Concordia Seminary

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**Project Name and Key Objectives**

Title: Financial Preparedness for Ministry

The three key goals of the project are:

1. Conduct research into the causes and consequences of student debt.

2. Assist students in limiting debt.

3. Assist new pastors in addressing debt.

**Significant Activities of the Project to Date**

1. Acquiring the services of Dr. Patrick Rochford. He is a research consultant with strong expertise and broad experience in studying the topic of student debt.

2. Setting the foundation to provide every seminarian with Financial Peace University resources and the opportunity to participate in the nine session program.

3. Training two districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the Antioch Project. The Antioch Project is a process designed for districts working with congregations to assist seminarians in transitioning to full time ministry.

4. Presentation of this project to the District Stewardship Leaders’ Conference of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

**Resources Discovered or Produced**

“Seasons of Change” resource produced by the Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to assist districts working with congregations who are welcoming seminarians into first calls.

Dave Ramsey’s *Financial Peace University*.

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