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Collaborations in Various Areas of Ministry between CLS and CLTS

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The following list of collaborations demonstrates much of what is currently taking place between the two seminaries of LCC:

1. Joint faculty meetings, twice a year online, periodic in-person retreats (2020, 2025). These include ongoing work on aligning courses and curriculum to facilitate course sharing and student transfer.
2. Both seminary presidents have shared the podium for verbal greetings and oral report at LCC conventions for the past decade.
3. Annual Joint Boards of Regents meetings (January/February)
4. Some joint publicity, for example, when a seminary president speaks in a public venue or leads a worship service and mentions both seminaries
5. *Lutheran Theological Review*, jointly published annually with articles from the seminary faculties as well as other authors.
6. The Registrars endeavour to create a common chronological calendar to enable course sharing. The March break (reading week) is co-ordinated, when possible.
7. Shared courses between the seminaries, including courses (in an appendix to this document) that have been shared during the past five years (list from Academic Deans Kellerman and Gimbel).
8. A common theme verse each academic year with the seminaries taking turns selecting that verse.
9. Sharing of online library resources from CLTS to CLS (EBSCO) and from CLS to CLTS (DTL2).
10. Receiving the new book list from CLTS
11. Exchanging the list of journals each school subscribes to and all the databases accessible.
12. Shared "Seminaries Sunday" bulletin insert with information on both seminaries.
13. Shared imprint on Annual lectionary calendar.
14. Both seminaries have updates, news, and reports in Canadian Lutheran.
15. Each seminary has possession of the other's stand-up display allowing both seminaries to be represented at a *national* event without both needing to send representatives (coordinated between the two).
16. Shared poster series (produced between 2015-2018).
17. Occasional "double imprint" swag gift.
18. President representation on the Colloquy committee.
19. Both are represented on the PAT committee.
20. Each seminary has a Placement officer on the Board of Assignments.
21. Both seminary presidents (or another faculty member) attend ILC conferences.
22. Polite recruitment conversations about students from outside the "natural" region of LCC.
23. Attempts to have nearby displays at conventions and major events, allowing the spirit of unity.
24. Coordination of Sacred Convocations so as not to overlap.
25. Shared publicity of Call assignments after Sacred Convocation/Placement service.
26. President-to-President conversations about faculty searches and staffing.
27. Numerous president-to-president conversations on a variety of topics.
28. Regular consultation between staff on software, hardware, and other resources (e.g. the Populi Student Information System, classroom A/V setups). Policies and procedures are shared to save work and increase alignment.
29. The writing of this document by numerous members of the faculties and administration of CLS and CLTS as an educational piece for members and congregations of the LCC.

Appendix: Shared Courses

The number of shared courses reflects both the nature of individualised programs for each student, all of whom have different courses that they need with advanced standing in some areas as well as deferred vicarages, work situations, and family situations. In addition, the reality is that students at all undergraduate and graduate levels want face-to-face instruction with enhancements from technology rather than having online courses form the core of their education.

CLS-CLTS Overview of Shared Courses 2019-2024

Fall 2019-20:

None

Winter 2019-20:

CLTS NT3 New Testament Studies III (2 CLS students)

Fall 2020-21:

CLTS Worship in the Parish 1 (3 CLS students)

Winter 2020-21:

None

May short term 2020-21

CLTS Evangelism in the Parish (3 CLS students)

Fall 2021-22:

CLS The Pentateuch (1 CLTS student)
CLS Apostolic Fathers through the 7th Ecumenical Council (1 CLTS student)

Winter 2021-22:

CLS Jesus and the Gospels (3 CLTS student)
CLS Modern Church History (1 CLTS student)

Fall semester 2022-23:

CLS Intro to the study of scriptures (3 CLTS students)

Winter short term 2022-23:

CLS Lutheran Church in North America (2 CLTS students)

Winter semester 2022-23:

CLS The Pentateuch (3 CLTS students)

Fall Semester 2023-24:

CLS Theological Foundations (5 CLTS students)

Winter Semester 2023-24:

None

TOTALS: eleven courses, 27 students