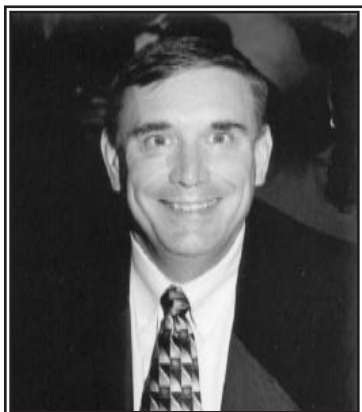


# CHS Graduations a Fulfillment of Ministry Vision



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also a time for graduations. This Spring, the Concordia House of Studies is blessed to have five individuals complete their course of studies in the traditional college program.

Kelley Schumacher became the first person to complete all seven courses in the CHS curriculum at our Gainesville site. In addition to completing the Lutheran Teaching Certificate with CHS, Kelley received her Bachelor's degree in education from the University of Florida and has begun a graduate program in education.

In Orlando, four individuals completed the Lutheran Teaching Certificate program and will be certified as such by Concordia-Bronxville. Wendy Clark is a kindergarten teacher at St. Luke's Lutheran School-Oviedo, and by completing her Lutheran Teacher Certificate (LTC) she is eligible

to receive a call and be enrolled as a commissioned minister – teacher in the LCMS.

Kate Walker of Grace-Jacksonville completed the CHS curriculum and will also be certified by Concordia-Bronxville to receive the Lutheran Teaching Certificate. She will complete her education degree from UCF in the Fall and hopes to find a position in early childhood in a Lutheran school.

Christi Wilkins, a member of St. Luke's-Oviedo, has completed all of her course work for the LTC. Christi will return to UCF for one more year of classes before she receives her teacher certification. Meanwhile, Donna Wilkins has already completed her education program, but is not currently seeking employment in that field beyond her service in Sunday School.

This Spring also was a time for celebration for some CHS

alumni. John Turner of Risen Savior-Palm Bay is a student at Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne. In April, he received his vicarage placement to Faith-Craig, CO, a congregation of the Rocky Mountain District. This placement is called a "deferred" vicarage since John completed all three years of his seminary studies before vicarage. His vicarage assignment will most likely also serve as his first pastoral placement in one year.

Eric Estes, a student at Concordia Seminary-St. Louis, is another CHS alumnus to receive vicarage placement. Eric, a member of Prince of Peace-Orlando, will serve his one year vicarage at Shepherd of the Coast-Palm Coast, FL. He will return to St. Louis to complete his seminary studies in the Fall of 2007.

Finally, Megan Loomis, a member of St. Luke's-Oviedo and an alumna of CHS, received her DCE internship placement from Concordia University-Nebraska. Megan will serve her internship at Christ the

Redeemer Lutheran Church-Phoenix, AZ, working in the areas of youth and family life, small groups and lay mobilization.

Under the blessing of our gracious God, what began as a vision continues to become a reality. This month more students have completed their studies and are serving as a Director of Christian Education, teachers and vicars in the church.

The Concordia House of Studies is a tool right here in the Florida-Georgia District that provides instruction, learning opportunities and services to students seeking enrichment, church work certification and/or admission to seminary study within the context of the Lutheran tradition.

*If you would like additional information about how the Concordia House of Studies may be helpful to you, please contact Dr. Wayne Wilke, Director of CHS. You can call him in Orlando locally at 407-857-5556, ext 5, toll free at 877-457-5556, ext. 5, or via e-mail at [wwilke@flga-lcms.org](mailto:wwilke@flga-lcms.org).*



*Pictured after Concordia House of Studies graduation ceremonies on April 23 are (left to right) Wendy Clark, Donna Wilkins, Dr. Wayne Wilke, Christi Wilkins and Kate Walker*

The Concordia House of Studies began as a vision for ministry in the hearts of many in the Florida-Georgia District. We thank God for the vision of those women and men who believed that a new way of preparing people for church work could succeed in this District.

Church consultant George Barna says, "Vision for ministry is a reflection of what God wants to accomplish through us to build His kingdom." We also thank God for the men and women who have answered God's call to serve in His Kingdom by enrolling as students to be educated and prepared for service in the Kingdom.

May and June mark not only the end of the school year, but

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