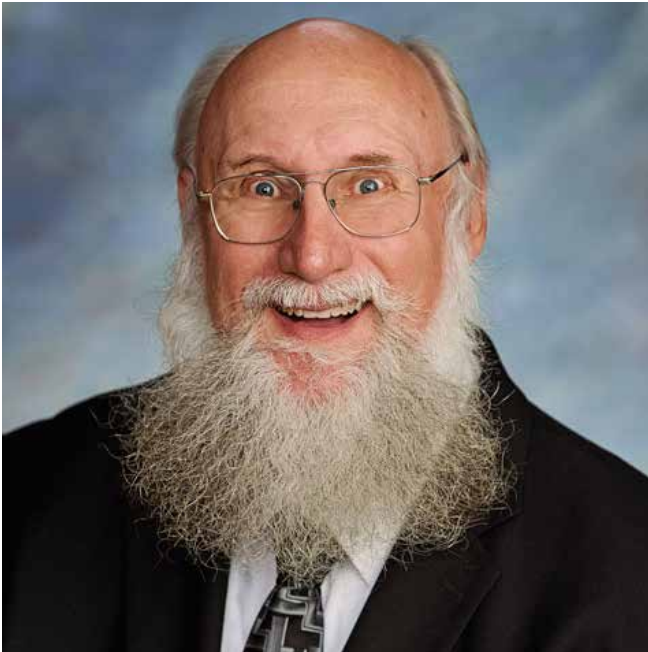
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As of May 15, 2022

Goal: \$28 million

An Interview With Dean Nesson

REFLECTIONS ON 20 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP



Dean Craig Nesson made the decision to step down from his role as academic dean at the end of this five-year term, in June, 2022. Dean Nesson has served Wartburg Seminary faithfully in this role for more than twenty years, and it is hard to overestimate the significance of his deanship on the culture, the faculty, the curriculum, and Wartburg's role and reputation both nationally and internationally, within the ELCA and more broadly.

WHAT HAS CHANGED THE MOST IN 20 YEARS?

In the last 23 years there are many things that have changed. The work of the dean previously was more internal to the life of the seminary and it became more external over the last 23 years in terms of the involvements with the larger church, synods, and church-wide organizations. Our academic offerings are more complex, we've added many programs, including the MA in Diaconal Ministry, the TEEM program, the new Caminemos Juntos program; we developed distance learning and teaching online over the course of these years, and so the academic programs are more complex and more accessible for students at a distance. And the TEEM program has been a real strength of Wartburg Seminary.

WHAT DID YOU FIND MOST SATISFYING AS ACADEMIC DEAN?

I have a lot of vocational satisfaction based on what we did together. It was always a team effort. From the implementation of distance learning to the implementation of the TEEM program, to all of the faculty development events we've had over the years, all of the grants we've written and administered, it's really hard to single out one thing. It's really been a constellation of things.

WHAT IS YOUR HOPE FOR WARTBURG MOVING FORWARD?

My hope is for the continued faithfulness to the mission. That we can really stay focused on the mission of the school and continue to prepare leaders for the church who are focused on the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ; for the centering of people's lives on something that they can depend upon through all of the chances and changes of life; and that then we will be forming leaders who also will be focused on the needs of the world, the social healing of the world, as it says in the mission statement.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT?

I'll be going on sabbatical, during which time I'll be doing writing and research projects. I'll be working on at least two book projects, one a book that I'll be the sole author of and then another collaborative book project; one of the other collaborators is Man Hei Yip and that is on diaconal studies in North America. And then I've got other projects to work on that are more academic in focus. I will need to pay less attention to the daily administration of the seminary and can pay more attention to my teaching and my scholarship.

Upon his return, Dr. Nesson will continue as Professor of Contextual Theology and Ethics. He will teach courses in the areas of theological ethics, congregational mission, contextual theology, and pastoral leadership. To learn more about Dean Nesson, use the QR code below:





CTLTM

Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural

Wartburg Theological Seminary is excited to announce a relaunch of its Texas-based program, the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, as Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural, beginning July 1.



The purpose of Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural (CTLTM) is as follows:

Wartburg Theological Seminary supports the larger vision of the ELCA in its work to diversify both ordained and lay leadership and grow multicultural congregations. WTS has committed the resources of CTLTM to further this work. Based in Texas, CTLTM implements its role in this larger vision in two primary ways. First, CTLTM provides education and support for new and existing Latinx leaders, both lay and ordained, building networks of support for both Latinx leaders and worshipping communities. Second, CTLTM provides training for ELCA synods, congregations, and pastors/deacons seeking to be formed for effective multicultural ministries, particularly those that seek to accompany Latinx ministries. To do this work, CTLTM offers training sessions both virtually and in person for individuals and small groups from congregations and facilitates cohort groups for ongoing support and education.

In short, Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural exists to provide education and support for new and existing lay and ordained Latinx leaders and their worshipping communities, and to provide training for ELCA congregations, pastors, and synod staff members seeking to be formed for effective multicultural ministries.

Wartburg Theological Seminary now has programs in place that can continue the work LSPS housed for decades, including distance M.Div. programs and competency-based TEEM programs in English and Spanish [Caminemos Juntos]. This allows Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural to focus on other activities that are geared more specifically toward Latinx communities and congregations who are seeking to become more diverse. This new initiative continues and expands Wartburg's long commitment to Latinx ministries and leaders. We continue to highly value our long-term supporters of LSPS, including the three Texas Synods, who have been excellent partners with us for decades.

See the website for more details, including information about specific programming coming up in the next year: www.wartburgseminary/ctlm.edu.

For questions or to request more information, please contact:
Pastor Violeta Siguenza, Director, CTLTM: vsiguenza@wartburgseminary.edu



CTLM

Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural

El Seminario Teológico Wartburg se complace en anunciar el relanzamiento del Programa de Seminario Luterano en el Sur Oeste, con sede en Texas, bajo un nuevo nombre: Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural efectivo a partir del 1ero. de Julio.



El propósito del Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural (CTML) es:

El Seminario Wartburg apoya la amplia visión de la IELA (ELCA) en su trabajo de diversificar el liderazgo tanto ordenado como laico y de ayudar a formar congregaciones multiculturales. El Seminario Wartburg cuenta con recursos ya asignados a CTLM para continuar y expandir este trabajo. Basado en Texas, CTLM implementa su participación en esta visión de dos maneras principales. Primero, CTLM provee educación y apoyo para nuevos y existentes líderes Latinos, construyendo redes de apoyo tanto para dichos líderes como para las Iglesias. Segundo, CTLM provee entrenamiento para los sínodos, congregaciones y pastores/diáconos de la IELA (ELCA) que quieren formar ministerios multiculturales efectivos, particularmente aquellos que buscan acompañar a ministerios Latinos. Para hacer este trabajo, CTML ofrece sesiones de entrenamiento en forma virtual y en persona para individuos y grupos pequeños de las congregaciones, aparte de facilitar grupos de cohortes para tener apoyo continuo y educación.

En corto, el Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural existe para proveer educación y apoyo para nuevos y existentes líderes Latinos, ambos laicos y ordenados, comunidades de adoración, y proveer entrenamiento para las congregaciones, pastores y personal de los sínodos de la IELA (ELCA) que quieran formar ministerios multiculturales efectivos.

El Seminario Wartburg en la actualidad tiene programas que pueden continuar con el trabajo que LSPS realizó por décadas, incluyendo programas a distancia de Maestrías en Divinidad y el programa TEEM basado en competencias tanto en Inglés como en Español (Caminemos Juntos). Ésto permitirá al Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural enfocarse en otras actividades que son más específicas para las comunidades Latinas y también para congregaciones que quieren volverse más diversas. Ésta nueva iniciativa, continúa y expande el compromiso que Wartburg ha tenido por mucho tiempo con los ministerios y líderes Latinos. Continuamos valorando grandemente a todos los que han apoyado a LSPS a través del tiempo, incluyendo los tres Sínodos de Texas, los cuales han sido excelentes compañeros de trabajo por décadas.

Si necesitan más información vayan a la página de internet, incluyendo información específica acerca de nuestros nuevos programas para el siguiente año: www.wartburgseminary/ctlm.edu

Si tienen preguntas ó para pedir más información, por favor comunicarse con:
Pastor Violeta Siguenza, Director, CTLM: vsiguenza@wartburgseminary.edu

Faculty & Staff Updates



Susan Ebertz, Director for the Reu Memorial Library & Associate Professor of Bibliography & Academic Research, spoke at the Atla (formerly known as American Theological Library Association) annual conference at a session entitled, "Libraries Serving Students Preparing for Multivocational

Ministry" and on a panel entitled, "Small Libraries as Community Partners: Paving the Way." This summer she is guiding the temporary relocation of the library during the remodeling of Fritschel Hall.



Beth Elness-Hanson, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, received the Marie Skłodowska-Curie postdoctoral fellowship funded by the European Union. This ecotheology project collaborates with trusted local leaders and leverages existing educational systems within the Tanzanian Lutheran church for creation care. She was named Deputy Chairperson of the Colloquium on Epistemology, Context, and Text in Biblical Interpretation research group at VID Specialized University, Stavanger, Norway. She was a midway evaluator for an intercultural (Norwegian-Malagasy) Hebrew Bible PhD project at VID. She presented a paper for a research seminar at the Academy for Leadership and Theology, Örebro, Sweden. She preached at the baccalaureate service for Johannelund School of Theology, Uppsala, Sweden.



Norma Cook Everist, Distinguished Professor of Church and Ministry, Emerita, recently spoke to: the doctoral students at Iliff School of Theology and the University of Denver on "The Public Ministry of Writing for Publication"; SE Iowa Synod ELCA, "Public Faith"; Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason

City, "Faith and Politics"; Podcast for United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, "Religious Education for Justice"; North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, "Learning Communities"; North Iowa Area Community College, two classes, "Radical Hospitality" and "Time: Trouble and Treasure"; Mason City Chamber of Commerce, "Breaking Glass: Women's Leadership"; and Lutheran Diaconal Association, "Vocation."



Kristin Johnston Largen, President, travelled to St. Louis in May to teach a class on "Hope and Hopelessness" at the Lutheran School of Theology St. Louis. She also attended the Hispanic Summer Program's "Through Hispanic Eyes" Workshop in June.



Craig L. Nesson, Academic Dean, served as the Bible Study Leader for the Rural Ministry Conference in March with two studies on climate change, "Love Your People, Love Your Place" on Genesis 1:24-31 and "Eden Beckons" on Genesis 2: 4b-15 and Revelation 22: 1-5. He is administering a grant from the

American Association for the Advancement of Science on climate change at WTS. Dr. Nesson will give the keynote address at the International Loehe Conference to be held at WTS July 24-27 with the title "The Loehe Legacy and the Church of the Future."



Winston D. Persaud, Professor of Systematic Theology, Holder of the Kent S. Knutson and UELC Chair in Theology and Mission, and Director of the Center for Global Theologies, published the article, "The Spiritual Practice of Remembering that Christians...Confess that We Believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic

Church," in a Festschrift for The Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist, Professor Emerita of WTS, *Currents in Theology and Mission* (v. 49, no. 2 [2022], pp. 25-31). He will be in Guyana, 18 June-12 July 2022, preaching, teaching, and engaging in pastoral mentoring; is coordinating a Competency-Based Theological Education (CBTE) curriculum for three ELCG candidates for Word and Sacrament ministry; will attend CSS Assembly, 9-11 June 2022, Kansas City, KS; will preach, 12 June 2022, at House of Hope Lutheran Church, New Hope, MN.



Dan Potaznick, Lead Development Officer for WTS, has been awarded the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation. Individuals granted the internationally recognized CFRE credential have met a series of standards which include tenure in the profession, education, demonstrated achievement, and rigorous adherence to ethics, accountability and integrity.



Troy Troftgruben, Associate Professor of New Testament and the William A. & John E. Wagner Professor in Biblical Theology, wrote about Acts for the *Living Lutheran* (April 2022) and is working on an article for *Currents in Theology & Mission*, as well as a percolating book project. In May he coordinated a retirement celebration for his colleague Ann Fritschel and helped with staff training at EWALU Bible Camp. This summer he will serve a two-

month pastoral interim at a congregation to keep up his ministry experience. Outside of work hours, he plays music with a local band in Dubuque.



Upcoming Events:

July 24 - 27, 2022

International Loehe Society Conference

September 5, 2022

Opening Worship for the 169th Academic Year

Saturday, October 29th, 2022

Considering Your Call Saturday

Tuesday, November 15th, 2022

Admissions Online Open House

Sunday, October 16, 2022

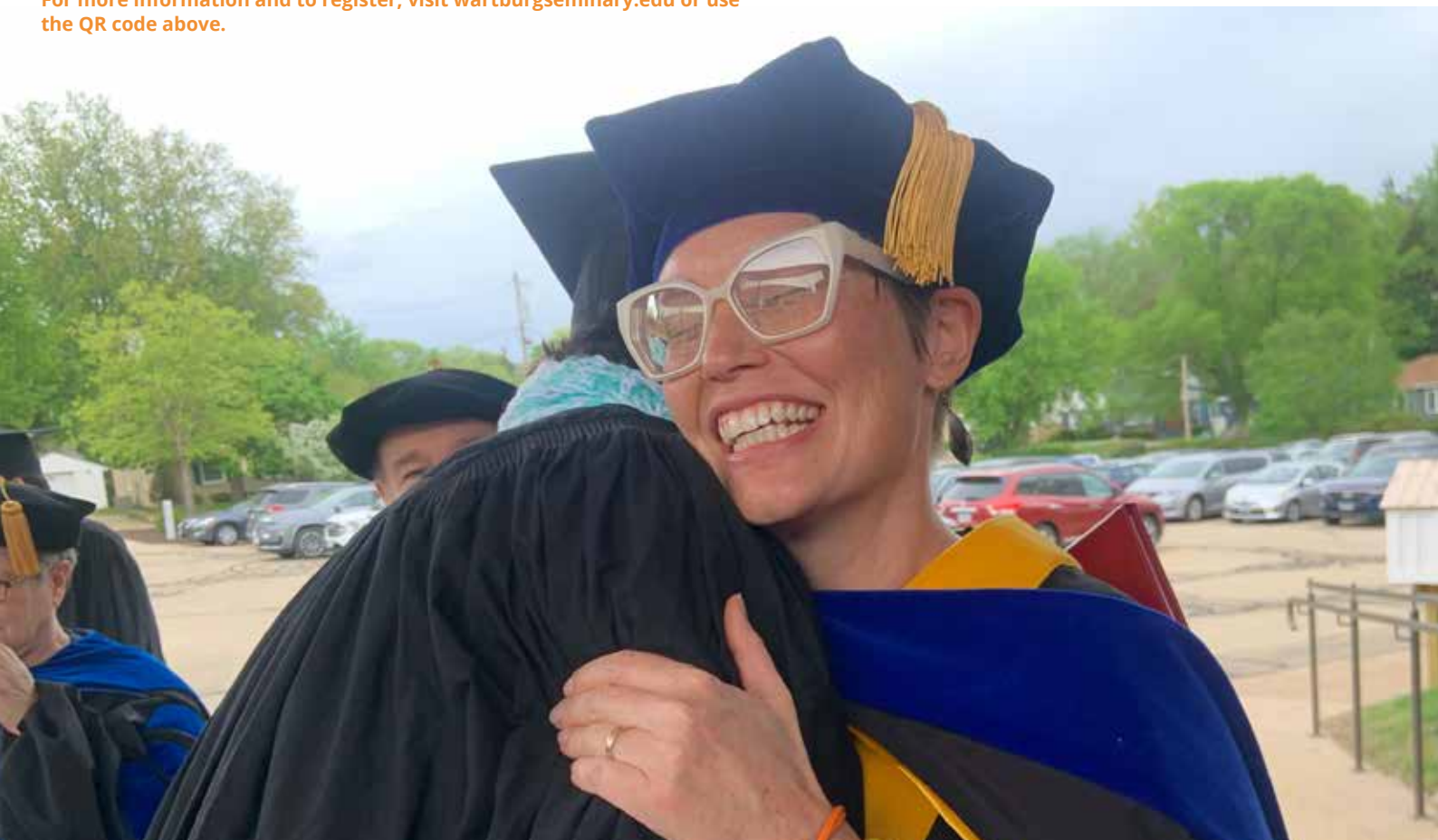
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