
Lutheran

Evan E. Boyd, Convener

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Evan E. Boyd, United Lutheran Seminary, Convener
- Elli Cucksey, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University
- Susan Ebertz, Wartburg Theological Seminary
- Lisa Hearn, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Richard Lammert, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne
- Sandy Leach, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Roger Peters, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne
- Robert Roethemeyer, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne
- Armin Siedlecki, Emory University
- Robert Smith, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne

INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS

United Lutheran Seminary

- ULS Library had one resignation and one retirement during the year. They will be filling the archivist role in the coming year.
- ULS has elected its new president, the Rev. Dr. Guy Erwin, current bishop of the Southwestern California Synod of the ELCA. His term begins August 1, 2020.
- Multiple digital collections are about to go live.
- An ArchivesSpace instance has been installed and finding aids are slowly being added.
- Fall 2020 will be offered online fully.

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

- New library catalog for LTSS and ULS went live in Summer 2019.
- Two faculty retirements and a new professor of Lutheran studies has been hired for one of the openings.
- Sandy Leach is retiring on June 30, 2020, and the hiring process is going smoothly.
- Still planning for fall (in person, online, etc.).

Wartburg Theological Seminary

- President resigned in December 2020. An interim is in place and Wartburg is currently searching for a replacement.
- Two new faculty hires in systematic theology and liturgical studies.
- Most students were already online; it was not a major transition when COVID-19 forced everyone online.
- Have not yet made a decision about residential classes this fall.

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

- Been closed since mid-March for COVID-19.
- Nothing has yet been announced about fall classes yet.
- Had a failed search for new president of Capital University. A two-year interim will be in place.
- Trinity has hired a Bible professor.
- Capital University libraries do not have a director at this time. The libraries are currently down two librarians.

JKM Library Trust

- Library Director search has been placed on hold.
- McCormick is online all fall. LSTC has the possibility of small, in-person classes, but most will be online.

Concordia Seminary—St. Louis (notes from Robert Roethemeyer)

- Ben Haupt, library director since 2013, has been moved into the associate provost of the seminary position.
- Paul Robinson, a member of the history faculty, has been moved into the library director position.
- Concordia Seminary will have an interim president.

Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne

- Have been online since mid-March, though staff in the library have continued to come in.
- Book pick-up and drop-off services have been active. Also scanning of articles and reference materials.
- Reference services have been online with Google Meet.
- Face-to-face instruction resumed on June 1.
- Late-March HLC and ATS accreditation visits are rescheduled to late October.
- Robert Smith developed a 50-page, 5-year bibliography for *Luther-Jahrbuch*.
- Digitized 40 linear feet of audio cassettes recorded at CTSFW. Slowly adding to the Seminary's digital repository.

Emory University

- Closed to the public for the time being. Fall is not yet decided.
- Emory is getting a new president in August—Gregory Fenves from University of Texas at Austin.
- Candler School of Theology dean Jan Love is interim provost of the University, but will resume her position as dean of the seminary once the provost position is filled.
- Annual Reformation celebration will be online.
- Kessler Research Fellowship—three the next school year (though not on campus).

OTHER NEWS

Lutheran Historians & Archivists Conference

- Back in November 2019, a gathering of scholars of Lutheran history and archivists of Lutheran collections (LCMS, ELCA, WELS, and a few smaller Lutheran denominations represented).
- Table conversations were a great opportunity to get historians to meet archivists and archivists to meet historians (learning how each works).
- One thing folks learned was the strong desire from historians for greater electronic access to serials. CTS-FW has all LCMS publications since 1930 digitized for the public (except *Concordia Journal*).
- A summary of the event was shared on the Atla Lutherans list-serv by Robert Roethemeyer.