

Our mission is clear. Concordia University needs to empower and equip more church workers. To this end, a partnership between the Michigan District Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and Concordia University was reaffirmed and The Future is Now, Michigan District, LCMS Church Worker Endowment was signed into action.

“Concordia University and the Michigan District share a close and special partnership,” says Rev. C. William Hoesman, President of the Michigan District LCMS. “Over many years we have partnered together to identify, support, and equip workers for the Kingdom. The Future is Now - Michigan District Church Worker Endowment, which we recently and cooperatively established as part of The District’s 125th Anniversary Celebration, is another indication of how God allows two organizations to work as one for the purpose of training our next generation of professional church workers. We at the Michigan District are most proud and appreciative of Concordia University and its commitment to serving the students of our District.”

The objective of this joint effort is to increase the number of Michigan District students entering careers as professional church workers. Sometimes our students begin their freshman year not yet knowing what they want to major and minor in. After arriving, fostered from within a Christian environment, they grow spiritually and come to realize God’s plan for them. And then there are students who come to Concordia whom God has called at a very early age. Concordia University offers a variety of majors for our students who desire to become professional church workers. Our thoughts traditionally envision students majoring in Lutheran Teacher Education, Family Life Ministry, or Pre-Seminary; however, some students may choose a degree in Church Music or perhaps

Parish Communication and Leadership, as well.

Concordia University is ready and able to equip, train, and foster this next generation of church leaders, to help make their paths straight by reducing financial barriers that our church work students may face. The Future is Now, Michigan District, LCMS Church Worker Endowment for scholarships is essential for the future of Concordia University and the Church.

We are all missionaries of Jesus Christ, called for service in a variety of ways. Our prayers and support will ensure these students who are called to the mission field to have the opportunity and resources they need in order to respond to God’s holy invitation.

Jesus beautifully illustrates in His final parable to His disciples, “I am the vine and you are the branches.”

You are the branches ...

If you or your congregation would be interested in making a gift to The Future is Now, Michigan District, LCMS Church Worker Endowment for scholarships, please contact Debbi Torbet at 734.995.7327 or torbed@cuaa.edu or Jenna Roubal at 888.225.2111 or jenna.roubal@michigandistrict.org.

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A Partnership Reaffirmed by Debbi Torbet

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"the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" Matthew 9:37

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