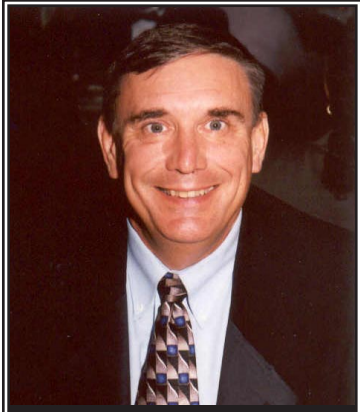


# New Partnership Expands District Church-Work Student Opportunities



## HIGHER EDUCATION NETWORK

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"Back in the day..."  
"When I was a child..."  
"I remember when..."

Each phrase has the capacity to invoke nostalgia in some — and dread in others. While it is often beneficial to look at how things used to be, there is the danger that you will be disparaging how things are now. With that in mind, let me reminisce for a bit.

The "Concordias" used to be perceived as single-purpose schools, with "Concordia Teachers College" specifically tasked with preparing teachers for Lutheran schools and "Concordia Senior College" set up to provide

a rigorous pre-seminary experience for its male student body.

Back in the day, Missouri Synod colleges had narrowly defined missions, dress codes and curfews for students, who not only could not be married, they could not even be engaged.

Today Lutheran higher education is much different. Schools are much more diverse with more different programs to students who have more vocational options. The colleges and universities of the church not only serve the needs of church work students, but also the need to educate and form lay leaders for the church, equipping students for witness and service in home, workplace, community and congregation. Within this diverse student body, it is vitally important to value the preparation of church work students.



The Concordia House of Studies (CHS) was initiated in 2000 to bring church work programs to students in Florida and Georgia. Since its inception, CHS

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has partnered with Concordia-Bronxville to provide traditional college coursework for students preparing for church work vocations. This partnership has provided a means to bring the Lutheran Teacher Certificate program to Florida-Georgia as well as pre-seminary courses.

Beginning in the Fall of 2007, CHS will expand its partner relationships to include Concordia University-St. Paul, MN (CSP). While valuing a diverse student body preparing students for a wide variety of vocations, CSP has created the College of Vocation and Ministry to especially focus on church vocations.

The College of Vocation and Ministry is an innovation committed to providing an excellent academic program for students preparing for church vocations. The Concordia House of Studies will partner with the College of Vocation and Ministry to provide even more options for students going into full-time ministry positions.

CHS and the College of Vocation and Ministry are passionate about educating and

Christian Outreach, Director of Parish Music, Director of Family Life, and pre-Deaconess. C H S and CSP will also work together

- RLG 206: New Testament - 3 credits
- RLG 241: Church History - 3 credits

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to assist professionals serving in the church to receive full certification in the DCE, DCO, DPM and DFLM colloquy programs offered by CSP.



For at least the next year, these classes will be offered in Orlando in 15-week sessions that meet one night a week for three hours. CHS is working with CSP to develop a hybrid delivery system that will combine face-to-face class settings with online instruction. This online instruction will enable more students to enroll who have been unable in the past because of a weekly commute over long distance to class. The face-to-face components will preserve many of the benefits of live in-class instruction while providing more opportunities to participate.

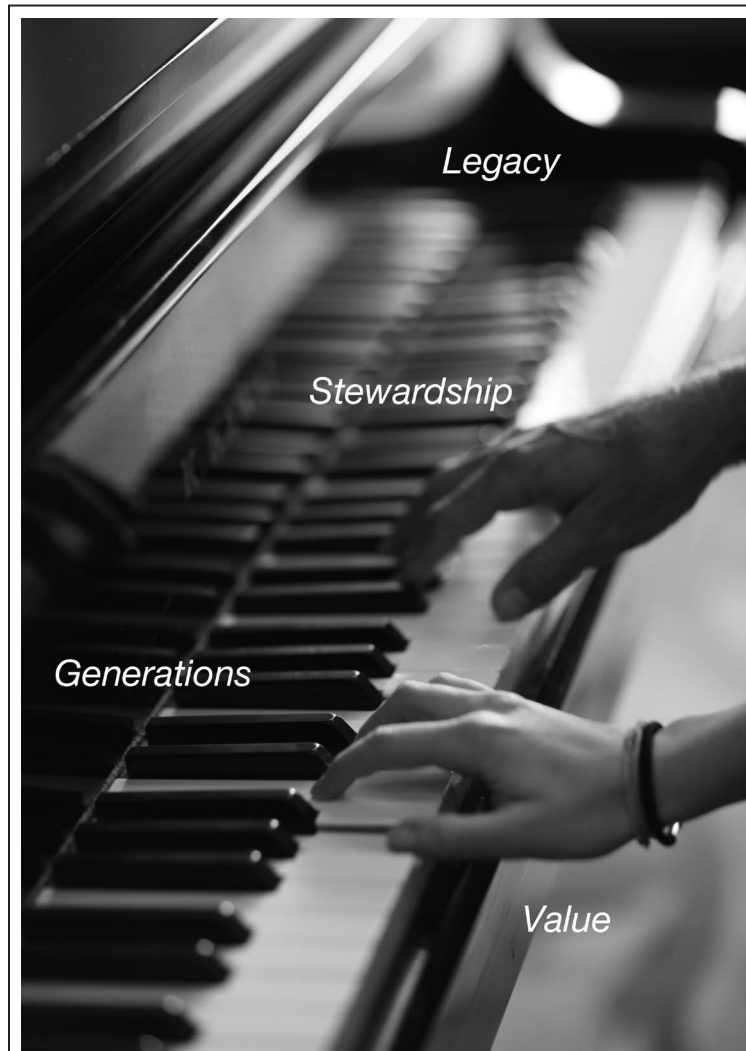
The new curriculum is the Confessional Lutheranism Minor from CSP plus a two-credit Education class on Teaching the Faith. The following courses are included in the curriculum:

- RLG 203: Old Testament Narrative - 3 credits

- RLG 303: Old Testament II - 2 credits
- THY 330: Our Living Faith - 4 credits
- THY 341: Lutheran Confessional Writings - 3 credits
- THY 422: Christian Ministry and Practice - 3 credits
- ED 432: Teaching the Faith - 2 credits

The tentative schedule is to offer "Old Testament Narrative" and "Our Living Faith" beginning the week of August 20 in Orlando. Tuition for classes beginning in August will be \$135 per credit hour. Full details regarding specific days and times will be available on the District webpage in June. Go to [www.flga-lcms.org](http://www.flga-lcms.org) and click on the "House of Studies" icon and then "2007 courses." Here you will find everything you need to know, including the option to register.

If you have any questions about how CHS can assist you in your educational plans, please feel free to contact Dr. Wilke in Orlando locally at 407-457-5556, ext 113, toll free at 877-457-5556, ext. 113, or via e-mail at [wwilke@flga-lcms.org](mailto:wwilke@flga-lcms.org). □



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forming professional church workers by an exploration of the Christian faith from the perspective of Lutheran theology.

This new partnership will provide most of the coursework for programs such as Director of Christian Education, Director of

## New Web Site Launched for LCMS Youth Workers

Supported in part by a church wide grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation, theSource for Youth Ministry, an online resource managed by LCMS Youth Ministry, released a new look and function in late March.

The site update celebrates three years of theSource providing Lutheran resources for those at work in congregational youth ministry settings.

"There are literally hundreds, if not thousands, of online publications available for youth workers. We are not trying to recreate the wheel, but con-

tribute a distinctly Lutheran spin to the larger youth ministry conversation taking place throughout the church," said Gretchen Jameson, Associate Director for LCMS Youth Ministry and managing editor for theSource.

"Each month, theSource takes on an issue significant for youth workers. Sometimes we focus on program and youth-specific concerns, other months we focus on youth theory, youth worker training, and articles designed to nurture and equip the leader," Jameson continued.

Each month's theme is also complimented by a four-part Bible study for use in congregational youth and church leadership settings.

The Source allows users to create profiles, store favorite articles and participate in forum conversation with other Lutheran youth workers. The new site includes an archive that can be viewed and searched by topic or favorite author.

theSource for Youth Ministry is a free resource of the LCMS Youth Ministry Office and can be accessed online at [www.youthSource.com](http://www.youthSource.com). □

