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Pass It On...

We are all recipients of God's grace, but are we good stewards of passing this along?

You bet! Our Guild members are looking ahead to another year of service and giving to the Concordia Seminary students and their families. How do we do this?

- By supporting the Guild's new list of projects.
- By donating new children's socks and underwear for Seminary families at our Advent gathering.
- By contributing food and goods to the Seminary Food Bank.
- By donating used clothing and items to the Seminary Re-Sell It Shop.
- By volunteering time and talents as a member of our Board of Directors.
- By our collective prayers to uphold the entire Seminary community, including faculty and staff.

We are thankful for the beneficence of our Lord, and we are thankful for each of you, who continue to actively "pass along GRACE" to others. We give thanks for God's grace!

It's All About GRACE!

"For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."

(John 1:16 ESV)

"It's all about GRACE" is the chosen theme this fiscal year for Concordia Seminary Guild. After hearing two young ladies sing the following at our worship service, I felt it appropriate to share the words.

GRACE ALONE

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by His grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace.

Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

(Eph: 2:8-10)

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By His grace, Concordia Seminary Guild is continuing an 80-plus year tradition of offering our prayers and our service for the community of this campus. Won't you join us in this new academic year as we complete a new list of projects and plan a year of interesting and informative programs? After all "every difference we make is only by His grace."

Indeed, it is truly "Amazing Grace!"



We look forward to welcoming you.

Joan Schlichter

Guild President

Project Notes

As you review the list of adopted projects for the new 2016-17 academic year, you may have some questions about them. For example, "What textbook is given to incoming students?" In these notes we will give you some additional information about the projects.

Textbooks

Each incoming Master of Divinity, Residential Alternate Route, Deaconess and Specific Ministry Pastor student will receive a copy of Gerhard Forde's book, *On Being a Theologian of the Cross: Reflections on Luther's Heidelberg Disputation*. This book is gifted to each student at the information fair during Orientation week. At the Seminary Guild display table, students also will receive information about the Guild to share with their home congregations.

International students

One can only guess how the international students feel when they come to Concordia Seminary and don't have either the books that they need or the funds to purchase them. What if they get sick or need to be hospitalized? Our project for assistance to international students helps with expenses such as computers, books, extra health care costs and more.

Direct-to-Student Aid

Each year, the Guild gives a certain number of students \$1,000 each to assist with their student debt. This year, our goal is to assist four students. The names of qualifying students are given to us by the Financial Aid office. With this project, we can demonstrate by our gift the support and encouragement that the Guild members offer each year to the Seminary community.

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Top photo: Deaconess Ruth McDonnell, left, shows a copy of Guild Lines to an attendee at the LCMS convention in Milwaukee in July.

Bottom photo: From left, Director of Principal Gifts, Michael Flynn, talks about the Seminary Guild with an attendee at the LCMS convention.

Project Notes *(continued)*

Student educational helps

What happens if a student needs some additional tutoring or assistance with speech therapy? Money raised for student educational helps, administered by Dr. Richard Marrs and the Financial Aid office, will be used by students who need additional help in the process of pastoral formation to help pay for professional referrals.

After-chapel coffee time

You have probably heard the joke about the Lutherans and their coffee. All you need to do is to be on campus following a morning chapel service to see the students flocking to the Campus Store for their morning cup of joe. The Guild sponsors a few of these coffees each year to assist with campus camaraderie. The Campus Store is indeed a popular gathering place!

Community student gatherings and student off-campus events

There are always additional expenses involved with planning gatherings and/or transporting students to off-campus events. With more and more students living off campus, the opportunity for conversation and fellowship is increasingly important. Also, with diverse ministry settings, there are valuable immersion experiences for students in various cultural environments or worship conferences, but they come with registration and/or transportation expenses. With our projects, we can assist in underwriting some of these expenses.

Yes, it's all about GRACE, GRACE given and received! Thank you for your support!

2016-17 Adopted Service Projects Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Textbooks for incoming students.....	\$1,600
Food Bank.....	\$1,500
Re-Sell It Shop.....	\$1,000
Campus landscaping.....	\$800
Direct-to-Student Aid.....	\$4,000
International students.....	\$1,000
Safety and Security Team.....	\$1,000
Families in Transition.....	\$500
Student emergency fund.....	\$1,000
Music department.....	\$1,000
Community student gatherings.....	\$2,000
Student varsity programs.....	\$1,000
Field education office/student off-campus events.....	\$1,000
After-chapel coffee time.....	\$800
For CHS and EIIT students.....	\$1,000
Student educational helps.....	\$1,000
Student intramural programs.....	\$1,500
TOTAL.....	\$21,700

Why Empty Baskets??

If you are a new visitor/member to our Guild meetings, you might wonder why there are empty baskets on the tables. These are not for trash but for cash! It is these cash donations that are applied toward the completion of our projects each year. We thank you for these contributions, since they all add up to help us meet our goals.

It is difficult to know exactly when the baskets started being used, but photos show baskets in use as far back as the 1940s, and they look like the same baskets that we use today!

No fundraisers are held to fund our projects; funding is done only through donations that come from each of you, whether you live in the St. Louis area or elsewhere in the United States. During the 2015-16 academic year, the Guild once again completed more than \$20,000 in projects to benefit the Seminary students and their families. It is with deep gratitude and great joy, that we were able to complete projects on our list.

Now, we begin a newly adopted list of projects for 2016-17. Will you help us to fill these empty baskets? This can be done by sending in your project contributions or by putting them in the baskets on the tables at our meetings. Let's fill those baskets again this year and let's give thanks for God's grace among us!

2016-17 Calendar

All Sem Guild meetings are held in Koburg Hall on the Seminary campus

Sept. 16, 2016
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program
Business meeting to follow

Oct. 21, 2016
9:35 a.m.: Chapel service with students
10:30 a.m.: Brunch in Koburg and program

Dec. 9, 2016
Advent by Candlelight
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program

Feb. 3, 2017
Food Pantry Shower
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program

March 17, 2017
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program
Business meeting to follow

May 12, 2017
11:30 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Lunch and program
Business meeting to follow

Keep up to date with the Seminary Guild by visiting <http://www.csl.edu/friends/seminary-guild>



Concordia Seminary Guild Annual Membership Dues

Individual – \$10 Organization – \$25

A yearly Guild membership is from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Have you paid your dues for this current year?

Please make checks payable to Concordia Seminary Guild and send to:
Marie Springer, 1115 Oakleaf Cove Court, Fenton, MO 63026

Name (or Society) _____ Individual membership (\$10) _____

Address _____ Organization membership (\$25) _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Project Fund Donation _____

Telephone _____ Total _____

Email _____

Membership dues: Please make certain that your Guild membership is up-to-date so that you will continue to receive the *Guild Lines* mailings.

Project donations: Project donations will be used for any of the Guild projects unless they are specified for a particular project.

Thank you for your support! For questions concerning the Seminary Guild, please call 314-942-7254.

Are your membership dues up to date? See below for dues information. Thank you!