

# 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 2021-22 academic year, the ELCA Fund for Leaders provided scholarship assistance of more than \$3.2 million in support of 317 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. By designating those gifts to the NT-NL Synod Fund for Leaders, you are specifically helping seminary students from this synod in future years.

We are grateful that the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod Fund for Leaders has provided a total of \$48,866.61 in scholarship awards since its inception. While the amount available each year varies due to investment outcomes, during the 2021-22 academic year, the generosity of donors helped provide a total of \$8100 in scholarship support. This year, we are also grateful for a separate scholarship in the name of Ascension Lutheran Church in Garland that funded an additional \$6600. They have left a legacy to their congregation that will continue to live on through this named scholarship for years to come.

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

- Olivia Riddle (St. Matthew, Fort Worth) attending Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
- Christine Cracchiolo (Abiding Grace, Southlake) attending Wartburg Theological Seminary (Recipient of the Ascension gift)