



CONCORDIA SEMINARY  
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI  
JUNE 2, 2020

**ACTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS – CONCORDIA SEMINARY**

**To Issue A New Call for Candidates for President of Concordia Seminary**

**Background:** On May 16, 2020, the Electors of Concordia Seminary elected Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr. as seminary president, and the Board of Regents issued a call to him to serve as president. On May 27, 2020, Dr. Rast declined the call.

Synod Bylaw 3.10.5.6.2(m) provides: “Whenever a call is declined, the chairman of the board of regents shall give notice in an official periodical of the Synod and shall promptly call another meeting of the electors, at which meeting the call may be reissued or another person may be elected from among the remaining candidates, or the board of regents may be requested by the electors to issue a new call for candidates.”

**Whereas**, at a special meeting on June 2, 2020, the Electors requested that the Board of Regents issue a new call for candidates for President of Concordia Seminary;

**Be it therefore resolved:**

1. The Board hereby approves the issuance of a call for candidates for President of Concordia Seminary in the form attached, with nominations due to be received by August 31, 2020 and published on September 15, 2020. The Board Secretary is directed to publish the call for nominations as specified in Synod Bylaws. Only new nominations received after the issuance of this call for nominations will be considered; previous nominations will be discarded. The Board Secretary will remain the Board Designee for receipt of nominations.
2. The Chairman is authorized to submit nominations for President on behalf of the Board of Regents through the following process: any Board member may submit names to the Board Chairman by 5 p.m. PT on August 20, and the Board Chairman shall then submit all such names, as the Board’s nominees, to the Board Designee, with a copy to the Board.
3. The board members on the existing presidential search committee will continue to serve.

**Adopted by the Board of Regents in executive session, June 2, 2020 [20-69]. Attachment**

**Attachment**

Form of Call for Nominations

The Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has announced his intent to retire effective June 30, 2020. Therefore, the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary, with the approval of the President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, herewith issues a call for the nomination of candidates for the presidency of Concordia Seminary. Nominations must be filed with the undersigned by August 31, 2020 (Bylaw 3.10.5.6.2(b)). Nominations filed prior to June 2, 2020 will not be considered.

The duties and responsibilities of the president of the Seminary are specified in Bylaw 3.10.5.6 in the Synod Handbook.

Nominations may be submitted only by congregations of the Synod, the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary and the faculty of Concordia Seminary (Bylaw 3.10.5.6.2(a)).

A suggested form for nominations is available at [csl.edu/president-search](http://csl.edu/president-search). Use of the form is not required, but nominations from congregations must be submitted in writing (including by electronic copy), and must contain, at minimum, the name, city and district of the congregation; the date of the meeting at which the nomination was made; the name(s) and location(s) of the nominee(s); and the signatures and printed names of the pastor and two officers of the nominating congregation.

Nominations should be delivered by email to [boardsecretary@csl.edu](mailto:boardsecretary@csl.edu) or by mail to Mark O. Stern, Secretary, Concordia Seminary Board of Regents, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105. Nominations must be postmarked (mail) or received (email) no later than August 31, 2020. A list of the nominees who meet the bylaw qualifications for the office and who have consented to let their names stand for election will be submitted for publication in an official periodical of Synod, and posted on the Seminary website, by September 15, 2020.

By authority of the Board of Regents, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis,

Mark O. Stern, Secretary

**ACTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS – CONCORDIA SEMINARY**

**To Appoint An Interim President for Concordia Seminary**

**Background:** The Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has announced his intent to retire effective June 30, 2020. A new president will not be available to serve on July 1, 2020, and therefore, the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary must appoint an interim president to ensure the proper functioning of the institution.

**Findings:** After careful consideration of the needs of the Seminary, the Board finds as follows:

1. Dr. Meyer has assembled a highly qualified administrative team. However, to avoid disrupting this team by removing any member from his current role and thereby creating cascading vacancies, it is appropriate to appoint an interim president outside the seminary administrative structure to enable the administrative team members to continue to operate in their current vocations.
2. It is also appropriate and in the best interests of the Seminary to select as interim president a churchman with lengthy and significant leadership experience, well known and respected within the Synod, who has agreed that he will not seek nor accept nomination to serve as permanent president of the Seminary, so that he may devote his full and undivided attention to the work at hand without concern for a future role. It is not necessary that this person serve on the faculty of Concordia Seminary.

**Be it therefore resolved:**

1. The Board hereby appoints Dr. Daniel Preus as Interim President of Concordia Seminary, beginning July 1, 2020, to serve until the 11th President of the Seminary is duly elected and installed into office.
2. Salary and benefits for the Interim President shall be established by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents within the range set for the seminary president by the Board at its May 15, 2020 meeting.

**Adopted by the Board of Regents in executive session, June 2, 2020 [20-71].**