

## WTS Board of Directors and Foundation Trustees Meet in Joint Session

The Wartburg Theological Seminary Board of Directors and Foundation Trustees meet jointly each fall and spring on the Wartburg Seminary campus. This spring they met on April 28-30. Here are some highlights of the work done this spring by these volunteers who do so much to guide and support the mission of Wartburg Seminary:

- Approved granting degrees and certificates to candidates, upon completion of requirements
- Authorized the President to appoint the Rev. Dr. Martin Lohrmann to a tenure-eligible position as Assistant Professor of Lutheran Confessions and Heritage
- Made tenure eligible the faculty position of Associate Professor of Missional Leadership, held by Dr. Kristine Stache. She will also be the Director of Learning for Life, overseeing certificate programs and continuing education
- Expressed sincere thanks to the Rev. Dr. Gwen Sayler for her years of service as Director for Lifelong Learning
- Expressed thanks to six Directors and Trustees who have concluded their board service, most after serving twelve years
- Received a report on the Executive Committee's annual review of the President and commended his leadership
- Received financial, mission support, academic, and enrollment reports that indicate WTS is strong and operating in a way that is economically and educationally sustainable and forward looking – engaging God's future
- Considered and improved a draft document on key WTS messages to undergird our communication, marketing, and recruitment work
- Joined the community for the installation to tenure of the Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Giere, Associate Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Interpretation
- Changed the Rev. Dr. Craig Nesson's faculty title to Professor of Contextual Theology and Ethics, to acknowledge his normal teaching responsibilities and expertise
- Reviewed the balanced 2015 draft budget which will be presented for final approval in June
- Approved student-initiated amendments to the WAS Constitution and Bylaws
- Reviewed ongoing plans for fund raising, including the Engaging God's Future Comprehensive Campaign
- Met with investment managers from Heartland Financial
- Expressed appreciation for the work of all faculty and staff, including those who graciously handle preparation and hospitality for their meetings
- Through a resolution, the Board of Directors of Wartburg Theological Seminary expressed its appreciation and gratitude for the leadership of seminary president, Stanley N. Olson, who has "moved the seminary forward on a path, dedicated to God, and lighted by carefully crafted mission goals." The resolution offered further thanks for, "President Olson's courageous leadership as shown by the revitalized health of the institution and its faculty, staff, and students."

