

LUTHERAN BRETHREN SEMINARY

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In Numbers 18:20, the Lord is giving instructions to Aaron regarding the priest's share of the offerings brought by Israel, a share that was designed to provide for the sustenance of the priests and their families. In that context the Lord says to Aaron, "You will have no inheritance in their land, nor will you have any share among them; I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelites."

Ministry gives rewards that most people in the pew don't have the opportunity to receive. Those called to study and teach and preach the Word gain the joy of the discovery of the gospel in a text. They get to fellowship with the Lord himself in exploring God's heart for a lost world. They are called to meditate on the wonder of the Cross and on the enormity of God's love.

Our LBS faculty are instilling this passion in the hearts of their students. They know that their graduates will most likely never be paid in ministry what they could make in other occupations. They desire that their students will hear and treasure the words of the Lord to Aaron, "I am your share."

We are grateful for these students and for the faculty who prepare and work hard in teaching and mentoring them. We are grateful for the support from our constituents who fund this ministry. We are grateful for you members of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren who make the well-being and effectiveness of LBS your concern.



FINANCIAL MATTERS

Revenue

- *Operations.* LBS surpassed its Operations goal by about \$15,000.
- *Donations.* We have again witnessed an outpouring of support through the Giving Hearts Day program. We are grateful to the Lord and thankful for our financial partners. We deeply appreciate the work of the CLB Associate for Advancement Ministry, Steve Tonneson, and the work of Director Troy Tysdal and of Tim Mathiesen in the Communications department. They put together a well-planned and a well-orchestrated effort.

Expenses

- LBS underspent in its budget categories. Mission Experience expenses were \$7,000 less than budgeted. We had budgeted for a full-time Director of Recruitment. However, the CLB Mission Team encouraged LBS not to hire that person. Instead, we have replaced that position with several very part-time Ministry Call Mentors. These persons help with encouraging the pastoral call by staying in touch with many of the persons in the LBS data base.
- We underspent in LBDI course development. This does not affect the bottom-line because LBDI is funded from deferred revenue rather than from contributions.

FACULTY UPDATES



This year, **Dr. Gaylan Mathiesen** will retire after 17 years teaching missions, evangelism, and Church history. We are grateful to the Lord for his ministry and will miss him very much.

LBS has called three new faculty members:



Dr. Nate Larsen teaches Supervised Ministry Experience courses as well as PT907 Spiritual Care and PT965 Personal Wellness in Ministry.



Dr. Joel Christenson will begin his role as Professor of Mission and Evangelism on August 1, 2022. He has been taking PhD

classes in Missiology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Accreditation requires faculty to be competent to teach in the area of their courses. This means minimally completing 18 credits of doctoral-level classes in the discipline.



Rev. Clint Knutson will complete his last PhD courses at Concordia Seminary-St. Louis in June 2022. After this, he

and his family will move from Birch Hills, Saskatchewan to Fergus Falls, MN. He will officially begin at LBS on August 1, 2022. Clint will work alongside Dr. Boe as he transitions to teaching all Systematic Theology courses in 2024.

2022 GRADUATES



Ellie Bourque
CTS

Preparing to serve with LBIM and study biblical languages next year at LBS



Aaron Christensen
MTS

Serving as chaplain at LB Homes



Russ Krause
CTS

Serving as pastor at Anchor of Hope LBC in Stanwood, WA



David Martin
MDiv

Serving as associate pastor at Pilgrim LBC, Mentor, OH



Drew Skog
MDiv

Accepted the call to Bunker Hill LBC in Princeton, NJ



Matt Smith
CTS

Commissioned to serve with LBIM in Chad, Africa



Matthias Szobody
MDiv

Serving at Liberty LBC in Fargo, ND

2022-23 PROPOSED BUDGET

The following are some of the necessary explanations and notable changes in the LBS proposed budget.

Revenue

- LBS J-Term Registration. LBS is developing a new format to replace J-Term and has scheduled this for October 13-15 with a budget of \$7K in both income and expense.
- Tuition. The budget goal is \$20K more than the goal in the current fiscal year and slightly less than actual.

Expenses

- LBS proposes to spend from Deferred Revenue:
 - \$30K for the Ministry Call Mentor positions. These are five persons who will give ten hours/month to assist and advance the ministry of encouraging the Call.
 - \$50K annually for the next three years to assist full-time, on-campus students with scholarships. The funds will be made available to the Scholarship Committee once their protocols have been established.
 - An amount to fund the salary of Clint Knutson because of having a duplication with both Rev. Knutson and Dr. Boe on the faculty.
 - \$40K to fund LBDI. This is an increase of approximately \$15K. Using these funds will depend on finding instructors to develop courses.
- Mission Experience. This is a non-international travel mission experience year. Consequently, there is a reduction from \$20K to \$2K on this line.
- AV Equipment. The LBS media specialist, Brent Andrews, is recommending a significant upgrade to chapel equipment that will allow distance students to preach in chapel

and also to be able to view the attenders. That is not the only reason for the upgrade, but it is one. The cost is approximately \$14K which will be amortized over five years.

- There is a significant increase for accreditation expenses. In 2017, LBS achieved its first ten-year status as an accredited institution. Once an institution receives the ten-year status, there is a five-year check-up. This involves a visit from TRACS and the payment of a fee for an increase of \$6,725 for this budget year.
- Total Expense. These proposed spending increases along with salary increases result in a \$75,236 overall increase in expenses above the current budget.
- While LBS considers the LBS Budget and the LBDI Budget as two separate items, we recognize that they are combined on the CLB budget. The proposed LBDI Budget includes a modest increase for the Director and the addition of \$15K for an Instructional Designer. This person will help instructors in developing their courses and will help manage the stages of development. It eliminates \$4K for social media support and video production in the belief that this will primarily be handled by the Communications department.

Thank you for your concern for the ministry of LBS. We are grateful for the Church we serve. We are grateful for the gifted and called students the Lord is raising up to carry the gospel into the next generation and around the world. I am grateful for the excellent work of Dr. Pribbenow as LBS Dean and for the faculty the Lord has called to prepare these new workers for the kingdom.

Dr. David Veum serves the Church of the Lutheran Brethren as President of Lutheran Brethren Seminary.