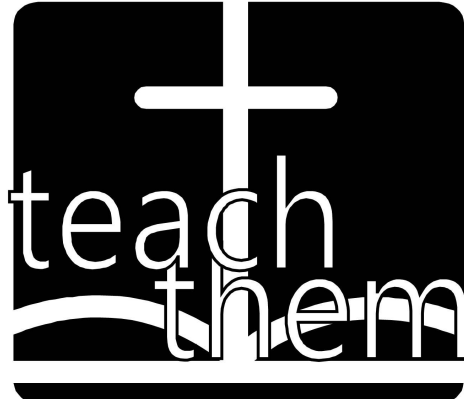


NALC Seminary

The Challenge

One of the great challenges facing the North American Lutheran Church from the beginning has been the education and training of pastors. We have asked:

- + Where will future pastors come from and how will they be trained?
- + How will they be prepared to preach and teach with confidence the truth of God's Word?
- + How will they be equipped to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- + Where will they find orthodox teaching regarding the authority and interpretation of the Scripture?
- + Where will they learn the value of our rich Confessional heritage and integrate both Biblical truth and Confessional understanding into their preaching, teaching, and administering of the sacraments?
- + Where will they develop a devotional life rooted in the Scriptures and prayer, a clear understanding of faith that will continue to equip and sustain them, drawing them ever closer to Christ and relying not on themselves but the power and work of the Holy Spirit?
- + Who will mentor them as disciples of Jesus, nurturing them in the faith until they are fully equipped to disciple others?



"...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." Mt 28:20a

In response to these questions, the 2013 NALC Convocation approved the formation of the North American Lutheran Seminary.

The Convocation also approved a goal of raising \$1 million for our Theological Education Fund to establish the North American Lutheran Seminary as quickly as possible.

Our congregation is joining with other NALC congregations and Mission Districts to begin raising these funds for our new seminary.

Members are being asked to make special offerings to the NALC Theological Education Fund. Each week this month, a different bulletin insert will highlight the NALS plan. Please watch for these inserts and prayerfully consider joining with your brothers and sisters in the NALC as we build our Theological Education Fund, preparing to establish the North American Lutheran Seminary!

You may designate a gift for the NALC Theological Education Fund through your congregation's offering or you may send a gift directly to:

**NALC Theological Education Fund
2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220
New Brighton, MN 55112-2202**

Gifts may be given online at www.thenalc.org.



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This is the first of four inserts highlighting the North American Lutheran Seminary.