



## Report to 2019 Synod Assemblies

Greetings in the name of our Triune God!

We are in our second year as Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. Trinity's mission remains strong and clear – *forming leaders for Christ's church at work in the world* – and it is a mission that is needed now more than ever!

Last year, we celebrated the graduation of the first class of M.Div. students in Trinity's unique 2+2 curriculum. Trinity students spend their first two years on campus, taking foundational courses, worshiping together, and growing in community. Students are then placed in two-year internships, during which they take additional coursework designed to enhance their practical learning. We are excited by the strength of this new curriculum! A longer internship offers deeper engagement for the students, who report feeling well prepared to transition into their first calls.

Since last summer, 55 ELCA congregations have committed to becoming Congregational Partners with Trinity. Financial gifts received from our Congregational Partners go directly toward current student scholarships. These gifts, together with income from endowed scholarship funds, have made it possible for us to offer eight full-tuition scholarships to students entering the Master of Divinity program at Trinity this fall. With your help we can do even better in future years!

At the end of the academic year, we will say goodbye to two beloved faculty members who are retiring: the Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell and the Rev. Dr. John Karanja. We are confident that the new faculty we hire will bring their own unique gifts and a similar deep commitment to the mission of the church!

As your partner in ministry, I ask three things of you:

- Encourage potential candidates for ministry to explore Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.
- Consider making a financial contribution to support the work of the seminary – as an individual, through your congregation, and through your synodical mission support.
- Keep us in your prayers!

*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. (Philippians 1:3-5)*

In Christ,

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