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In March 1991, the young man was confirmed. At the time, no one could have imagined what the Lord had in store for him—an adventure that would take him to America to study at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and eventually to Ukraine where he would be consecrated as bishop of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ukraine (GELCU).

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Most recently, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, has expanded its service in Spanish Language Church Worker Formation with the inauguration of the Bilingual Pastoral Formation for Latinos (BPFL) in August 2015. This new program recognizes God's hand in bringing Latinos to the United States where the LCMS can carry on international mission within our own communities. It also recognizes the need for continuity in handing on the faith to the saints across generations of immigrants.

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Five years ago, 23 men were studying at Concordia Seminary Argentina. Now, thanks to the additional 20 scholarships from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the joint certificate program with Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, enrollment is at 65. With only 140 Spanish speaking pastors currently serving across all of Latin America, the Lord is making possible the opportunity to double the number of pastors in the coming five years.

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## The Chemnitz Library Initiative: Turning Gifts of One Kind Into Gifts of Another Kind

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*Gifts of one kind: Students select books in our annual sale. Gift books are received throughout the year from retiring pastors and others. Sales from these books fund books for students and libraries in our partner seminaries.*

It has been happening informally for decades; in recent years, it has become more formal. *It* has a name—The Chemnitz Library Initiative. Aligned with the Global Seminary Initiative of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), the Chemnitz Library Initiative of Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, Indiana, seeks to reach seminary to seminary and library to library, providing textbooks for seminary students. These will become the building blocks of their libraries as pastors and books for seminary libraries that support the teaching and learning, research and writing of the faculty and students of our global partners.

Some of our partners are recognized by the LCMS, and we enjoy full altar and pulpit fellowship with them. Some of our partners are seeking to grow in their Lutheran identity and have asked the LCMS for one of the things we do well— theological education. On the African continent, Lutheran churches in Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa are among the former. The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), numbering over seven million members, is one of the latter.

From late September to mid-October, Prof. Robert Roethemeyer, director of Library and Information Services at CTSFW, taught “Research Methodology and Academic Writing” to 31 first-year Master of Arts in Theology students at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, East Africa. As the central seminary of the EECMY, this “place of Jesus” (*mekane Yesus*) is home to an accredited Bachelor of Theology program with over 120 students and a new Master of Arts in Theology Program with over 60 students.


Proceeds from the recent book sale sponsored by the library at CTSFW helped to fund the textbook that Prof. Roethemeyer used in the class. The text, *Your Guide to Writing Quality Research Papers for Students of Religion and Theology*, will be kept in the library for use when Roethemeyer returns to teach the course to a new class of 30 students next fall.

These proceeds also funded the two volumes on Psalms from the *People’s Bible Commentary* series for the “Themes in Psalms” course that Dr. Harald Schoubye taught. These volumes were placed into the hands of each of the students as part of their pastoral library with encouragement to use these for devotional reading, visitation, teaching and preaching.

To deepen the Lutheran identity of the students, CTSFW is working to provide the *Lutheran Study Bible* and the pocket paperback edition of *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* to each of the M.A. students before they graduate. The two books will provide a beginning to an essential Lutheran library for these students.

Since the beginning of the year, 88 volumes have been added to the library collection. Numbering over 30,000 volumes, the central seminary of the EECMY boasts the largest Lutheran theological library in Africa. These new volumes help keep the collection current.

Monetary gifts and gifts of books are welcomed. These fuel the divine economy of the Chemnitz Library Initiative. If you would

like more information on donating, connect with Roethemeyer at [Robert.Roethemeyer@ctsfw.edu](mailto:Robert.Roethemeyer@ctsfw.edu) or 260-452-2146. 



*Gifts of another kind: Students receive books. Standing left to right: Ephrem Oumer, Tesfa Ujulu, Prof. Roethemeyer, Jijo Minase and Bizuayehu Dullo. Kneeling: Tegegn Tujuba.*

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