

Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, Indiana

175th Anniversary Hymn Competition Guidelines

Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne (CTSFW) will celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2021. In anticipation of this anniversary and in thanksgiving for God's blessings to the seminary, CTSFW is announcing a hymn writing competition.

The hymn should correlate with the anniversary theme, "Make Known His Deeds." The scope of the hymn text should not be limited to the seminary anniversary, however.

Submissions are to be text only. The text is to be sung to one of the following hymn tunes. Meter and rhyme should be constructed accordingly. The writer should indicate which of these tunes is to be paired with the text:

ALL SAINTS
DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT
ES FLOG EIN KLEINES WALDVÖGELEIN (tune for the Gloria in *LSB* Setting Four, p. 204)
FRED TIL BOD (*TLH* 8)
ICH WILL DICH LIEBEN
KUORTANE
REX GLORIAE
TRURO (*LBW* 363)
WÄCHTERLIED (*LBW* 146)

CTSFW may also seek a new tune to be used in conjunction with the new text in a separate call for entries or in a commission.

The text should have a maximum of six stanzas.

A list of several Scripture references corresponding to the hymn text should be included.

Only one submission per author is allowed.

The writer will retain copyright of the hymn text. During the CTSFW anniversary year, CTSFW retains the right to use the text in worship, promotional materials, and distribution to the Church at large.

A monetary award of \$500 will be awarded to the writer.

Should no suitable text be found, CTSFW retains the right to issue no award.

Deadline for entries is **May 1, 2020**. Writers will be notified of the results by June 1, 2020.

Entries should be submitted electronically as a Word document (.doc) attachment to HymnCompetition@ctsfw.edu. Entries will have all identifying marks from the writer redacted for purposes of a blind evaluation.

Any further questions should be addressed to the email listed above.