

You Can Help Spread The Gospel of Christ Throughout Russia

*“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

“We in Novosibirsk are convinced that
in our day serious seminary training
comes closest to the meaning of
Paul’s words.

“It is not a short-term leadership
preparation, but a serious effort that
makes demands on both teacher and
student. After all, the apostles
themselves spent no fewer than
three years in the ‘seminary’ of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

“After 70 years of devastating
atheism, followed by years of
infiltration by all kinds of sects and
cults into Russia, people long for
deep theology and the real
sacraments. They need truly
Trinitarian, incarnational, and Christ-
centered teaching that alone can
offer lasting hope in this world.”

– Pastor Alexey Streltsov, President of
Novosibirsk, Siberia, Lutheran Seminary

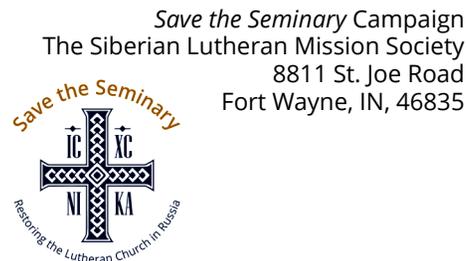
About the Seminary

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
devasted by decades of communist
tyranny.

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Save the Seminary Campaign



The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

Your Gift Can Help Carry The Gospel to Russia

Most of us are not directly involved in the mission field. But, we want to help, and when we do, we want to know that our gifts will help the world hear about Jesus the Christ, that the lost will be saved, and that many will be baptized into God's heavenly kingdom.

There may be no more effective way to help the outreach of the Church than by supporting the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia. Now in its 22nd year, the seminary is training confessional Lutheran pastors as witnesses to those who have yet to hear the good news of the Gospel in their own land, where years of communist oppression and persecution has left a land ripe for the harvest of souls for the kingdom of God. Graduates of the seminary are making a difference.

A YOUNG GYMNAST IS ABOUT TO VISIT AN ABORTION CLINIC WHEN SHE MEETS A LUTHERAN PASTOR. SHE HEARS THE GOSPEL MESSAGE FROM HIM AND IS BAPTIZED. GIVING UP HER PLANS FOR AN ABORTION, SHE LATER GIVES BIRTH TO A LOVELY DAUGHTER.

This is one of many stories resulting from the blessings of hearing the Gospel message—the good news that is happening now because of the confessional teachings provided by the Russian Project and the Lutheran Seminary at Novosibirsk.

The Call to Ministry in Russia

LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD PRESIDENT, MATTHEW HARRISON, HAS ASKED THE SIBERIAN LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY TO BUILD PERMANENT, ONGOING FINANCIAL SUPPORT, CAPABLE OF MAKING THE SEMINARY IN NOVOSIBIRSK, SIBERIA, SELF-SUFFICIENT BY 2023.

In the 1930's, Stalin exiled, sent to labor camps, or killed all the Lutheran pastors in Russia. For more than 50 years, until the Soviet Union crumbled in 1989, there was no Lutheran Church in Russia.

In 1996, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, initiated the Russian Project and the creation of a seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia.

That fall, Russian students came to Concordia to be trained.

Those students are now serving as pastors in Russia, and the Novosibirsk Seminary graduates confessional Lutheran pastors into the Siberian Lutheran Church. The five-year seminary curriculum, including vicarage, was developed with the help of Concordia and visiting professors from the Fort Wayne seminary.

The Novosibirsk seminary is now independent and managed by Russian

pastors. Alexey Streltsov, a graduate of Concordia's Russia Project, is president of Novosibirsk seminary.



The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society has set a goal to raise \$7 million through the *Save the Seminary Campaign* by 2023. Doing so will make the Novosibirsk seminary financially self-

supporting and help assure its future success. If the seminary closes, even temporarily, it is unlikely that it could ever be reopened, given today's political environment.

Please consider supporting this mission effort with a one-time gift, a five-year pledge, or a contribution through your estate plan. Support from a generous foundation will continue to underwrite the seminary's operations through 2023. Your gift to the *Save a Seminary Campaign* will help provide for the training of Lutheran pastors in Russia.