Mission Statement

Concordia Theological Seminary has formulated a short yet powerful mission statement: "Forming servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all." This statement provides the goal of CTS's education programs including the Graduate School. Pastors, missionaries, students, and church workers attend classes to learn how to provide excellent pastoral care and how to reach out to non-Christians. We pray that future students may want to attend our school in order to be inspired by its theology and spiritual life and become excellent pastoral and mission minded instructors at whatever part of the world they may serve. Recent changes to our S.T.M. and Doctor of Ministry programs (see below) positively demonstrate how the programs wish to facilitate the best education for a student according to the CTS mission.

The S.T.M. Program Being Revised

During the current academic year, the office of the Master of Sacred Theology program evaluated the requirements of the S.T.M. program very carefully. As a result, a revised structure of the program was recommended to the Committee on Graduate Studies. The committee adopted the change in its regular meeting and the whole Faculty approved it subsequently. Therefore, beginning the next academic year this fall, the new configurations of the program will be implemented. This issue of Sola informs you of the changes:

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It is designed so that the student may finish the program in 12 months of study. Also it is to be noted that the S.T.M. in Pastoral Theology program has been eliminated.
The S.T.M. Extension Program in Gothenburg, Sweden

More exciting news from the S.T.M. program is the plan of starting an extension program in Gothenburg, Sweden, a project that is now underway. This is a joint venture with the Lutheran School of Theology at Gothenburg. When it is opened, it will attract students from the surrounding regions and countries such as Finland, Denmark, Norway, Latvia, Lithuania, and so on. Pray for us as we carefully plan this project, so that our S.T.M. program may serve further for the sake of the Gospel proclamation in the world.

Scandinavia House

Scandinavia House exists to support the confessional Lutheran Remnant in Scandinavia. A principal focus is helping confessional pastors from Scandinavia to study at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne by reducing living costs. Several rooms are available for such students. It also serves as an unofficial liaison between confessional movements in Scandinavia and confessional Lutherans in the USA, and as a source of information on developments in Scandinavia—particularly concerning the effort to re-evangelize this most secularized region of the earth. A related goal is to help make the Scandinavian-American community aware of what has happened to the faith in their ancestral homelands... and of ways they might be able to help the confessional remnant. The Web site is http://scandhouse.org.
Doctor of Ministry Program

Dan Gard, the supervisor of the program, would like to fill you in on a few positive developments. “Is it time to return to the classroom and further your theological and pastoral skills? Do you need to accomplish this while remaining in full-time service right where you are? The answer may be the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program. Concordia Theological Seminary’s D.Min. is the highest professional degree for ministry and is designed for those engaged in active ministry. Currently, two-week intensives are offered both in Fort Wayne and at Concordia University St. Paul.

“Perhaps you have considered the possibility of beginning your doctorate. To assist you in exploring this option, CTS invites you to attend the October 5–16, 2009, session on our campus. We are pleased to offer two courses taught by leading experts in liturgy and liturgical renewal. PMMP 802 Liturgy as Pastoral Care will be taught by Dr. Arthur Just, a renowned expert in New Testament and Liturgics. PMMP 810 Lutheran Hymnody will be taught by Dr. Paul Grime, Professor of Liturgics and former Executive of the Commission on Worship and Project Director for the Lutheran Service Book.

“For the Fall 2009 session at Fort Wayne, we are pleased to offer financial assistance by reducing tuition 50 percent. You may take these courses as a special student and both can apply to the degree requirements when you apply for admission.”

A full description of the D.Min. program can be found at the seminary’s web site at http://ctsfw.edu/academics/graduateschool/dmin. You may also contact Dr. Daniel Gard at daniel.gard@ctsfw.edu or Jane Payne at jane.payne@ctsfw.edu.

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### D.Min. Courses at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

**Fall: October 5–16, 2009**

- PMMP 802 Liturgy as Pastoral Care
- PMMP 810 Lutheran Hymnody

**Winter: Jan. 25–Feb. 5, 2010**

- PMMP 811 Creativity in Preaching
- PMMP 862 Pastoral Renewal & Spiritual Care

**Spring: April 12–23, 2010**

- PMMP 891 Ministering in Context
- SYTS 890 Systematic Theology Today

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### D. Min. Site at Concordia University Saint Paul, MN

**Fall: October 5–16, 2009**

- PMMP 891 Advanced Pastoral Theology
- PMMP 875 Communicating Christ: Language & Meaning

**Winter: Jan. 25–Feb. 5, 2010**

- HITH 890 Historical Theology Today
- PMMP 873 Christian Outreach Today

**Spring: April 19–30, 2010**

- PMMP 879 Scripture, Christianity, & Society
- PMMP 877 Worldview & Today’s Religious Scene
Emphasis in Islamic Studies

Dr. Adam Francisco, Professor of Islamic Studies, offers this insight into the current value of Islamic Studies:

“Do not let anyone tell you that, because of the relatively low number of Muslims in America, Islam is not much of a challenge for Christianity. It is one of the most significant challenges facing Christians in America and across the globe. And Concordia Theological Seminary remains committed to meet this challenge. In addition to its traditional offerings in the area of Islamic studies, new courses such as Islam and the West (during the summer of 2009) will continue to be offered to equip theologians and church leaders to address the missiological and theological challenge of Islam.”

Doxology’s Collaboration with Our Graduate School

Graduate Credit Available for Advanced Pastoral Skills Training Program

Concordia Theological Seminary has linked with DOXOLOGY, The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel, to offer a unique opportunity for graduate credit in applied pastoral skills.

DOXOLOGY, a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, provides pastors advanced training in counseling and pastoral care. Its program includes lecture, collegial learning, and mentor consultation in three retreat settings spread over a six to twelve month period. Lay leaders and pastors’ wives also participate in one of the three retreats.

The training curriculum draws on the classic heritage of Cura Animarum, the cure of souls, as well as the insights of contemporary Christian Psychology. Co-Executive Directors of the program are Dr. Beverly Yahnke, clinical psychologist, and Dr. Harold Senkbeil, adjunct professor at CTS (formerly Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions). The 2009 training cycles are slated for Springfield, Illinois (January 25–28) and Buffalo, Minnesota (February 15–18).

Pastors completing the DOXOLOGY program are eligible to register for six hours of graduate credit toward either the S.T.M. or D.Min. degree. More details on the training program, together with application forms, are available at www.doxology.us. Notify Dr. Senkbeil of your interest in graduate credit: HSenkbeil@doxology.us.
A Strong Presence of Ph.D. Students from Korea

The CTS Graduate School continues to enjoy a large contingent of international students such as those from Korea. Some are shown in the photo below.

From left to right: Je Cheol Cook, Okki Kim, Moo Young Lim, Min Koo Park, and Isaiah Kim

Ph.D. Students’ Annual Visit to Mission Conference at Trinity Deerfield

The Annual Missiology Conference on March 28, 2009, at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, covered two themes: “Ethics and Mission” and “The Missiological Legacy of Dr. Paul Hiebert.” The students heard day-long lectures of important scholars, perused the book display, and carried on congenial conversations over an excellent lunch.

Ph.D. Students’ Annual Visit to the Mission Conference at Trinity, Deerfield.
Congratulations to the graduates who have successfully completed additional stages in their Graduate Studies program!

**Ph.D. Dissertation Defenses:**

- **Jong Pil Yoo**
  “Preaching the Gospel in Korea: A Critical Analysis of the Contextual Theologies of Shamanism and Minjung” – April 15, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Detlev Schulz)

- **Berhanu Ofgaa**
  “Ethnic Homogeneity and Its Impacts on Mission: The Organization of Ethiopian Evangelical Diaspora Congregations in the United States” – April 14, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Detlev Schulz)

- **Michael Adoga**
  “The Use of Yala Proverbs (Paremia) in Communicating the Gospel” – April 13, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. John Nordling)

- **Bernahu D. Arsse**
  “Towards a Comprehensive Approach to Islam in the United States” – April 13, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Adam Francisco)

- **Gabriel Massa**
  “Reversion and Syncretism Among Wimbum Baptists of Cameroon” – March 30, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Douglas Rutt)

- **Tesfai Tesema**
  “The Impact of Assimilation on the Identity of 1.5 and 2nd Generation Ethiopian Immigrants, and Its Implication for Effective Ministry to Them” – February 13, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Douglas Rutt)

- **LeRoy H. Leach, Jr.**
  “Marriage of God, Mission of God: A Missiological Paradigm Based in the Church as the Bride of Christ Bearing Seed and Producing Fruit” – December 9, 2008 (Advisor: Dr. Arthur Just)

**Ph.D. Dissertation Proposal Hearings:**

- **Solomon Yadessa**, February 17, 2009
- **Jong Pil Yoo**, January 6, 2009
- **Sibongiseni Elliot Sithole**, December 12, 2008
- **James Tino**, December 5, 2008

**D.Min. Thesis Successfully Defended:**

- **Sung Joon Hong**
  “Household Worship” – March 31, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Sang Choi, Irvine, CA)

- **Roger C. Paavola**

- **Philip Quardokus**
  “Concordia at Christ Lutheran Church: Introducing the Lutheran Confessions to a Lutheran Congregation” – January 9, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Cameron MacKenzie)
S.T.M. Thesis Successfully Defended:

- **John Hill**
  “The Development and Place of the *Notae Ecclesiae* in Luther and the Lutheran Confessions” – March 24, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Naomichi Masaki)

- **Jerry Moan**
  “A Biblical Understanding of Women in Ministry: An Investigation of 1 Timothy 2:8–15” – March 23, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Charles Gieschen)

- **Don Wiley**
  “An Exegetical Study of Hebrews 6:4–6: Apostasy and Renewal to Repentance” – March 17, 2009 (Advisor: Dr. Dean O. Wenthe)

- **Esko Murto**
  “The Devil in Luther’s Teaching, Preaching, and Counseling” – December 10, 2008 (Advisor: Prof. Roland Ziegler)

S.T.M. Non-Thesis:

- **Robert D. Macina**, February 27, 2009

S.T.M. in Pastoral Theology:

- **Thomas L. Rank**, May 22, 2009
## 2008–09 Class Schedules

### Ph.D. in Missiology Spring Courses: March 9–May 21, 2009

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<td>Missiology Today</td>
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<td>Methods of Statistical Analysis</td>
<td>Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab</td>
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<td>Evangelism in the City</td>
<td>Rev. James Tino</td>
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### D.Min. Spring Courses (Fort Wayne): April 20–May 1, 2009

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