



Equipped to Serve: Providing Graduates with the Tools They Need for Ministry

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. (CTSFw)—Last year, through the generosity of our donors to the Logos Project, we were able to fully cover the cost of Greek textbooks for our incoming first-year students who were just beginning four years of study. In fact, that generosity so overflowed that we have nearly taken care of the Greek needs for the class incoming this fall — over \$13,000 already raised! As such, today we are able to turn our thoughts and giving to the needs of those who are instead finishing their three- or four-year journey to begin serving the Church.

“Equipped to Serve” is a project that will assist both seminarians and deaconess students as they transition from a life of study to one of service. With Call Day at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFw), Fort Wayne, only two weeks away and graduation less than a month after that, those in their final academic quarter at CTSFW are ever more aware of their life beyond school, and the people who wait for their ready hands and biblical knowledge. Help us provide the tools they will need for their spiritual trade.

These tools come in many forms. For the new pastor, he'll need everything from stoles, albs and vestments to technology (for writing sermons and prepping services) and communion sets (for the benefit of shut-ins). Deaconesses could require anything from additional books, specific to their service, or supplies for those who reach to them for mercy. Since each new church worker's need will vary according to their calling congregation or mission, our goal is to provide every student about to enter the field with a Visa gift card in the amount of \$350. The gift card will give them the ability to buy any tool they may need from the most cost-effective source.

We are accepting donations to this fundraiser through Monday, May 7, which will take us through Call Day and end in time to pass on your gifts to the Church's newest servants at graduation. To either donate or to simply learn more about “Equipped to Serve” (including the matching gift opportunity and our donor rewards, made possible by the contribution of resources from several of the Seminary's own departments), visit www.ctsfw.edu/equipped.

If you would like to contribute to the Logos Project for first-year seminarians, this project also remains open and ongoing at <https://my.ctsfw.edu/the-logos-project>.

Thank you for any and all gifts, from financial aid to the prayers and encouragement you offer to both the Seminary and her students throughout the years. In the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians, we boast of you (2 Cor. 1:14). Thank you!

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