# Concordia Seminary

### **Continuing Need with Eternal Consequences**

- One-third of active LCMS pastors will reach retirement age in the next five years.
- Annually, 300 to 350 pastors leave the active clergy roster due to retirement, death or personal reasons, while fewer than 225 new pastors are added.

# **Candidates Desiring to Have Eternal Impact**

- On May 4, calls to serve as pastors were issued to 86 students at Concordia Seminary, and 81 students received vicarage assignments.
- Four deaconess candidates received calls.

## **Daunting Challenges with Eternal Implications**

- The tuition and fees students pay amount to only a portion of what is needed to provide Seminary education. Direct gifts from individuals, congregations, and organizations are needed to cover more than half of the Seminary's annual operating expenses.
- Regular worship offerings channeled through district and Synod to Concordia Seminary today provide less than two percent of the Seminary's annual income.

### Make an Eternal Difference

- Pray that God will continue to inspire men's and women's hearts to offer themselves for church ministry.
- Give an offering in support of our future pastors and deaconesses.
- Encourage individuals toward the pastoral or diaconal ministry and submit their names to Concordia Seminary.



**Yes!** Enclosed is my gift in support of our future pastors and deaconesses who will be used by God to make an eternal difference.

Name	ır gift of \$	
Address		
City		
State	ZIP	
Phone ()_		
Congregation/City	7	

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# **Prospective student for Concordia Seminary**

Below is the name of a person who would make an excellent pastor or deaconess. (If you don't know all data requested, congregation/city is sufficient.)

Name	
Address	
City	
State	ZIP
Phone ()	
Congregation/City	
Approximate Age	

The admissions office will send information to this person.

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