



Roland D. Martinson

**Emeritus Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean
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Roland Martinson came to Luther Seminary as assistant professor in 1977 and was named professor of pastoral theology and ministry, pastoral care, in 1982. He chaired the committee which created the new curriculum introduced at Luther Seminary in 1993. In 2001 Martinson was installed as Carrie Olson Baalson Professor of Children, Youth and Family Ministry. Now Professor Emeritus, he most recently served for five years as Luther Seminary's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean.

Ordained in 1968, he was pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Glendale, Calif., until 1974, when he became pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Fargo, N.D.

A summa cum laude graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., Martinson earned the B.D. degree from Luther Seminary in 1968. He received the S.T.D. degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1978. He was scholar-in-residence at the Institute for Religion and Wholeness at Claremont, Calif. (1985-86), and attended the California Family Study Center in Burbank and The National Training Lab at Monterey while in the parish.

"Rollie" was the project director of the landmark *Exemplary Youth Ministry Study* funded by the Lily Foundation and convener of the leaders of the seven denominations for the study. He has been a life-long enthusiastic youth minister, as well as a trainer and supporter of youth ministers, youth ministry, and the church. He was a participant the Search Institute's original "Effectiveness of Christian Education" study.

His works include: *The Spirit and Culture of Youth Ministry* (2010); *OMG: A Youth Ministry Handbook* (2010); *Coming of Age* (2006); *Gearing Up for Youth Ministry in the 21st Century* (1992); *Effective Youth Ministry, A Congregational Approach* (1988); *Bringing Up Your Child and Ministries with Families* (1986); and *A Joyful Call to Ministry* (1982).