Call for applications:

Director of Lutheran Theological Studies

The Director of Lutheran Theological Studies will serve as the coordinator of Lutheran programs and activities in the Saskatoon Theological Union (STU). The DLTS will also be an important connection between the four Western synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and the STU.

Vision: The Director will have a deep commitment to the partnership within the STU between Lutheran and United Church theological education, along with a similar commitment to the four Western synods of the ELCIC. The Director is expected to work within the STU as its structure continues to develop, in partnership with all faculty and staff.

Time commitment: .5 FTE

Term: 1 year renewable

Reports to: LTS President or successor (may be adjusted as the STU structure develops)

Works closely with: Lutheran faculty, STU Common Faculty, STU Registrar

Memberships: STU Common Faculty, STU Course and Program Committee, others as required

Responsibilities:

1. Coordinating the Lutheran Theological Studies academic program, meeting the expectations of the STU, the ELCIC Candidacy Manual, and the four Western synods of the ELCIC.
    - oversees the development, implementation and review of the above academic programs and policies in a way that is consistent with the mission of the seminary and has the approval of the Faculty;
    - ensures that the seminary can meet its academic commitments to the students so that they can progress in a timely manner;
    - compiles the joint Faculty Senior Dossier Evaluations for graduating M.Div. and diaconal ministry students after input from the Faculty;

2. Representing the program in the candidacy committees (CCOM/CTEL) of the four Western synods of the ELCIC.
    - represents the STU's academic policies to the ELCIC as required;

3. Administering the Contextual Formation program, including organizing and supporting internships.
    - recruits internship sites that offer a variety of ministry experiences in Canada and occasionally outside of Canada;
    - interviews prospective interns, reviews applications and presents a list of potential interns to the faculty;
    - recruits supervisors that are mature and capable mentors;
    - Training:
        - orients prospective interns;
        - trains internship lay committees;
        - trains internship supervisors;
        - conducts workshops for internship teams as needed;
        - arranges training for concurrent contextual field placements;
    - helps resolve conflicts and problems in internship and field sites, arranging for external conflict mediation when required, and recommending to the faculty termination of internships according to the pertinent STU/LTS policies;
    - oversees the work of concurrent contextual formation including the policy "LTS Expectations of Students' Involvement in their Contextual Sites Prior to Internship;"
    - monitors the fulfilment of internship contracts, learning covenants and other required elements in the internship and field placement programs;
    - working with Lutheran Theological Studies faculty, assists with integrating contextual formation into the overall academic programming;

4. Participating in the communications and recruitment work of the STU, within the ELCIC.
    - reviews material for external constituents and prospective students to ensure it aligns with programming;
    - serves as a point-of-contact for admission into STU Lutheran Theological Studies programs;
    - in coordination with the president, attends ELCIC and synodical events to represent STU Lutheran Theological Studies academic and contextual programs;

5. Participating in the development of community among STU students, especially those in the Lutheran Theological Studies program
    - working with faculty, ensures that online students participate in community activities without negating their existing communities;

Qualifications:

- rostered status in the ELCIC or eligibility for such status
- advanced theological education is desired, with preference given to candidates with a doctoral degree (PhD, ThD, DMin) completed or nearing completion
- familiarity with the operations and structures of the ELCIC
- This position can be undertaken from a distance. Some travel will be expected, including visits to our Saskatoon offices and meetings elsewhere, ordinarily in Western Canada. Preference will be given to candidates residing in the territory of the four Western synods of the ELCIC (British Columbia, Alberta and the Territories, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario).

Applications:

- should include a cover letter responding to the job expectations, along with a curriculum vitae
- must be submitted to william.harrison@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca by 5 pm (Saskatoon time) on November 20, 2026
- finalists will be required to supply names and contact information for three references