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TRINITY LUTHERAN SEMINARY AT CAPITAL UNIVERSITY
Report to 2018 Synod Assemblies

Greetings in the name of our Triune God!

On January 1, 2018, Trinity Lutheran Seminary became Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. We are not the first ELCA seminary to merge into an ELCA university, but we are the first such union where seminary and university are in the same geographical location. Already in the first few months of our new relationship, benefits abound, both financially, structurally, and programmatically. My own work as the new Dean of the Seminary is enhanced by collaboration with Capital University President Beth Paul and her administrative team.

Trinity's mission remains strong and clear: *forming leaders for Christ's church at work in the world.*

In May 2018, the first class of M.Div. students in Trinity's unique 2+2 curriculum will graduate. Trinity students spend their first two years on campus, taking foundational courses, worshipping together, and growing in community. Students are then placed in two-year internships, during which they take additional coursework designed to enhance their practical learning. Initial feedback from our students, from their supervisors, and from the synods in which they serve is very positive.

In March, Trinity and Capital co-sponsored a visit from the Rev. Dr. Munib Younan, Bishop Emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and former president of the Lutheran World Federation. Bishop Younan visited both undergraduate and seminary classes, spoke to the community, and preached at the installation of our University Pastor. This is just one example of the ways in which Trinity and Capital can partner together for our mutual benefit.

Capital University's programs in areas such as social work, business, nursing, and law provide rich opportunities for forming and equipping candidates for ministries of Word and Service as well as the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We are also working with Capital's Conservatory of Music to strengthen our already rich offerings in church music.

As your partner in ministry, I ask three things of you:

- Encourage potential candidates for ministry to explore Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.
- Consider making a financial contribution to support the work of the seminary.
- Keep us in your prayers!

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

In Christ,

The Rev. Kathryn A. Kleinhans, Ph.D.
Dean of the Seminary

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