

## 2004 Report to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod

### Thank you for your support!

#### For your prayers

Please continue to pray for the students, faculty and staff at Luther Seminary.

#### For sending students

Last fall, Luther Seminary welcomed four new students from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. Please continue to send those in your synod with gifts for ordained and lay ministry.

#### For sending volunteers

Dr. Susan Jenkins is a representative of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod on the Luther Seminary Board of Directors. The Rev. Richard Foss represents the bishops of Region 3 on the Luther Seminary Board of Directors.

#### For teaching students

As of January 2004, six of our students are serving as interns in your synod. Please continue to welcome interns to your synod.

#### For your financial support

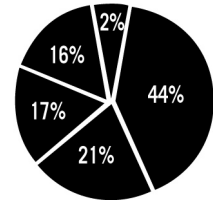
The Southeastern Minnesota Synod provided direct financial support of \$177,999 during fiscal year 2002-03 (please note that the seminary's fiscal year is different than the synod's.)

In addition, support from the Southeastern Minnesota Synod takes the form of gifts from individuals and congregations. Together, the synodical, individual and congregational support are the primary sources of Luther Seminary's revenue.

#### 2002-03 Educational & General Operations Budget: \$15.4 million

#### Who Supports Luther Seminary's Budget:

- 44% Gifts and Grants
- 21% Tuition and Fees
- 17% Endowment Income
- 16% Churchwide and Synod Support
- 2% Other



### We prepare leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century mission field.

**L**uther Seminary offers academic excellence focused on support of mission in a new world. "All leaders trained for ministry will have to work within a context of religious and ethnic diversity," said the Rev. Dr. Richard Bliese, Luther Seminary's new dean of academic affairs and associate professor of missions.

"We are preparing leaders for true discipleship and their apostolic calls within a world that is rapidly changing." Bliese came to Luther Seminary from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in July 2003.

#### The mission field has changed. Are you ready?

**I**t used to be that the term mission field primarily applied to service overseas. Not anymore. Today's mission field is at our doorstep.

Luther Seminary's unique doctor of ministry degree in congregational mission and

leadership addresses a critical need: how to assist congregations in engaging North America as a mission field. The program focuses on congregational vitalization, mission development and leadership development.

Do you have a passion for revitalizing congregations and/or developing new ones? Would you like to grow in skills for mission development? Learn more about this program at [www.luthersem.edu/dmin](http://www.luthersem.edu/dmin).

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[www.luthersem.edu/synodreport](http://www.luthersem.edu/synodreport)