

Official Adoption Agreement For the

Direct Support of Mission Project

RIGA LUTHER ACADEMY - LIVONIAN LUTHERAN PROJECT

Project # BA0004-63321



“Neither you nor I could ever know anything about Christ...unless it were offered to us and granted to our hearts by the Holy Spirit.” – Martin Luther, Large Catechism, II.38. There is a

scarcity of local confessional Lutheran pastors to the preach the Gospel in the Eurasia Region, in local languages. The Livonia Project, which is titled after the historic regional name for modern-day Latvia and Estonia used at the time of the Lutheran Reformation in 1522, seeks to improve this situation. With our partner church in Latvia, we have developed an online English-based theology curriculum at the bachelor's level that parallels the accredited Latvian language theology curriculum of the Riga Luther Academy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (LELB). This degree is a four-year, 40-course program that includes in-person practicums. The curriculum will afford men seeking to become pastors, a Bachelor of Theology Professional degree, which after three years of study plus a year of vicarage, is designed to lead to ordination into the office of the public ministry of confessional Lutheran churches. The initiative will serve five partner churches in pastoral formation to begin with. The curriculum is designed especially for distance-learning with students who wish to study confessional Lutheran theology on track to becoming pastors, and who are able to function with English as a second language. We have some of the top theological educators within the LCMS to work on this initiative. Without financial help from supporters, such an endeavor is impossible. We need to remunerate those participating in the development process for their contribution, travel, office, technology, reproduction of materials and other costs. Beyond the initial costs of creating and rolling out this online degree program, we are seeking to build up an endowment fund with which to offer needs-based scholarships to incoming pastoral candidates, as appropriate. In addition to partnering and supporting us in prayer, we are seeking to raise a total of \$16,000 from our contributors in phase one. Your support will go toward Concordia Study bibles, books, courseware and software licensing (in year one). This will be an annual project that will shift funds from startup and development to operations and a scholarship fund (in year two). Our annual support need is \$90,000.

Amount of support Pledged from our Family or Organization \$ _____
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WE HEREBY AGREE TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROJECT, FORWARDING THE PROCEEDS

TO: MISSION CENTRAL

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Our Gift will be sent: () Once with this agreement, () At the end of one year
() Semi-Annually () Quarterly () Monthly

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