



July 12, 2013

Dear friends in Christ,

It is with great joy that we provide these materials to you in preparation for the upcoming NALC Convocation. As you may know, our NALC Theological Education Task Force has been hard at work assessing and evaluating our theological education needs and developing a plan to address those needs. This letter introduces the Theological Education Task Force report and recommendations.

Included in this mailing are two documents.

The first is the report and recommendations from the Theological Education Task Force, as approved by the NALC Executive Council and forwarded to the Convocation for action. There are two recommendations:

Be it resolved: That the Executive Council recommends that the 2013 Convocation of the North American Lutheran Church approve the establishment of the North American Lutheran Seminary as outlined in the NALS Proposal, comprised of a Seminary Center at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA, and Houses of Studies.

Be it resolved: That the 2013 Convocation authorize an expenditure of \$1,000,000 for theological education for the next sixteen months.

The second is a document titled "Questions and Answers," which hopes to provide answers to some of the most common questions regarding these recommendations. Although it is not possible to anticipate all the questions which might be asked, together with the Executive Council, we have tried to address the most obvious.

Because explanatory information is provided in the documents, this letter will not discuss the details of the report or recommendations. Please review the enclosed materials fully to understand the actions being asked of the Convocation delegates. For your information, these resolutions will require a simple majority to be approved.

We encourage all of our pastors and lay delegates to Convocation to take time to read the accompanying documents so they are prepared to vote on these recommendations. One of the responsibilities of delegates to the NALC Convocation is that of being sufficiently knowledgeable to participate in voting. Because all delegates are asked to vote on important matters, it is necessary that they come to Convocation prepared. Some congregations and congregation councils may choose to meet and discuss these recommendations to provide guidance to their lay delegates. This is appropriate and to be encouraged, if local congregations wish to do so. Our goal is to have voting delegates fully informed and prepared to vote at the Convocation. These materials are provided to ensure this.

Should you have further questions or desire other information, feel free to contact any one of our NALC staff or Executive Council members.

In His service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bishop John F. Bradosky".

Bishop John F. Bradosky

Enclosures