



About the Novosibirsk Seminary

Novosibirsk Lutheran Theological Seminary is part of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is in altar and pulpit fellowship with The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

Graduates of the seminary are now serving in congregations and mission stations from Moscow to the far reaches of Russia. They are bringing the Gospel of Christ to a nation devastated by decades of communist tyranny.

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Adopt a Seminarian

"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." – 2 Timothy 2:2



Join with other Lutherans to save the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, and help restore the Lutheran Church in Russia.

Meet Novosibirsk seminary student, Yury Kulikov

Yury Kulikov was born in Ukraine in 1982. He was baptized in Yakutia in the Olekminsk district of northeastern Siberia. It is one of the coldest places on earth, with winter temperatures dropping to -60F and colder.

In 1998, Yury completed high school and entered St. Petersburg State Technical University, Department of Radiophysics. Later, in the summer of 2002, Yury transferred to Ekaterinburg to complete his studies at the Ural State Pedagogical University, from which he graduated in 2003.

Following graduation, Yury taught school until 2005 when he started his own business, providing computer services and repair.

When Yury was a student in St. Petersburg, he joined a Baptist church, a membership he transferred to a Baptist congregation in Ekaterinburg. While there, Yury assisted the pastor, leading the youth ministry and a Bible study group. As Yury continued his theological self-education, he grew increasingly dissatisfied with Baptist theology, which led him to the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and his confirmation at St. Peter and Paul parish in 2015.

That same year, Yury participated in the Novosibirsk Seminary's reformation conference and, in August 2016, the summer theological seminar. He entered Novosibirsk Theological Seminary in 2016 and is now in his third year of studies.

Becoming a full-time seminarian meant some personal sacrifices for Yury and his family. In the summer of 2018, Yury had to legally close his business due to his inability to continue paying official taxes (in the Russian system there is a flat-rate tax for private business owners that must be paid annually, regardless of business operations).

Yury's wife Ekaterina, currently works as a teacher at the state elementary school in Novosibirsk, while Yury continues his full-time education at the seminary. They have three children. David was born in 2005, Kristopher in 2006, and Maria in 2013.

Yury was consecrated as a subdeacon for service in St. Andrew's parish in Novosibirsk on Reminiscere Sunday, 2019. He hopes to graduate from the seminary in 2021 and serve in the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church.



How can you “adopt” a seminarian?

Yury Kulikov is just one of the students you will be helping by “adopting” a seminarian. In fact your gift will let you support all of the Novosibirsk seminarians while they are studying for the Lutheran pastorate.

Your gift will help underwrite the immediate need to raise \$75,000 each year through 2023 to support the operations of the Novosibirsk Seminary. At the same time, the *Save the Seminary Campaign* team will be working to provide permanent, ongoing financial support for the seminary.

A generous foundation has committed to an annual grant of \$200,000 to keep the Novosibirsk Seminary operating through 2023, but an additional \$75,000 is needed each year to cover the total expenses of the seminary. The campaign goal is to raise \$7 million by 2023, which will provide for long-term seminary operations. If the seminary closes, even temporarily, it's not likely to open again because of the current political environment in Russia.

To adopt a seminarian and help meet the immediate operating expenses of the Novosibirsk seminary, simply mark the amount of your gift to the *Save the Seminary Campaign* on the donor card. Your gift will help support future Lutheran pastors, who will be taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to a nation long-repressed and deprived from hearing the Gospel message.