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Michael E. Ritzman

The general operations budget encompasses all the “unseen” work that occurs at CTSFW on a daily basis. We label donations for this purpose: “Where most needed.” Your resources, given in this way, allow us the flexibility to meet the known and unknown challenges of running this institution.

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When a student graduates from the Seminary and receives a first call or placement, it is essential to begin service to the church with the smallest amount of accumulated debt possible. At Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), we, by the grace of God and the generosity of His people, can provide full tuition coverage to each of the residential church work students to ensure that this is possible.

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How Are They without Some Funding Faculty



There are five primary reasons for establishing an endowed faculty chair at CTSFW: 1) an endowed chair supports the annual cost of a professor's salary and benefits package, which frees up resources that are given annually for other use; 2) it gives visibility and recognition to important areas of study at the Seminary for both faculty and students; 3) it gives the Seminary more financial stability in times of fluctuation in Seminary support or student enrollment; 4) it gives recognition to deserving faculty; and 5) it can be a long-lasting tribute to the donor's love for Christ and the church.

The Apostle Paul's words in Romans 10:14 are often used for encouraging Christians to support pastoral student aid at their seminaries: "And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" One could paraphrase this question and apply it to the importance of funding Seminary faculty: "And how are they to *learn* without someone *teaching*?" Funding student aid often draws the attention of donors as a worthy cause. It is also important, however, to support financially the faithful and qualified faculty who are central to the formation process of faithful and qualified pastors and deaconesses.

One of the ways that CTSFW has worked with donors to assure the support of faculty for the future is through the establishment and funding of endowed chairs (see "Current Endowed Faculty Chairs" on page six). Over the recent comprehensive campaign, "Make Known

His Deeds!," donors generously funded two of the six endowed chairs that exist at CTSFW: the Dean O. Wenthe Chair in Old Testament Theology and the Wakefield-Kroemer Director's Chair in Library and Information Services. This means that approximately two million

Why to Learn One Teaching? for the Future

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dollars were given for each of these chairs, to establish endowments that will support the funding of the professors appointed to these respective chairs for decades to come (see “Professors Currently Appointed to Endowed Chairs” on page six).

There are five primary reasons for establishing an endowed faculty chair at CTSFW. First, an endowed chair supports the annual cost of a professor’s salary and benefits package, which frees up resources that are given annually for other use. With so much of our Seminary income going to student tuition support, it can be a challenge to raise funds to cover the increased personnel costs for Seminary faculty. When an endowed chair provides the necessary income for a faculty member, the Seminary does not have to raise that income on an annual basis.

A second reason for establishing an

endowed faculty chair is that it gives visibility and recognition to important areas of study at the Seminary for both faculty and students. When a seminary has endowed chairs in New Testament, Old Testament, or the Lutheran Confessions, that shows that the study of the Bible, Lutheran Confessions, and the Reformation is important and valued there.

A third reason for endowed faculty chairs is that it gives the Seminary more financial stability in times of fluctuation in Seminary support or student enrollment. When changes happen in the global economy such as what happened in 2008 with the housing market, in 2020 with the pandemic, or currently with inflation, having a stable source of funding for faculty is a great blessing.

A fourth reason for an endowed chair is that it gives recognition to deserving faculty. The faculty

at CTSFW have the academic and scholarly credentials to teach at major universities at much higher salaries, but they have chosen to be dedicated servants of Christ at the Seminary. Such service is worthy of the respect and recognition of the church as well as adequate financial support and benefits.

The fifth reason for establishing an endowed chair is that it can be a long-lasting tribute to the donor’s love for Christ and the church. After that donor has been called to heaven, their name continues to be associated with the important work of Christ, forming pastors and deaconesses for future generations. If a donor or group of donors name a chair in honor of someone else such as a faculty member (e.g., the chairs at CTSFW named in honor of David P. Scaer, Robert D. Preus, and Dean O. Wenthe), then the importance of this individual is preserved for future generations.



Because there are only six endowed chairs at CTSFW, additional endowed chairs could be established in the future for any area of theological study or even for administration (e.g., the presidency of CTSFW). The four departments of theological studies where faculty teach are exegetical theology (Bible), systematic theology (doctrine), historical theology (church history), and pastoral ministry and missions. CTSFW presently has *two* chairs in systematic theology, *two* in historical theology, *one* in biblical theology, *one* in administration, and *none* in pastoral ministry and missions. CTSFW, therefore, is seeking support for future chairs in areas such as the Greek language and New Testament studies, the Hebrew language and Old Testament studies, missiology, and preaching. In the future, it will cost approximately \$2.5 million to fund an endowed chair fully so that the annual income from the endowment will cover all the salary and

benefits package of a faculty member in the future.

“And how are they to *learn* without someone *teaching*?” Faculty are important for the future of forming faithful pastors and deaconesses, so the financial support of faculty is vital to the future of CTSFW. We praise God both for the faculty who have served and for the donors who have supported them in the past. We pray that the Lord will continue to move donors to support those who teach at CTSFW so that many may be formed to be servants in Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all. 🙏

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- ✦ The Carl and Erna Weinrich Chair in New Testament and Early Church Studies
- ✦ The Wakefield-Kroemer Director’s Chair in Library and Information Services
- ✦ The Dean O. Wenthe Chair in Old Testament Theology

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- ✦ Dr. Cameron A. MacKenzie is The Forrest E. and Frances H. Ellis Professor of German Reformation Studies
- ✦ Dr. David P. Scaer is The David P. Scaer Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology
- ✦ Dr. Roland F. Ziegler is The Robert D. Preus Professor of Systematic Theology and Confessional Lutheran Studies
- ✦ Dr. James G. Bushur is The Carl and Erna Weinrich Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Church Studies
- ✦ Prof. Robert V. Roethemeyer is The Wakefield-Kroemer Director of Library and Information Services
- ✦ Dr. Jeffrey H. Pulse is The Dean O. Wenthe Professor of Old Testament Theology