

# ELCA Fund for Leaders

The ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program supports students of tremendous promise attending ELCA seminaries. By making seminary more affordable, the ELCA Fund for Leaders enables more future ministers to go to seminary and helps them graduate with less debt, empowering those whom God calls into ministry to go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads. In the 2020-2021 academic year, the ELCA Fund for Leaders provided scholarship assistance of more than \$2.8 million in support of 297 future pastors and deacons.

We are church, and each of us has a unique role to play in furthering the mission and ministry of the church. Your [gift](#) to the ELCA Fund for Leaders ensures that highly talented individuals will be able to answer the call to leadership for this church and for our future.

We are grateful that the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod Fund for Leaders has provided a total of \$40,766.61 in scholarship awards since its inception. During the 2020-2021 academic year, the generosity of donors helped provide a total of \$4200 in scholarship support. This year, we are especially grateful for an increase that has almost doubled that support, in addition to a new separate scholarship fund in the name of Ascension Lutheran Church in Garland. They have left a legacy to their congregation that will continue to live on through this named scholarship for years to come.

The recipients of the scholarship assistance for this coming academic year are:

- Sean McConathy, Wartburg Theological Seminary (Recipient of the Ascension gift)
- Cheryl Herreid, Wartburg Theological Seminary
- JJ Dollarhide Godwin, Luther Theological Seminary
- Veronika Czutor, Luther Theological Seminary