

Blessed All Saints' Day to you, my fellow co-workers in the vineyard. Greetings in the Name of Him who has made you His saints! Amen!

"O saints, sing with that happy throng! Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Re-deemer's song!" - LSB 676 stz.3

After the departure of our three visiting professors this past month (October), regular classes began. The students adjusted quickly to the normal routine.

The orientation of new students, which was scheduled for last month (October) went well.

LCN hosted a Symposium for the 501st Reformation Celebration, the first of its kind here. The theme was "SYNERGISM IN CHRISTENDOM." There were three lectures, two on the 30th followed by Vespers in the evening, and the final lecture/paper on the 31st with Divine Service Setting 5 from LSB.

Considering the fact that 45 students graduated this past academic year, and that in the past 6 years we have been averaging 35 students graduating each year, some of you might ask why are the reapers still few? Simple, the truth is this, they were all placed in congregations and most were even asked to start missions in some cases. However, the seminary needs additional expertise for training other students into the Office of the Holy Ministry. This cannot ultimately be achieved by a lone missionary and / or short-term visiting professors who 1) short-change their home congregations and / or primary assignments like seminary teaching, etc. and 2) struggle with recent complicated Visa processes initiated by some African countries that are making it more difficult for them to come to teach. Our visiting professors have been very helpful, but they also see the need and have, in fact, suggested that some of our new graduates be trained in U.S.

It was as a result of this that for three years now I have been advocating for funding to send recent graduates (those who have graduated from JEM Lutheran Seminary in the past 3-5 years) to either of our LC-MS Seminaries in the U.S. for further training to become professors back here at JEM Lutheran Seminary, raising up the next generation of confessional pastors to be part of the faculty of this Seminary under the tutelage of visiting professors and myself. This would give stability and longevity to the Seminary program for the next generation of students / pastors. It would also enable the Seminary to continue to function fully without interruption during the periods when I need to return to the States

for the purpose of raising my ongoing support. (As most of you are aware now, LC-MS career missionaries are required to raise their own financial support each year.)

If two or three graduates for the next three four years could travel to the United States for further studies at either of our two LC-MS Seminaries, it would go a long way toward filling the six spots needed, minimum, to staff the departments.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY: ALL SAINTS' DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one Holy Communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Prayer Requests:

- 1) Pray that one or two individuals and / or our LCMS seminaries here in the U.S. will come to journey with me in this mission field, especially this particular aspect of further training for the indigenous pastors to help out in the Seminary here in Africa, and in the Districts and Zones.
- 2) Continue to pray for the health and safety of the students and myself.

#### Snippets:

- 1) There is Lutheran Council coming up in November. Lutheran Council is the highest governing body of LCN.
- 2) A former Rector of JEM Lutheran Seminary died. His burial is going to be next week.

Sincerely in-Christ,

Fr. Wokoma.

1 Tim. 1:15.

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