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One Hundred Years  
of Faith and Courage

A Report to Our Ministry Partners  
2009-2010

*“The rule of God can be compared to a mustard seed that someone sowed in the ground; it grew into a tree, and the birds came and nested in its branches.”*

– Luke 13:18



Dear Friends of PLTS,

The image of a little seed growing into a home for birds is as compelling as it is heartwarming. I love this image, and for a host of reasons.

How many of us consider our little contributions to be worthy of any praise or recognition? We go to work. We rear our children. We do the dishes. All without fanfare or fuss. We go to bed and wonder if our efforts will ever amount to anything.

So it must have been for that faithful little band who dreamed our seminary's first dreams in Portland a hundred years ago. What could three teachers in a church balcony really accomplish after all? Would anything come from their mustard seed dream?

Well, by the grace of God, the answer is “yes.” Yes to their dreams and yes to yours and mine.

Their mustard seed dream grew up to become Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Some fifteen hundred pastors have gone forth from here to serve in a million different ways. We could not begin to count all the blessings that have flowed from these pastors and church leaders throughout all these years.

Your faithfulness pays dividends every day in ways too numerous to count, too. This report is our attempt to recognize your faithfulness to us. I can tell you, however, that we cannot begin to account for all the good that will come from it. The students you support today will go forth to serve in ways we cannot number for years and years to come.

From a little grows much. Don't for a moment think that your faithfulness is wasted. God blesses it and brings it to fruition.

You make all the difference in the world to us. Thank you very much.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phyllis Anderson".

Dr. Phyllis Anderson  
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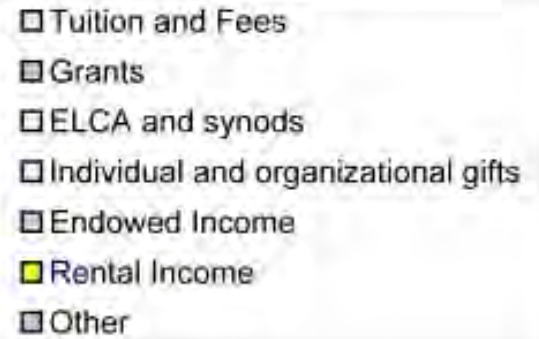
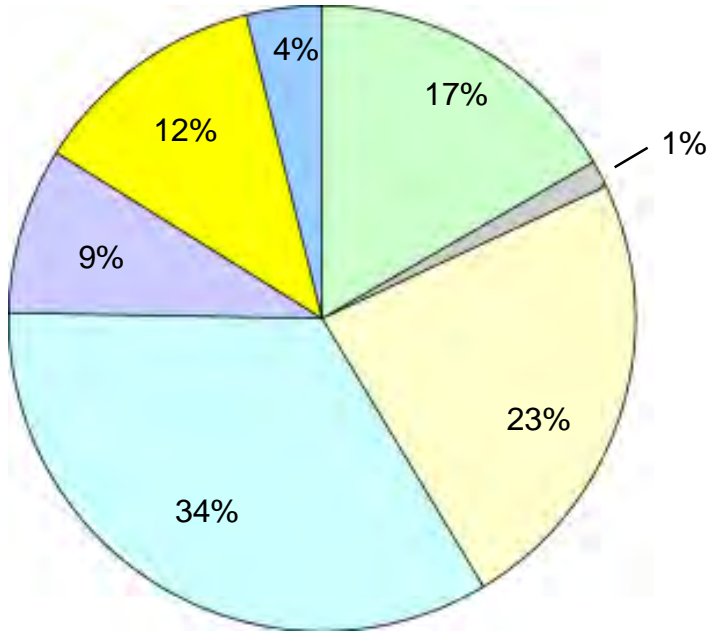
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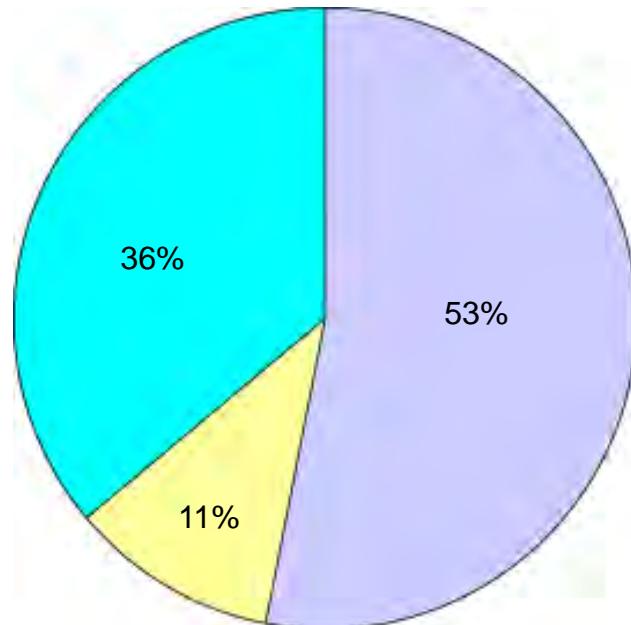
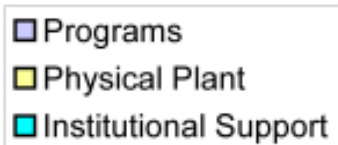
## INCOME

Tuition and Fees:	\$622,464.68
Government and Private Foundation Grants:	\$42,701.00
ELCA and Synods:	\$874,084.58
Private Gifts and Grants:	\$1,250,969.49
Endowed Income:	\$325,239.15
Rental Income:	\$448,750.50
Other:	\$155,928.82
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$4,120,138.22</b>



## EXPENSES

Programs:	\$1,888,560.55
Physical Plant:	\$409,790.76
Institutional Support:	\$1,277,750.98
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$3,576,102.29</b>



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## Partner Parish: Saint Luke, Portland

Three years ago, **Pastor Kit Neeley, MDiv 2000**, at Saint Luke Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon, had an idea. Her congregation was a “hands on” congregation, and she thought it was time for them to get their hands on PLTS. So they did.

A group of six boarded a plane in Portland and came to Berkeley to do what needed doing. As it happened, they painted. For three days straight, they climbed ladders and covered walls and cleaned brushes. At the end of their stay, Sawyer Hall looked like it was ready for the prom. On the way out the door, Pastor Neeley presented a check to President Anderson with these instructions: “Use it for whatever.” We did. We used it to refinish the floors.

Each summer since, Saint Luke has sent a crew. Every summer they come. Every summer they paint. Every summer they leave a check for PLTS to use for “whatever.” Wonderful.

This October, a member of their congregation baked 33 birthday cakes to help the seminary celebrate its centennial in Portland on October 10. Members of the church, including **Pastor David Knapp**, delivered the cakes to 23 local congregations on Saturday so that the whole city could celebrate on Sunday morning. Happy Birthday indeed!

Two current seminarians, **Eric Johnson** and **Nels Flesher**, received major scholarships from a congregational scholarship endowment so that they can study and learn at PLTS.



*Brock Knapp, Maira Orchard, Roger Wicklund, Eric Johnson, David Knapp*

What more could we ask? Saint Luke is a true partner, and for all their great support, we are very grateful.

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary is blessed with many such parishes. There are congregations hosting interns, serving as teaching parishes, sending students, supporting scholarships, sending financial help, loaning us talent for our boards and committees, and calling our graduates to lead and serve.

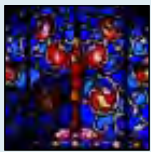
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## **DISCIPLES** of Jesus Christ

- Growing in personal faith
- Grounded in a faithful and critical appropriation of the bible and Lutheran tradition
- Committed to serving



## **LOVERS** of God and the people of God

- Practicing personal and corporate spiritual discipline
- Participating in activities that promote justice, relieve misery, and reconcile the estranged
- Developing a healthy pastoral identity



## **READERS** of cultural, political and social issues

- Understanding global urbanization, secularism, fundamentalism, and religious pluralism
- Dedicated to ethnic and cultural diversity
- Learning to analyze the causes of oppression and injustice



## **TELLERS** of the Christian story

- Knowing the story of Jesus Christ and its significance
- Proclaiming the gospel message with its healing and liberating power
- Preserving and transmitting the gospel faithfully to future generations



## **BUILDERS** of community

- Leading Christian worship in Word and Sacrament
- Empowering and equipping the people of God
- Understanding the basics of organizational dynamics



## **LEADERS** of congregational community

- Having discerned a call to ministry
- Dedicated to serving among the servants
- Inspiring a shared vision of the Christian's calling in daily life



## **MISSIONERS** reaching out to the wider community and world

- Dedicated to evangelism
- Acting as public theologians
- Fostering unity with other church and community leaders



## **LEARNERS** for a lifetime

- Deepening participation in the practices of faith
- Challenging the mind through study and dialogue with others
- Expanding the heart through love of God and service to one's neighbor
- Energizing missional vocation for the sake of the gospel

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The word “activism” is a central part of John Cummings’ life in so many ways. He is passionate about serving others and getting involved with local non-profit organizations. He also loves the sports and the outdoors. This love of varied types of activism is what brought John to PLTS. Around the Bay Area, there are so many opportunities for service, as well as the beautiful surroundings to explore.

John’s passion for activism has expanded and grown during his time at PLTS. He has been involved in various aspects of this community; from acting in the student play “Broken Rifle,” to helping increase student leadership in the weekly chapel services, to playing Ultimate Frisbee on Fridays.

Throughout his time at PLTS, he has searched for ways to reach out to those in other cultures or people who are outside of the margins of society. He hopes that PLTS will continue to “allow leaders to grow and find their own passion and run with it.” John’s passion for urban ministry has led him to Detroit,

Michigan, to a largely Spanish-speaking community where he will work with the synod’s mission development team



to start a new church. He loves the idea of leading a community into forming a “grass roots church” where you don’t need to fit into a particular model in order to do ministry.

Time and again, John has seen firsthand through his experiences at PLTS and the larger community that if you “step up and take action, support will be there. It will be possible to make a difference.”

John certainly has made a difference in this community and he will continue to do so wherever he serves.



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## Donor Profile: A Picture Worth a Thousand Words

Judy Larsen had never heard of PLTS, or its role in shaping ministers of the gospel, until she received a call from Paul Brinkman, the Director of Development. He wanted to stop by and visit with her. She was not interested in theological education and was swamped at work as the Vice President of World Wide Research. She had little time for herself, let alone for others. But she hated to say, no; so, she scheduled an appointment for just 15 minutes and arranged to meet in the cafeteria so she would have an easy escape.

Paul arrived with information in hand. Judy watched the clock and with thirteen minutes gone, alerted him that she would have to leave in another two minutes. He graciously thanked her for her time and gave her the materials he brought, which included a picture. It was a picture of the students in TEEM — Theological Education for Emerging Ministries — and that made all the difference. Judy carried that picture with her and heard herself thinking, “This is the future of the church!”

Her schedule continued to be very demanding but the curiosity and intrigue stimulated by that one picture motivated her to read each piece of mail she received from PLTS. Gradually, she became more familiar with the seminary and especially the TEEM program. At the same time, she began helping the ELCA with utilization of new technology, and the Rev. Dr. Jerry Schmalenberger, the President of PLTS, started inviting her to meetings.

Consequently, when the president asked if she would serve on the Cabinet of Advisors, she said, “yes,” and later accepted a position on the Board of Directors. This was ten years ago. Since then, her involvements have also expanded to include leadership on the Remember the Future committee and on the PLTS Foundation Board.

Judy still remembers the impact of that first TEEM picture, and she’s had the opportunity to witness TEEM ministry in action at a ministry site in Los Angeles. The student was an Hispanic woman and Judy

noticed her ministry wasn’t just about preaching, teaching and praying with people, but also helping them deal with all of life’s challenges.



*TEEM students visit campus twice a year.*

Judy saw how graciously this pastor helped a single mom find the necessary resources to provide for her children’s health and well being.

“At that point, I clearly realized this woman would not be here as a pastor without financial support,” said Judy, “and that the program would not have existed without the vision of the faculty and staff at PLTS.”

As her involvement and knowledge of PLTS and its vision for ministry have grown, so have her commitment, participation and generosity. “I realize that people who go into full time ministry will most likely never have the salaries to support the vision and need of the ministry,” she said. “That support must come from others.”

Knowing she can’t give to every good cause, Judy determines her primary interest at the beginning of each year and gives accordingly. She said it helps to eliminate feelings of guilt and to maximize her gift. “It’s been great to provide resources to support the vision that makes ministry happen,” she said. “The TEEM program is just one example of how PLTS has led the church in looking at alternatives in ministry to meet the need for church leaders.

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**Class of 2010: Tami Gomez**

Because Tami Gomez grew up Lutheran, she has a strong grounding in the Lutheran tradition. So in discerning a seminary to attend, she was drawn to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary partly because she lives close by, but mostly because of the variety of faith traditions which the Graduate Theological Union has to offer. While she began her study in the MDiv program at PLTS, through much discernment, Tami realized that she felt called to get her Masters in Christian Ministry.

Throughout her time at PLTS, Tami has shown that she is a prime example that “you do not have to be rostered to be a leader.” As a commuter student, Tami worked hard to be a part of the PLTS community. She says that she has noticed “an open and friendly atmosphere from the first day of orientation.” Tami served faithfully as the student representative to the faculty Community Life Committee during her time at PLTS.

The MCM program allows for a lot more flexibility in course choices than the MDiv program. Tami took full advantage of this

opportunity. For Tami, one of the strengths of PLTS is “being grounded in the Lutheran tradition



and sent away with a blessing to learn somewhere else, then come back and synthesize what you have learned.” She hopes that PLTS continues to have a strong presence within the GTU.

One of the passions Tami discovered while at PLTS is end of life issues. Her final project for the MCM degree looked at how one’s spiritual life changes towards the later end of life. She sees a great need for ministry opportunities for older people in churches. It will be exciting to see where the Holy Spirit leads her to do such valuable ministry.

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It all begins with planting the seed.

A couple of years ago, **Gary and Pat Andeen** invited some people to their home in Beaverton, Oregon, to meet PLTS President **Phyllis Anderson** and Vice President for Seminary Relations, **Joel Wudel**. Gary was chairing the PLTS Board of Directors at the time, and was being a faithful friend by inviting **Lloyd and Margaret Guenther** over for what we'll call a "fireside chat." There was a blazing fire in the fireplace. There was certainly chatting. And of course, there were refreshments. Delightful.

About a year later, Lloyd became very ill. After a few months, he died.

Margaret was devastated. And lonely.

On their next trip to Portland, Dr. Anderson and Joel arranged to take her out for dinner. Upon arriving to pick up their guest, they came face to face with a note above the doorbell: "Maggie's Cafe — Come Right In."

So they did, and for the first time since her dear Lloyd died, Margaret had dinner guests. She served appetizers and wine and an elegant baked chicken dinner with all the trimmings. She told stories about her 60-year marriage. They listened.

As the dinner progressed, the banter turned to the seminary and her possible involvement with it. Would she become a friend to the seminary, as her friends Gary and Pat had long since done? Might she help support its efforts to equip a new generation of leaders?

"Well," she said, "I have an annuity that Lloyd left for me. I suppose I could put you in my will for that."

"Or," they replied, "why not just call your Thrivent representative and make the seminary the beneficiary? It will cost you only a stamp and three minutes of your time."

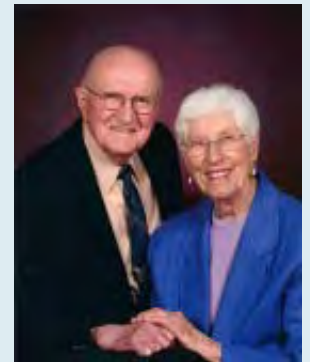
"Hmmm," she said. "I'll give it some thought."

Well, she didn't think long. By the middle of the next week, she had it done. She called her representative. He sent the forms. She signed them and put them in the mail.

Nobody expected her to die within the year, but she did. And the remainder of that annuity will come to PLTS, to support the ministry she grew to appreciate through St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Beaverton and her church friends, Gary and Pat Andeen.

That's how it works. Plant a seed. Get a tree.

We are grateful to Gary and Pat for planting the seed. We honor and remember Lloyd and Margaret Guenther for sheltering us in their branches. And we thank God for sending such dear people into the life of PLTS.



*Lloyd and Margaret Guenther*

## Class of 2010: Hans Koschmann

Hans Koschmann is never one to follow the crowd. When he was trying to decide which seminary he wanted to attend in order to receive his Masters of Divinity, he chose the school that was the exact opposite of where he was at the time in every way. "I was living in a rural and dry county in North Carolina, so I wanted to attend seminary in a radically different location. I wanted to grow and be stretched as a seminarian."

While at PLTS, Hans continued to stretch himself and take full advantage of this new experience. He loved taking classes at the schools of the Graduate Theological Union and only wished he had more of an opportunity to take classes offered by the University of California. Hans loved to hear other people's perspectives while remaining

grounded in his own beliefs.

As he begins his call to serve a congregation in Lee's Summit, Missouri, Hans will no doubt take his love for dialogue into his ministry. Some of his best memories of his time at PLTS were simply spending time with classmates and professors. He highly valued that his professors "kept us on our feet and challenged us to examine our theology," and he hopes that he can do the same for his future congregations.



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## Class of 2010: Charlane Lines

Charlane Lines has always been drawn to the west coast. So when she felt called to become a pastor, she knew she wanted to attend PLTS. She did not even need to visit to know that "PLTS is poised to address ministry in the west."

Charlane greatly appreciated her professors and classmates whom she has gotten to know as friends. She has strived to encourage this community to continue to be a more "loving place which embraces all people." Throughout her years at PLTS, Charlane has generously shared her talent at playing the piano in many PLTS midweek chapel services and choir rehearsals. Even though seminary can bring highs and lows, Charlane stayed grounded and centered because of her teaching parish community. She feels blessed that this "program requirement turned into her faith community and played a pivotal role in her seminary experience."

As she thinks about her future ministry, she says she hopes "to live and work with God's people, to share God's message of love, forgiveness, and hope in whatever setting God places me." For now, that setting will be at a church in rural Montana which will begin a whole new adventure for Charlane. But Charlane is up for anything because she has learned from her time at PLTS that "God can and does work in all circumstances, whether I fully understand them or not." This is great wisdom for us all.



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When Emily Wineland began thinking about attending seminary to get her Masters of Divinity degree, she was already doing ministry with youth in the Midwest. So she knew she wanted to go somewhere completely different for seminary. The Graduate Theological Union was a huge draw for her because learning among “different denominations meets the challenges with today’s culture.”

Emily cherished being a part of this community. Some of her fondest memories were of midweek chapel. She appreciated the opportunity to experience how what students are “learning in classes can be turned into reality.” One of the things Emily liked the most about PLTS was the variety of people within the community. “People come here from different places literally and figuratively” and she hopes that PLTS will continue to find ways to welcome and embrace these differences. “I hope that PLTS can continue to be a place where people are challenged and continue to see God



at work in the world through the students, faculty and staff.”

As Emily reflects on her time at PLTS, she is grateful for her time here as it helped her to be a public leader and to be able to “speak from the heart of the gospel.” Emily is currently awaiting a call to parish ministry in the Northwest Lower Michigan synod. She hopes to “continue to see the Holy Spirit at work in people and to help them to recognize the Holy Spirit at work among them in their personal lives, their church, their community and the world.”

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