Graduate Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary
— An Invitation from Dr. Klaus Detlev Schulz

“Into All the World” is the motto of our seminary’s 50th Anniversary celebration of its campus in Fort Wayne. On September 10, 1957, our beautiful campus, designed by the famous architect Eero Saarinen, was opened and from this site thousands of pastors and missionaries, teachers, and other servants of the church have graduated.

Our graduate school also assumed and continues to assume an important role in the special formation of scholars and teachers for churches from all parts of the world. The motto “Into All the World” holds true for so many who have come and continue to come to be taught. Students like Elliot Sithole of the Ph.D. in Missiology program will return to South Africa next year or Isaiah Obare in the M.A. program will begin his studies this fall to later serve the Lutheran Church of Kenya. Chulwong Kim of Korea has just completed his dissertation defense and will return to Korea. A few weeks ago, Mike Rodewald successfully defended his dissertation and will return with his family to Botswana where he will serve the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. And Jakob Appel in the S.T.M. program will leave for Sweden the fall quarter and serve his church.

“Into All the World” applies to the seminary’s faculty as well. They

Dr. Schulz with professors of the seminary in Kobe of the West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.
offer their expert services all over the world by teaching off
campus in congregations, Districts of the LCMS, and abroad in
countries where pastors and laypeople yearn for deeper
theological training. Professors establish contacts with other
church leaders and out of these friendships grow, which leads to
an international student body here on campus. What an honor and
pleasure it is for this seminary to be a location of education for
students from abroad and within the United States. We welcome
all within in our midst.

We Welcome Dr. Mark Mattes

Concordia Theological Seminary is happy to welcome a
distinguished Lutheran theologian, Dr. Mark Mattes, to teach
an intensive course, Seminar on Contemporary Theology:
Justification (S791), during the winter quarter (January 21–
February 1, 2008). Dr. Mattes describes this course:
“Contemporary theology comes across as a labyrinth in which
it is hard to determine sound from unsound teaching. This
course will seek to help guide you through the maze of
contemporary views of the doctrine of justification, where they
come from, and help you discern where they are not faithful
to the Lutheran Confessions. Since the doctrine of justification
is an eminently pastoral doctrine, you should receive from this
class a greater hold on how to afflict the comfortable and
comfort the afflicted.”

Dr. Mattes (Ph.D., the University of Chicago) currently serves
as a chair of the Departments of Philosophy and Religion at
Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa, after having served
parishes in Gardner, Illinois, and Antigo, Wisconsin. He has
authored *The Role of Justification in Contemporary Theology*, co-authored *Imaging the Journey*, co-
translated *Theology the Lutheran Way* by Oswald Bayer, co-edited the collected papers of Gerhard
Forde, *A More Radical Gospel and The Preached God*, and has written numerous essays and reviews
for journals. He serves on the Board of Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for
Theology/Religious Studies and helps edit articles for *Lutheran Quarterly* and *Logia: A Journal of
Lutheran Theology*. 
Profile of Michael K. Rodewald

Mike Rodewald successfully defended his dissertation entitled, “Observing Sacred and Profane in Animist Worldview,” on September 14, 2007. In acknowledging the contribution of the Ph.D. in Missiology program, Mike writes, “…I wish to thank the various professors and students in the Ph.D. program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Without fail they have stimulated and encouraged me inducing in me those AHA! moments from which a missiological paradigm towards animist practice could begin to emerge.”

Mike Rodewald graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1974 with a Bachelor’s degree in music education. After a brief stint in public education he heard of the need for Bible translation in a person’s heart language. This impacted him and he applied for a post with Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT). After training, he went to Africa on an assignment in Liberia. There he worked on language analysis, orthography formulation, literature development, training and translation among the people of the Bandi ethnic group. In 1987, he returned to the U.S. for study and was awarded a M.A. in linguistics through the University of Texas–Arlington in 1989. While studying, he met Cindy, who was also studying linguistics. Mike and Cindy were married in 1990 and returned to Liberia in 1991 where their first son was born. In Liberia, a recurring civil war forced an evacuation and it became impossible to return. So in 1993, Mike and Cindy accepted an invitation to Botswana by the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (LCSA) to work as an LBT missionary with the languages of Botswana. Mike and his family first worked among the Kalanga people and then among various other people groups of Botswana helping to lay the foundations necessary for God’s Word to be translated into and used in those languages. Recently, Mike accepted an appointment to serve with LCMS World Mission as Area Facilitator for the Southern Africa region. He and his family are excited about this new opportunity to serve within Christ’s kingdom and he says, “The integration of disciplines I have learned through the study of missiology is invaluable to serving in such a position. I look forward to the continued mission opportunity of helping the Church to witness to Christ as well as learning more about His kingdom through the community of believers who are our partners in Africa.”

Mike entered the Ph.D. program at CTS in 1999 and accomplished residency before returning to the field. Other program requirements were met through classes during furloughs, independent study, and trips back to the U.S. for two-week intensive classes. Meeting the final requirement of a dissertation and defense, Mike will graduate on the Fall 2007 graduation date.

When in the U.S., Mike and his family live in Concordia, Missouri. Mike, Cindy, and three sons Caleb, Jacob, and Seth, returned to Botswana on September 22 to hand over their work with LBT and prepare for a move to South Africa in early 2008.
D.Min. Courses 2007-08

D.Min. Winter Quarter Courses—Fort Wayne, IN
January 21–February 1, 2008

- **Historical Theology Today**—Dr. Cameron MacKenzie
  (MTWRF 8:00–11:30 a.m.)
- **Luther as Pastoral Theologian**—Prof. John Pless
  (MTWRF 1:00–4:10 p.m.)

D.Min. Winter Quarter Courses—St. Paul, MN
January 28–February 8, 2008

- **Scripture, Christianity, and Culture**—Dr. Eugene Bunkowske (TBA)
- **Worldview and Today’s Religious Scene**—Dr. Richard Carter (TBA)

Ph.D. Courses 2007-08

Ph.D. Winter Quarter Courses

- **Old Testament Paradigms for Mission**—Dr. Walter Maier III
  (TR 11:00 a.m.–12:25 p.m.)
- **Seminar in Missiology**—Dr. K. Detlev Schulz (TBA)
- **Historiograph Res Procedures**—Dr. David Coles
  (MF 11:00 a.m.–12:25 p.m.)

Ph.D. Intensive Courses
January 21–February 1, 2008

- **Mission in 19th and 20th Century**—Dr. K. Detlev Schulz
  (MTWRF 1:00–4:10 p.m.)
- **Communicating Christ-Animist Context**—Dr. Eugene Bunkowske
  (MTWRF 7:15–9:55 a.m.)
S.T.M. Courses 2007-08

S.T.M. Winter Quarter Courses

- Biblical Foundation of Missions—Prof. Jeff Pulse (TR 11:00–12:25 p.m.)
- Advanced Greek—Dr. John Nordling (MWF 3:00-3:55 p.m.)
- Epistles of John—Dr. Walter Maier II (MWF 9:00–9:55 a.m.)
- History of the Crusades—Dr. Adam Francisco (MWF 2:00–2:55 p.m.)
- History and Theology of the LCMS—Dr. Lawrence Rast (TR 1:00–2:25 p.m.)
- Renaissance and Reformation—Dr. Cameron MacKenzie (MWF 1:00–1:55 p.m.)
- Pastor’s Devotional Life—Prof. John Pless (M 6:00–8:45 p.m.)
- Marital and Family Pastoral Care—Dr. Randall Schroeder (TR 11:00 a.m.–12:25 p.m.)
- Ministry to the Sick and Dying—Dr. Randall Schroeder (MWF 8:00–8:55 a.m.)
- Justification—Prof. Roland Ziegler (TR 8:30–9:55 a.m.)

S.T.M. Intensive Courses
January 21–February 1, 2008

- Passion Narratives—Dr. Peter Scaer (MTWRF 8:00–11:30 a.m.)
- Seminar on Contemporary Theology: Justification—Dr. Mark Mattes (MTWRF 1:00–4:10 p.m.)
The S.T.M. Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary from a Swedish Perspective

I had heard a great deal about Concordia Theological Seminary (CTS) before my family and I arrived on the campus in Fort Wayne. One of my Swedish friends who had visited CTS had described it as the Wittenberg of our time. So I had high expectations for the year I was going to spend in Fort Wayne.

I had done the equivalent of the M.Div. at the Lutheran School of Theology (LST) in Gothenburg, Sweden. Already at the outset of my theological education there I had aimed to continue with postgraduate studies. Because of the contacts LST has with CTS—several of the CTS professors have visited or taught intensives in Gothenburg—it was natural to apply to the S.T.M. program at CTS.

My S.T.M. studies served three purposes: First, I wished to study good Lutheran theology. Although it can still be done in Sweden, it is a rare phenomenon. The Wittenberg of our time seemed to serve this purpose well. Second, I wished to prepare for later Ph.D. studies. I knew that some of the best Lutheran theologians were teaching at CTS, so I thought they would prepare me well. Third, I was in need of an official and valid degree. I had only an unofficial degree from LST because the seminary for various reasons is not accredited yet.

When you do the S.T.M. program, you choose major and minor areas. In my case I majored in exegetics, New Testament, whereas my minor was systematics. This means that although I had classes in historical, pastoral, systematic theologies, most of my classes were exegetical, and it is chiefly my experience of the Exegetical Department at CTS I can speak about.

When I now afterwards recall my studies at CTS, there are two features that stand out: the strong pastoral emphasis that characterized the teaching and the high academic level. This might seem to be an impossibility and I myself thought so before I experienced the classes at CTS. But the professors nicely combine teaching which prepares future pastors for the “real life” out there with great knowledge of the scholarly discussions and high academic standards. Before I came to Fort Wayne I expected that I would experience top Lutheran theologians. What I did not know was that some of the professors are also well published scholars, participating in the wider academic discussion, and that they know and interact with some of the leading scholars in the field. Thus, whether one considers S.T.M. studies for pastoral purposes in order to become a better-equipped pastor or whether one considers to undertake further academic studies, CTS is the right place. Studying there one gets both.

For the one who considers further academic studies the professors are very helpful in giving advices how to prepare and writing recommendation letters. The contacts several of the professors have will also make it a lot easier to be accepted as a Ph.D. student at well-known institutions.

Being an international student always means a lot of practical matters to take care of. The administration at CTS was

Daniel Johansson with his wife, Inese, and sons, Lukas and Markus.
very helpful in all kinds of ways. We felt very welcomed and the atmosphere was very nice and friendly.

However, what I miss most now, six months after we left Fort Wayne, is the liturgical life. Very often I long for the morning services in Kramer Chapel and the highlight of the week, the celebration of the Divine Service. Only this is reason enough to consider studies at CTS.

Were my expectations fulfilled? Yes, indeed. In fact, the academic standards and the liturgical life surpassed my expectations.

Daniel Johansson completed his S.T.M. program in only one-and-a-half years here at Concordia Theological Seminary. This fall he started to pursue Ph.D. studies in New Testament with Dr. Larry W. Hurtado at the University of Edinburgh.

**Doctor of Ministry in Outreach**

Pastors who have a passion to lead their churches in outreach and a desire to learn how to accomplish that may want to know about the Doctor of Ministry in Outreach program. This program is designed to serve pastors who want to improve their knowledge and skills in the area of outreach training. In 2 Timothy 2:2, Paul advises Timothy, “What you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well” (NRSV). This multiplication principle is basic to the D.Min. in Outreach program. In this study program pastors will learn principles of cross-cultural outreach, how Scripture informs and transforms cultural perspective, worldviews of various nations and world religions, and theology and practice related to Christian outreach. In addition, there will be opportunities to make immediate application of what you are learning within your ministry context, along with invaluable opportunity for conversation with peers about those areas of outreach most related to specific parish or ministry needs.

**OTHER NEWS**

Come see our new Ph.D. Missiology Study Room. It has been refurbished and will receive new technology as well. Thanks to Linda Martz for her hard work and also Pastor Kevin Wendt of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for helping us.

For More Information

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