Rooted In Christ, Sprouted In Faith, Growing in God Only by His Grace.

Have you noticed that the above has been our theme for this past year? In keeping with this thought, our themes for each Seminary Guild gathering have been: “A Time for Growth and Change,” “Grounded in the Word,” “Awaiting a New Birth,” “Fed by the Spirit,” “Time for the Growing Seminarian to be Re-planted,” and “Overflowing with Thankfulness and Praise.” We were wonderfully reminded of this “growing” when we heard personal stories from three seminarians at our March Guild meeting.

Now that spring is upon us, it’s time to sow new seeds that will root, sprout, and grow. We’re not always certain that what we plant will take root, but we plant anyway, trusting God to care for them. Likewise, we don’t know if the seeds of faith that we share will bear fruit. We trust God to nurture those seeds as well.

It has been my pleasure to serve as president of the Seminary Guild these past four years. It is the Board that holds the Guild together, keeping us strong. I extend my sincere thanks for their ongoing help and support. The Guild, rooted in Christ and entering our 80th year, will continue to be given opportunities and occasions to plant seeds of faith. Of course, we keep “planting” with our service projects which are all listed on the following page.

Thanks to each of you who have made the Concordia Seminary Guild a fantastic organization with not only your prayers, but also with your time and financial support.

With my appreciation for all of you...

Joan Schlichter
Outgoing Guild President

The Guild’s theme verse for this year: “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6,7
Adopted Projects 2012-2013
Supporting Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Textbooks for incoming students .............................................. $2,600.00
Student Emergency Fund ...................................................... $4,000.00
Food Bank ............................................................................ $1,500.00
Direct-to-Student Aid ............................................................. $1,500.00
Pederson Fieldhouse equipment .............................................. $2,100.00
Community Nights ................................................................. $1,000.00
Community Space in Benidt Center ......................................... $800.00
Seminary Chorus .................................................................. $500.00
Dorm furnishings for student lounges ..................................... $2,000.00
Seminary Women’s Association .............................................. $500.00
Student Etiquette Dinner ....................................................... $1,000.00
Chapel ................................................................................. $2,000.00
Campus landscaping ............................................................. $1,000.00
Orientation Luncheon for incoming students ......................... $1,500.00

Total .................................................................................... $25,500.00

2012-2013 Project Notes
A little more information...

Textbooks
Next year there will not be a Concordia Publishing House bookstore on the Seminary campus. There will be a bookstore, but as yet the exact details are not known. The suggestion is to gift each incoming student with a gift certificate with a value of $20.00 to be used toward the purchase of a required textbook. (Details TBA)

Project total – $2,600.00 (approx. 150 incoming students)

Student Emergency Fund
This item has been very useful to our students. A few recent examples include:
- The funds helped a student travel home to be with her mother during her final days of fighting cancer;
- A student’s car blew a gasket and he needed the transportation to get back and loan money, the funds helped him with the emergency car repairs;
- A student had a medical emergency and was rushed to the hospital via ambulance. The funds were used to assist with some of the outstanding medical bills.

Project total – $4,000.00

Food Bank
The Food Bank is a necessity for the well-being of the students and their families. Besides purchasing needed food items for the students, this project will help to fund items needed for the Food Bank office, such as a printer, a copier, etc.

Project total – $1,500.00

Direct-to-Student Aid
This past year we were able to assist three fourth year students with gifts of $1,000.00 each. With so many students in need of financial assistance, our goal is to assist a total of five students, each with a $1,000.00 gift.

Project total – $5,000.00

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Pederson Fieldhouse
The Fieldhouse is used for wellness classes, fitness classes and workouts, basketball games, intramural sports, and more. It is used not only by students but by their families, too. Ongoing renovations continue to take place in this building, including the recent installation of bleachers.
- Weight Room and Fitness Center – new exercise machines
- Sports Equipment – new volleyballs, basketballs, etc.
- Additional Exercise Room – TV and DVD player for wellness programs and exercise groups

Project total – $2,100.00

Community Nights
These suppers are held in Koburg Hall at least six times per quarter. They are fellowship evenings for students and their families. Spouses and children under the age of 6 receive meals at no charge. Generally there are over 100 in attendance.

Project total (to help cover cost of food) – $1,000.00

Community Space in the new Benidt Center
This room is upstairs in the newly renovated Koburg Hall. It is a community room that is used by both single and married students. There is a kitchen area for single students to prepare meals together. There are conference tables, a large screen television, a foosball table, and more. Since this has been newly constructed there are still some needs for ad
ditional amenities such as additional kitchen equipment and supplies.

Project total – $800.00

Seminary Chorus
Once again, assistance is appreciated for the fall and spring tours. It has been requested that the Guild be listed in the program as an "underwriter."

Project total – $500.00

Dorm Furnishings
The plan is to continue replacing dorm furn
ishings in the lounges of F & G, along with renovations and updating.

Project total – $2,000.00

Seminary Women’s Association (SWA)
This group of ladies appears to be the “heart-beat” of the campus — they plan various activities for families on campus and go on retreats together.

Project total – $500.00

Chapel
For the Dean of the Chapel, these are current needs:
- Chapel Vestments (albs/cassocks/surplices)
- Chapel Furnishings (banner stands, microphones, etc.)

Project total – $2,000.00

Student Etiquette Dinner
This project has been carried over from the 2011-2012 project list. This event is held every other year for the fourth year students and their spouses. It will be held in spring 2013.

Project total – $1,000.00

Landscaping
There are always expenses associated with landscaping needs to keep the campus a "green" space.

Project total – $1,000.00

Orientation Luncheon
This event is held in the fall during orientation week. It is for all incoming students (M.Div, deacons, SMP, EHT, CHS). The Guild will be listed as a sponsor and Guild information will be given to the students.

Project total – $1,500.00

Total – $25,500.00

All projects are funded with donations. The Guild holds no fundraisers. Project donations will be used for any of the Guild projects, unless they are specified for a particular project. For any project questions, please call 1-800-822-5287.

Thanks for your support!

Concordia Seminary Guild
Individual Membership ($8) Society Membership ($15)

A yearly Guild membership is from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Have you paid your dues for this current year?

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Project Fund Donation

Total

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