Wartburg THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Forming Valued Leaders for God's Mission

Dear Partners in the Greater Milwaukee Synod,

The Holy Spirit is stirring up the community at Wartburg Theological Seminary, and we are glad to share an update with you of all that is happening!

We are currently moving toward the successful completion of our renovation of Fritschel Hall, our primary educational building. Necessary infrastructure upgrades have been made to our geothermal systems and smart classrooms. We also have taken this opportunity to re-envision the library, refurbish the auditorium, create a state-of- the-art integrated student services suite, and add several gender-neutral restrooms. These renovations will support all of our students in their different learning modalities for decades to come. We expect to rededicate Fritschel Hall in September.

Wartburg continues to develop and grow our ***competency-based*** TEEM program, Journey Together/Caminemos Juntos [JT/CJ]. Delivered fully in both English and Spanish, JT/CJ is designed to give students the flexibility to participate in a TEEM program that is personalized, interdisciplinary, integrative, contextual, and intercultural. The candidate remains in a local context, working with a supervisor, mentor, and academic advisor to achieve competency in each specific module. JT/CJ aims to remove barriers that have historically prevented candidates from accessing theological education and provide an alternate track to ordination.

We at Wartburg are committed to deepening our work in diversity, equity and inclusion. In addition to engaging in regular anti-racism training for our whole community, last November, our Board of Directors approved a Land Acknowledgement Statement; and this academic year, we have welcomed several leaders of the ELCA's Ethnic-Specific and Multicultural Ministries to campus.

Last summer, Wartburg launched Centro Teológico Luterano Multicultural (CTLM), a new program based in Texas. CTLM exists to provide education and support for new and existing lay and ordained Latine leaders and their worshipping communities. CTLM also provides training for ELCA congregations, pastors, and synod staff members seeking to be formed for effective multicultural ministries. This new initiative continues and expands Wartburg's long-term commitment to Latine ministries and leaders.

In closing, please remember that all candidates for public ministry begin in a local congregation. We would love to meet an individual you feel has gifts to be a deacon or pastor. Please know that you are welcome to visit us at Wartburg Seminary anytime!

We give thanks to God for your synodical partnership, which is so critical to our mission of forming future leaders to share the good news of Jesus Christ in a world in need of healing and wholeness. We could not do this work without you.

To learn more about Wartburg Seminary and our strategic, innovative programs, please visit www.wartburgseminary.edu.

Yours in Christ,

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