

#4 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: MAKING JESUS KNOWN TO THE WORLD, CONCORDIA SEMINARY — \$5,000

Leader: **Concordia Seminary** has many international students who are among their church body's top theology scholars. Most of them will, after earning their advanced theological degrees, become the seminary professors back home. They will be raising up the next generation of pastors to carry out the Great Commission.

R1: *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"* (Romans 10:14,15 NIV)

Leader: Because many of these international students are from developing countries, they receive little support from their home churches. Educating future pastors from their homelands is the most effective way to reach out to the unsaved in these countries. Our mite offerings will help spread the Gospel call of the Great Commission throughout the world.

R2: *"Go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28: 19-20a NIV).

Leader: Our LWML South Dakota mission grant of \$5,000 will help these future seminary professors equip the local pastors in their work. What a privilege it is to be able to impact the world for Christ! Fifty students representing 25 different countries are now attending **Concordia Seminary** in St. Louis, Missouri. Let us join together and sing:

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- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 With God there is no tribe or race; In Him we all are one.
He loves us as His children through Our faith in His dear Son.
- 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as His child Is surely kin to me.

Leader: This song is our prayer to you, dear Father! Bless our international students in their studies! In the name of the one who saves, Jesus Christ! Amen!