



## Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done

### Anniversary Offering 2018

#### Our goal

- to fund new missions,
- to fund the Vicar in Mission program, and
- to support cross-cultural mission projects.

### Great Opportunities - Vicar-in-Mission Update

Perhaps you remember the joyous news we shared as we installed three candidates - graduating vicars - into mission calls in our synod through the vicar-in-mission program.

**Dan Ruiz** was installed at Hope mission in Leander, Texas.

**Joshua Mayer** was installed at Redeeming Grace, Rogers,

Minnesota. **Matthew Behmer** was installed at our cross-cultural mission, Christ the King, in Bell Gardens, California.

**What prepared them for their calls?** Besides the great training they received from our seminary, that all served in some way in a mission. Either they served as vicars in mission or served in some other role in a home or a foreign mission. They had the best combination of both being in a mission field and/or working with mission pastors.

### The Challenges Ahead

As we consider the future needs of our synod's parishes and missions our seminary will continue to play a vital role in preparing pastors especially with an increase in student enrollment.

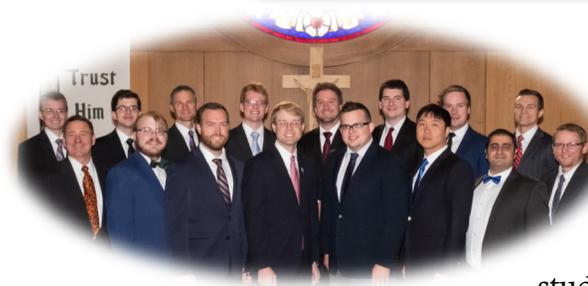


### Compare for yourself the challenge before us.



These are our classroom students from 2016-2017.  
(Learn more about our students at [blts.edu](http://blts.edu))

Here are our seminary students for 2017-2018.



This Fall, 2018, we have **16 students** in the seminary classroom. **That means** we will have to place five students in vicarages in 2019 and again five more in 2020 and 2021.

Will our missions need vicars and candidates? Most certainly! Will there be enough calls for all our students? That depends on how many calls will develop in existing churches. It also depends how many calls will develop **in the mission fields.**

**Two ways your gifts to the offering can help.** *First*, help us continue to search for and start new missions and ministry enhancement projects. *Second*, your gifts to the offering will help us train and mentor our vicars under our missionaries.

Prayerfully and generously support our future pastors and missionaries and give a gift in one of several ways.

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- **Text your gift to [507-607-7085](tel:507-607-7085), (e.g. 100 AO), or**
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