

#### Introducing the new LTS Director of Communication and Development

Lutheran Theological Seminary is proud to introduce our new Director of Communication and Development, Glen Sorochuk. Glen comes to us with over 30 years of communications experience ranging from being an award winning Film Director to working with Saskatoon businesses and advertising agencies as a Campaign Manager on programs you have seen on television and in print. For the past several years, Glen has been creating the campaigns and programs of the Hospital Home Lotteries, raising millions of dollars for Sick Kids and Hospital Foundations. We welcome Glen to our team and he looks forward to meeting each and every one you as he participates in God's work for the future of the Seminary.

Contact Us: For more information about theological studies or to contribute to LTS and the ongoing nurture and challenge of all people for Christ-centered leadership and witness:

Glen Sorochuk - Director of Communication and Development

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AND watch out for our new website **COMING SOON!** 

#### Please Give!

A big thank you to all the generous people, congregations, and businesses who have donated to LTS over the past year.

You make the work of LTS possible.

#### We ask that you consider a special donation at this time.

Over the next year, we will be incurring some unusual costs for our move and for renovations to our new home. Any help that you can provide will be welcome, as we take up the Challenge of a new future!

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# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Lutheran Theological Seminary, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, nurtures and challenges all people for Christ-centered leadership and witness for God's mission in the world.

# Class of 2019: Taking Up The Challenge



Graduates pictured with LTS Faculty, and Bishop: (L to R from back) Dr. Ann Salmon, Bishop Sid Haugen, LTS President Dr. William Harrison, Dr. Gordon Jensen, Dr. Kristine Ruffatto, Dr. Cam Harder, Robin Haensel, Seth Perry Eric Partridge, Harley Johnson, Richard Hordern.



LTS Letter of Honour Recipient Lorne Calvert

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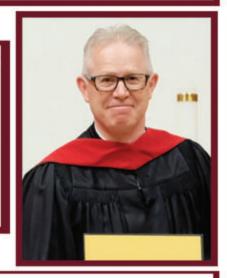


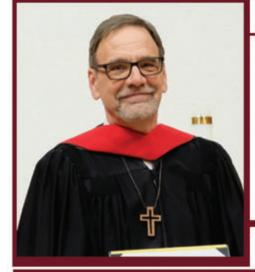
#### Robin Michael Haensel, BTh (Hon) DMin

This is the original call God placed on my life over 35 years ago. God has continually reminded me, "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it." He has indeed been faithful to fulfill his call upon my life. My journey through the DMin program has been yet another example of God faithfully sustaining me. He is the one I am most thankful to for reaching this goal. I am also thankful for the STU faculty, my Alliance family, my family and many friends that have encouraged me along the way. I am thankful for the people of Lacadena who have allowed me to pursue this passion. Most importantly, I am thankful to my wife Katherine who has been by my side throughout!

#### Harley Joel Johnson, BA. MDiv DMin

Forty-two years ago I enrolled at LTS to receive my Master's degree to qualify for ordination. These past four decades have been a great joy in serving Christ in pastorial ministry. Three years ago, in preperation for my retirement, I entered the joy and discipline of a DMin program. I thank my home congregation for the encouragement to utilize my study leave and base my research on Communion within Good Shepherd. I thank all the amazing and supportive connections within the Lutheran Seminary and the Saskatoon Theological Union. The encouragement has been very inspiring. I thank God for the strength to carry on. I thank my family and especially my wife Ami for gracious and patient understanding.





#### Eric James Partridge, BA. LLB. MDiv DMin

Seven centuries ago Meister Eckhart said, "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough." I think he was on to something all those years ago. Gratitude is at the centre of our worship, and our daily lives. Expressing gratitude can and does change who we are as children of God. Today, I especially thank our loving Creator for the opportunity to study gratitude and loneliness while at LTS. I thank my loving wife, Sara, the pastoral care team of St. Andrew, Sidney, and the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia for supporting me through this amazing process in so many ways, large and small. I have been richly blessed. Thank you.

#### Seth James Perry, BFA MDiv

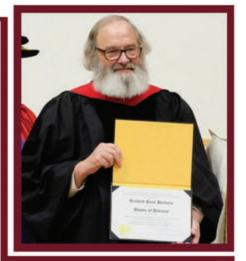
I have had a fulfilling and eventful five years at Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon. I would like to thank my fellow students, professors, staff, my family, the ELCIC, Hope Lutheran in Nanaimo, Christ the King Chapel Sauble Beach, Glory Lutheran, Bishop Larry, Bishop Greg and all the synods for support.

I started my seminary journey unsure of all my skills and abilities. The call process has shown me how to use my gifts that God has provided to serve all of creation. It has been a fun journey.



# Richard Paul Hordern, BA, MDiv, STM, MPhil, Phd, DDiv honoris causa

Richard Hordern holds the BA degree from St. Olaf College in Minnesota, his MDiv and STM degrees at LTS Saskatoon, and his MPhil and PhD degrees at Union Theological Seminary in New York. While in NY, he studied under many internationally recognized scholars growing up as a son to one of Canada's top theologians, William E. Hordern. After graduate studies, Richard began serving at Luther College in Regina as a professor and, later, president. In total, he was at Luther for forty years teaching courses, publishing countless articles, book reviews and a book on the history of Luther College on its 100th anniversary. His academic work has dealt with subjects such as the question asked by Pontius Pilate at the trial of Jesus, the frictions between the Missouri Synod Lutherans and other Lutherans in Canada, and exploring the history of Canadian churches. At the same time, he has always had a focus on peace, social justice, and poverty, skillfully



integrating academy and social practice. He is, or has been, a member of Lutherans Concerned, the Lutheran Peace Fellowship, Wascana Home Care Assoc., Ten Days for World Development, and the Student Christian Movement of Canada. Dr. Richard Horden continues to contribute to church and society, through thinking the faith and putting this faith into practice in his local community. His work continues to make an enduring impact upon the church. For these reasons, LTS is delighted to honor him with the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa.

## LTS: A New Path Forward



#### Good news!

I am pleased to announce that Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon (LTS) has chosen a new home. We will share the Lutheran Campus Centre at the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) in Saskatoon with Lutheran Campus Ministry. This building is located at 1302 College Avenue, close to the heart of the University and across the street from two of our good friends: St. Andrew's College (SAC) and St. Thomas More College. We anticipate relocating in the summer of 2020, taking up the challenge of contemporary theological education and formation in a new place that sustains and renews our familiar relationships while facilitating new ones.

We set out to be FAR-sighted, seeking Financial, Academic, and Recruiting benefits, and we believe that we have accomplished these goals while sustaining our innovative flexible-delivery curriculum. Our costs in the Campus Centre facility will be more sustainable. We will be more closely linked to Theology and Religious Studies schools on campus, and will have increased visibility in the university community. We will also be more engaged with the Lutheran community and others who meet through Lutheran Campus Ministry.

I thank God and all of you for the support that we have received through our discernment process over the last 18 months and for the friendships made and deepened. Your engagement, your prayers, and your financial generosity enable us to move forward in response to God's call to Be Challenged.

Yours in Christ, The Rev. Dr. William Harrison