



2024-2025 GRATITUDE REPORT

PROPHETIC WITNESS *for the* COMMON GOOD

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Faithful Friend of United,

Recently, the whole world has mourned the death of noted primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall. Widely described as a grateful person, she embodied compassion and care, with deep gratitude for all living things. Viewing pictures of her with her beloved chimpanzees reveals the delight she felt in their presence. She has inspired generations through her focused work.



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she could learn from them. Of her own vocation, she wrote: “We each have this one life gifted to us . . . I feel that my life is a gift that I want to try to use as wisely as I can.” The many accolades following the announcement of her passing attest that she had accomplished her goal.

Generosity arises out of sensing that each of our lives is a gift. We each have been uniquely equipped to offer what is needed in our particular setting—presence, encouragement, and resources. What has been entrusted to us is not to be our sole possession; it is to be offered with joy and generosity. Dr. Goodall noted gratefully the support of her mother, who nurtured her fledgling scientific curiosity that flowered into groundbreaking learning and advocacy. The impact of her mother's generous spirit allowed her to give of herself freely.

In this report, United celebrates generous stewards who make the seminary's mission possible. Faithful donors who give out of their deep gratitude make a lasting impact in the lives of students and the communities they will serve. I give thanks for each of you and pray that you will know the significance of your participation in sustaining the good work of theological education at this fine school.

Gratefully,

Molly T. Marshall

Molly T. Marshall
President



LAUREN BUSEY ('07) MINISTERS TO A NEW BELOVED COMMUNITY AT PICKLEDILLY SKOKIE

by Diane Riggs

Lauren Busey ('07) grew up in the Lutheran church, earned an undergraduate degree from Luther College, and thought she would probably attend a Lutheran seminary. Then, at a Luther College women's retreat, Rev. Dr. Christie Cozad Nueger ('80)—Professor Emerita of Pastoral Counseling and Pastoral Theology (1992–2005)—was the featured speaker and knew Lauren's campus pastor. "So," Lauren remembers, "we just kind of got to talking, and within a couple of weeks, I was enrolled at United."



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United was really helpful to me in *expanding* my worldview and my understanding of diversity and not assuming you know where people are coming from.

United “was a good fit,” Lauren asserts. She found a welcoming community of fellow students and treasured professors. Those who had the greatest impact include Rev. Dr. Jann Cather Weaver (Associate Professor Emerita of Worship, and Theology and the Arts, 2001–2012), Dr. Marilyn Salmon[†] (Professor Emerita of New Testament Theology, 1989–2014), and Dr. Carolyn Pressler (Professor Emerita of Biblical Interpretation, 1990–2020).

After seminary, Lauren accepted a call back home in Evanston, Illinois, at the church where she grew up, Trinity Lutheran Church. Despite being a bit apprehensive about serving as the director of Faith Formation at her home church, Lauren found that the parishioners were warmly welcoming and supportive. She's been there ever since and notes that the flexibility of the position allowed for a positive work-life balance. Lauren and her wife are raising two children.

Just this year, however, Lauren, along with her wife and two business partners, embarked on a new venture—and in February 2025, the four co-owners opened a new state-of-the-art pickleball court in Skokie, Illinois. Dubbed Pickledilly Skokie, the new indoor space features 11.5 courts under high ceilings, lockers, a lounge area, and a pro shop. Plus, the venue is in the

same complex as Sketchbook Brewing Company and has abundant free parking.

So what happened? “I think my wife would say that I've always been the big idea person,” Lauren explains. Usually, she continues, Amy “nods and smiles and keeps on going,” but this time she agreed with the idea. Both Lauren and Amy are avid pickleball players, and Lauren says she found that the activity was much more of a “community-based sport.”

Community was the key. As Lauren stated in a July 18, 2025, interview for Ryan Glatzhofer's *The Locals: Stories of Courageous Entrepreneurs*, “One of the things that has always been a passion of mine is bringing people together.” Going a step further, she said more recently, “One of our pillars is that this is a safe space, and we are welcoming here.”

How did United prepare Lauren for entrepreneurship? “United was really helpful to me in expanding my worldview and my understanding of diversity and not assuming you know where people are coming from.” As for the connection to ministry, Lauren asserts, “We're still grounded in the same way of taking care of people, and loving people, and meeting them where they are.”

[†] of blessed memory

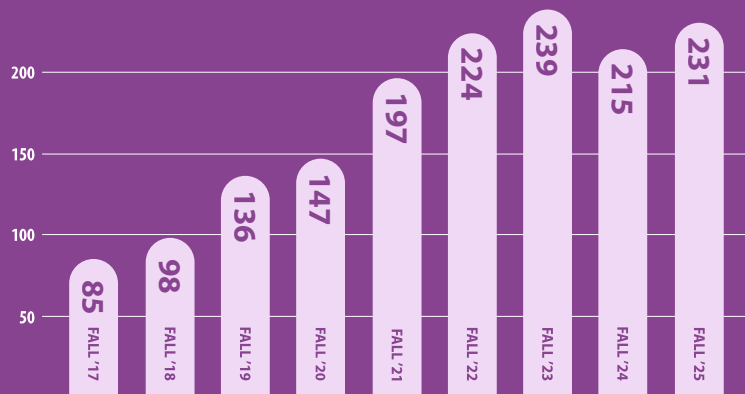
STUDENTS

73 NEW STUDENTS IN FALL 2025

With a total of 73 new degree-seeking students enrolled in the fall of 2025, **United welcomed the largest incoming class in the seminary's 63-year history.** The seminary community celebrates this marker of growth and transformative theological education.

231 DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

United is celebrating one of its largest student bodies in the seminary's history with 231 degree-seeking students and another 10 non-degree-seeking students.



168 MASTER'S STUDENTS

Of the 231 degree-seeking students enrolled this fall, 168 are seeking master's degrees. Students are enrolled in Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Ministry, Master of Arts in Leadership, and—the largest by far—Master of Divinity programs. Interreligious Chaplaincy remains the single largest concentration, with students citing an emphasis on interreligious engagement as a major draw for them.

50 GRADUATES IN '24-'25 ACADEMIC YEAR

United saw 50 graduates take next steps into their callings and careers in the 2024–2025 academic year. This matched last year's graduating class, tying it for the largest in 39 years and the second largest in the seminary's history.

DONORS

UNITED: A PUBLIC WITNESS FOR THE COMMON GOOD

In the midst of an extraordinary year replete with reasons for celebration throughout our seminary, as well as difficult circumstances in our nation and communities, we drew inspiration from our students, alums, and faculty. In their work and ministry, they embody one of United's core values: to be a **Public Witness for the Common Good.** We told their stories, highlighted their impacts in their faith communities and society, and we were heartened by the transformative power of theological education.

118 DONORS GAVE LARGEST GIFT

United celebrates the 118 donors who made their largest gift ever in FYE2025. This is the largest number of donors to do so in the last nine fiscal years.

90 NEW DONORS

Each year, hundreds of faithful supporters make one-time and recurring contributions to United. We were thrilled to welcome 90 new, first-time donors to our generous community. These friends, alums, faculty, and staff join the ranks of those who make possible the necessary work of theological education.

2ND-LARGEST NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN LAST 12 FYs

United received the second-largest number of contributions made in the last 12 fiscal years. We are exceedingly grateful for those whose gifts sustain our mission.

ALEX SÁNCHEZ RODRIGUEZ FINDS VOCATIONAL INSPIRATION AT UNITED

by Diane Riggs

Alex Sánchez Rodríguez, who plans to graduate from United in 2026 with an MA in Religion and Theology, was initially drawn to the seminary's Interreligious Chaplaincy program. Since taking more classes, engaging with his professors, becoming involved in the Student Leadership Collective, and taking on other extracurricular activities, he has settled on a new calling. "I discovered," Alex shares, "that I have a natural affinity toward academics." In fact, he admits, "I want to be like my professors."



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Before coming to United, Alex was a substitute teacher in Puerto Rico. Since he moved to Minnesota, he has been working in student development and promoting student success. The priority of student success is the throughline, Alex perceives, from his current role and an academic career. "If I am to go into academia," he explains, "part of my success as a teacher, professor, and researcher depends on the success of my future students."

Alex also credits United professors for embodying the kind of academician he hopes to become. Dr. Demian Wheeler, and Rev. Dr. Andrew Packman, he notes, "as academics and how they engage with their students...[are] very inspiring to...future academics." The fact that United faculty are "so accessible and so approachable and so likeable," Alex continues, made him realize that an academic career does not have to take place in some secluded and inaccessible "ivory tower."

United's emphasis on interreligious engagement was another piece of Alex's transformation. "I grew up in a very Christian environment where everything that wasn't Christian was considered bad," Alex recounts. After encountering the diverse faith communities of United's students and faculty, he suggests, "it made me realize that there's not just one path toward spirituality and divinity."

Ultimately, Alex hopes that his future work as a theologian can help fellow Puerto Ricans emerge from the shadow of colonization. "I think doing the work of theology is a way to help 'regular people' realize that they don't have to live as colonized individuals anymore. They have the opportunity to define who they want to be."

As Alex stated earlier this year, "While I could have chosen a different specialty or a different seminary, theology and religious studies have brought a sense of wonder that I have not experienced in any other discipline that I have studied, and United has given me more than I can name."

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We celebrate the generosity of every alum, friend, faculty, and staff member who supported transformative theological education through their financial contributions in FY2024–2025. This year, donors endowed the Wilson Yates Chair in Theology and the Arts, and a significant number of donors gave for their first time or made their largest ever gift. Your support reflects your confidence in United's work and mission as we prepare innovative and compassionate leaders for the equipping of churches, faith communities, and society toward justice and peace. By giving, you have financially empowered United's scholarships, faculty, academic resources, seminary operations, and more. **Thank you for your support!**

For those who are of blessed memory, we have marked their names with a small cross (†). Those who made a gift to the Hawkinson Fund for Peace and Justice are marked with a caret (^), and those who gave to United and the Fund are marked with a small circle (°). We have made every attempt to provide accurate information in these lists. If you notice an error or omission, please contact Andrew Fox at afox@unitedseminary.edu or 651.255.6110.

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Introduced in 2025, The Esther Circle of the Joshua Society honors friends and alums who have given cumulative gifts of \$100,000 or more. Named for one of the boldest characters in the Hebrew Bible, the Esther Circle celebrates the courage of this strong woman who prevented the destruction of her people. In her selflessness, she risks her own future for a good larger than herself. Esther Circle members embody this courage and selflessness in their generosity, helping to secure United’s future.

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Joshua Society members are exceptional friends and alums who have given cumulative gifts of \$50,000 or more. Members receive a cast bronze, quarter-size replica of Herman Schwagereit's "Joshua" sculpture. The original "Joshua" was presented to United in 1966 in memory of Karl J. Ernst, professor of Hebrew and Exegetical Theology (1926–1954) at Mission House Seminary, a forerunner of United. Joshua members will always be honored for the lasting impact their gifts have on the seminary. Bold names denote new inductees as of June 30, 2025.

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Thomas ('74) and Marilyn Breckenridge	Anne Hage [†] ('80)	Dusty and George [†] Mairs	Paul H. [†] ('46, '74) and Keran Olm-Stoelting	Frank and Robyn Sims
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Hildegard Bunge [†]	David [†] and Mim [†] Hanson	Ann Manning [†]	Vonda Pearson ('98)	Milton K. Staskal [†] ('62)
Marion Bunge [†]	Philip [†] and Margaret [†] Harder	Marbrook Foundation	Piper Family Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation	Mark ('62) and Eleanor Steiner
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Thomas [†] ('94) and Nancy Caswell	Edith Lyndsey Hatch [†]	Robert [†] and Polly McCrea	Harry C. [†] Piper, Jr. ('74) and Virginia [†] Piper	W. Robert [†] ('50) and Alice [†] Strobel
Howard Conn [†]	Carolyn ('99) and Peter Hendrixson	Malcom [†] and Wendy [†] McLean	Harry C. Piper III	Terhuly Foundation
Susan J. and Richard Crockett	Mary (Patsy) Herbert [†] ('15) and Skip Davis	McMillan Family Endowment Fund	Tad and Cindy Piper	Lynn and Carol Truesdell
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Carol Daniels	Clara [†] and Ruben Henry [†] Huenemann ('36)	Mary Bigelow McMillan [†] ('78, '89)	Joyce [†] ('73, '77) and Robert [†] Rosene	Ron and Carol Vantine
Maxine B. Davison [†]	A.D. [†] and Mary [†] Hulings	Richard McMillan [†]	Jack and Marty Rossmann	Roger [†] ('56) and Frances [†] Wentz
Bruce [†] and Ruth [†] Dayton	Dayton [†] and Ruth Hultgren	Kita McVay ('96, '09) and James Wm Johnson	Sharon and Robert Ryan	Glenn [†] ('57, '73) and Joanne [†] Wernecke
Wallace [†] and Mary Lee [†] Dayton	Ruth and John Huss	Mary and M.D. (Pete) [†] McVay		Helen Wipplinger [†]
Charlton H. Dietz		Meg Mercury ('23)		Wilson and Gayle [†] Graham Yates
William N. [†] and Judith [†] Driscoll				James Quentin Young [†]

BOSSARD-WARD SOCIETY

The Bossard-Ward Society honors alums whose cumulative giving in all categories totals \$10,000 or more. This alum society commemorates two people who were instrumental in founding the seminaries that later merged to create United: Jakob Bossard—a founder, faculty member, and president of Mission House Seminary from 1875 to 1885—and Joseph Ward, a Congregational pastor who founded Yankton College which housed Yankton School of Theology. New Bossard-Ward recipients are honored during United Days. Bold names denote new inductees as of June 30, 2025.

Robert N. Alpers [†] ('58, '71)	Norma J. Burton [†] ('78)	Mark B. Dayton ('21)	Sheila Gustafson ('77)	Andrea D. Johnson ('17, '23)
Sarah S. Amos ('88)	Daniel Busch ('71)	Karen Dungan ('85)	Anne A. Hage [†] ('80)	Bonnie Johnson ('90)
Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher ('95)	Edna Mae Carlson [†] ('80)	Sue K. Ebbers ('78)	James Harmon ('74, '81)	Daniel Jonas ('63)
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Audrey Benjamin ('84)	Vernon Clausing [†] ('57)	Cary Eustis ('06)	Carolyn Hendrixson ('99)	Ernest Klaudt [†] ('43)
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Lyn Burton ('06)	Kenneth V. Daniel ('81)	Jon Gunnemann ('66)		John Krueger ('63)

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Howard Kusler ('56)	Jonathan Morgan ('00)	Harry C. Piper, Jr. [†] ('74)	Richard Schmitz [†] ('43)	W. Robert Strobel [†] ('50)
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Katherine Austin Mahle ('78)	Christie Cozad Neuger ('80)	Jo Anne Rohricht [†] ('82)	Lyta G. Seddig [†] ('82)	Robert J. Tripp ('65)
Julie A. Mall ('85)	Steven Newcom ('80, '19)	John F. Roschen ('84)	Karen Smith Sellers ('76, '13)	Parker G. Trostel [†] ('94)
Cheryl S. McKinley ('90)	Paul H. Olm-Stoelting [†] ('46, '74)	J.C. Rosenau [†] ('25)	Pamela L. Serdar ('01)	Daniel Vanderploeg [†] ('62)
Mary Bigelow McMillan [†] ('78, '89)	Dale D. Parson ('78)	Joyce Rosene [†] ('73, '77)	Milo Sheldon [†] ('65, '72)	Kay Welsch ('89)
Kita McVay ('96, '09)	Norman Pavey ('69, '74, '84)	Mary Kay ('95) and Orville Sauter ('71)	Anne D. Simpson ('92)	Betty S. Wentworth ('86)
Philip C. Meili [†] ('65)	Vonda Pearson ('98)	Ralph Sayler ('65)	Milton K. Staskal [†] ('62)	Roger Wentz [†] ('56)
Meg Mercury ('23)	Jim Peck ('99)	Richard Scheerer ('66)	Mark Steiner ('62)	Glenn Wernecke [†] ('57, '73)
Gary Miller [†] ('68)	Frank L. Picard ('02)		Donald L. Stoebner [†] ('63, '72)	Susan M. Wilhem [†] ('81)

LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

The Leadership Society honors friends whose cumulative giving in all categories totals \$10,000 or more. These transformational gifts reflect their commitment to United's work in congregational ministry, theology and the arts, social justice, and interreligious engagement in the classroom and the community. We honor and thank them for their generosity. We are grateful for their faithful commitment to the ongoing work of United as members of the Leadership Society. Bold names denote new inductees as of June 30, 2025.

Robert Albers	Phebe Haugen	Walter Kuentzel, Jr	Gregory Plotnikoff and Shawn Monaghan
David and Jeanne Anderson	Roger Heegaard and Cheryl Thomas	Judy Lange	Shari Prestemon
Lance [†] and Gail Barker	Jeanne Splinter Hejduk	Charles [†] and Hope [†] Lea	Jack and Marty Rossmann
Kathryn Boyne	Barbara Holmes [†]	Ross and Bridget Levin	Shield-Ayres Foundation
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Bill and Charlotte Davnie	AvaDale[†] and Charles[†] Johnson	Ann Manning [†]	Clyde Steckel [†]
Jack and Camie Eugster	Cindi Beth Johnson	Molly T. Marshall	Michelle and Chris Turnau
Eleazar and Josephine Fernandez	Barbara Anne Keely	Ed and Claudia Martin	Don [†] and Carolyn White
Monica Garfield	David and Mary Beth Koehler	Fran Neir [†]	Wilson and Gayle [†] Yates
Terry and David Gilberstadt	Duane and Mary Alyce Krohnke	Benjamin and Lynn Oehler	Lew Zeidner

LYDIA SOCIETY

The Lydia Society recognizes friends and alums of United who, as recurring donors, make a minimum monthly gift of \$50. Much like Lydia—a first century business entrepreneur, church planter, and chief philanthropist of the Philippian congregation—recurring donors provide sustaining gifts that support United in living out its mission to educate leaders for transformation.

David S. Anderson	Tami Glasbrenner	Elena Larssen	Norm Pavey ('69, '74, '84)	Nelson ('74) and Marilyn Stone ('87)
Jeanne Anderson	Clare J. Gromoll ('14)	David Long-Higgins ('88)	Vonda K. Pearson ('98)	Ernest H. Strandberg ('67)
Sheila Apland-Ottenbacher ('95)	William D. Hart	Elizabeth J. Macaulay ('99)	Ruth M. Phelps ('85)	Jeff Swenson
Ahshua Bolton	Allison Johnson Heist ('20)	Julie A. Mall ('85)	Sara Pohlاد	John Swisher
Samuel J. Buehrer ('88)	Doe Hoyer ('25)	Molly T. Marshall	Kyle A. Roberts	Michelle Turnau
Terri A. Burnor ('15)	Brenda ('86) and Stuart ('86) Barnes Jamieson	Meg Mercury ('23)	T. Michael Rock	Anita Vanderploeg
Lyn J. Burton ('06)	Andrea D. Johnson ('17, '23)	Michelle S. Miller ('06) and Robert Kopp ('06)	Justin Sabia-Tanis	Monique G. Venne ('05)
Kerry J. Campbell	Cindi Beth Johnson	Jennifer Mount	Richard ('66) and Nancy [†] Scheerer	Charlene R. Wozny ('00)
Jeff B. Childs ('83)	Sally H. Johnson ('95)	Mary Ellen Nielsen ('80)	Sheryl A. Schwyhart ('20)	
Jeanne Cotter	Barbara R. Kellett ('00, '06)	Mary O'Connell ('00)	Judith N. Scoville ('90)	
William F. Davnie	Molly Larsen ('17)	Dale D. Parson ('78)	Pam L. Serdar ('01)	
Bryan A. Demeritte ('05)	Kayla M. Larson ('10)	Therese Pautz	Carol L. Shaffer ('92)	
Dale Dobias ('89)			David K. Stibbe ('92)	

BARNABAS SOCIETY

The Barnabas Society honors and recognizes individuals who have included United in their estate plans or made other qualifying gift arrangements, such as income-return gifts and beneficiary designations, that express their philanthropic values while providing long-term stability for United's vital mission. Bold names denote new inductees as of June 30, 2025.

David and Jeanne Anderson

Anonymous
Nancy Arnison
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Lance[†] and Gail Barker
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Gene ('70) and Susan Bauer
Paul E. Baumer[†] ('60)
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Kathryn Boyne

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Andrea Johnson ('17, '23) and

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Lynne Krehbiel-Breneman ('95) and Don Breneman
John ('63) and Patricia Krueger
Robert Long[†] ('59)
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Julie A. Mall ('85)
Ann C. Manning[†]
Molly T. Marshall
Robert[†] and Polly McCrea
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Richard ('84) and Cynthia Nichols
Douglas Nielsen ('77)
Michael[†] ('77) and Barbara[†] Obenauer
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Vonda Pearson ('98)
Jim Peck ('99)
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Linda Nyholm Pliska ('79)
Ann Teel Rabe ('86)
Gary B. Reiersen ('78, '86)
Philip Reller ('80) and Catherine Zelle ('80)
Kathleen Remund ('06) and Diane Light ('14)
Meredith Robinson[†] ('84)
Nancy B. Rohde ('80)
Jo Anne Rohricht[†] ('82)
Jack and Marty Rossmann
Linda Sanderman[†] ('05)
Carolyn M. Saunders ('81)
Mary Kay ('95) and

Orville Sauter ('71)
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Earl Schwartz
Belle and Robert[†] Scott
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Richard Seaman ('66)
Lyta G. Seddig[†] ('82)
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Robbyn Shiell[†] ('83)
David ('85) and Susan Sickelka ('86)
John III ('77) and Nancy Slothower
Harold J. Spindler[†]
Milton[†] ('62) and Gertrude Staskal
Mark ('62) and Eleanor Steiner
Andrea L. Stoeckel ('89)
Thomas[†] ('60) and Ruth Townsend
Bundy Trinz ('10, '15)
Anita Vanderploeg
Betty S. Wentworth ('86)
Roger[†] ('56) and Frances[†] Wentz
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Charlene R. Wozny ('00)
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GIFTS IN HONOR

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2024 President's Brunch
2025 Commencement Service
2025 Susan Draper White Lecture
Jen Bach
Rev. Chris Bohnhoff ('24)
Kerry J. Campbell
Sue Ebberts ('78)
Naw Eh Wah's ('24) Daughter's Birthday
Rev. Nora Elliott ('17)
"Embodying Solidarity" with Sarah Augustine
Andrew Fox

Dr. Jennifer Awes Freeman
Nathanial Green
Mrs. Susan C. Hsieh
Rev. Dr. Cindi Beth Johnson
Rev. Kathi Austin Mahle's ('78) 80th Birthday
Ruth Ann Marks
Rev. Dr. Molly T. Marshall
Dr. Timothy A. Morrison ('74)
Rev. Dr. Christie Cozad Neuger ('80)
Adam Pfuhl
Rev. Martha Postlethwaite
Laquita and Rev. Wendell Powers
Rev. Dr. Carolyn Pressler

Cindy Schriever
United's Gathering of Alums at the MN UCC Annual Meeting
United's Spirit of Water event
United's UMC Celebration
Rev. Carol Walvatne ('98)
Rev. Kay Welsch's ('89) 90th Birthday
Rev. Dr. Wilson Yates
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Rev. Dr. Henry Boynton ('94)
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New Brighton UCC, 1970–2002

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Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Jaberg ('54, Mission House)
Miriam M. Jaberg
Rev. Mary Leisman ('83)
Rev. Douglas Marks and Ruth Helen Marks
Rev. Lynn Harvey McLean ('84)

Rev. Paul Olm-Stoelting ('46, Mission House; '74)
Dr. Marilyn Salmon
Rev. Wayne Schupbach ('66, '72)
Dr. Robert G. Seddig
Rev. Dr. Clyde Steckel
Rev. Stephen J. Steiner ('71)
Rev. Harry Stroessner ('55, Mission House, '84)
Aggie Thompson
Rev. Linda Tossey ('08)
Rev. Dr. Robert H. Tucker ('81)
Mae Vollbrecht
Rev. Dr. Donald R. White
LaVonne Young ('18)

[†] indicates those of blessed memory



CELEBRATING *the* WILSON YATES CHAIR IN THEOLOGY AND THE ARTS

On September 25, 2025, members of the United community gathered in the chapel and online to celebrate the newly endowed Wilson Yates Chair in Theology and the Arts.

The chair's namesake, Rev. Dr. Wilson Yates—President Emeritus and Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Religion, Society and the Arts (1967–2005)—cast a vision for the arts, urging current and retired faculty, staff, trustees, alums, and students to see the relationship between the arts and theology as essential. “The arts enable us to receive and shape the contours of our shared faith, and through them, encounter the spiritual questions of who we are and what is our purpose for being on this earth,” Wilson said in his address.

President Molly T. Marshall, welcoming attendees, offered a personal reflection on her role as a successor of Wilson’s and, now, as a close friend. “It’s a wonderful thing when former and current presidents become friends. I am the fortunate recipient of your generous engagement.” She added, “You continue to strengthen our mission, for which we give thanks. It’s a day to celebrate, indeed.”

We give thanks for each and every attendee, those generous donors who made possible this newly endowed chair, and for the legacy, vision, and faithful service of Wilson Yates.

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This list is current as of October 31, 2025.

FINANCES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE TWIN CITIES' CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR FYE2025: JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

ASSETS

Cash	\$381,000
Accounts Receivable	94,000
Gifts Receivable	468,000
Prepaid Expenses	170,000
Investments	14,249,000
Physical Assets	668,000
Lease-Related Use of Asset	3,518,000
Total Assets	\$19,548,000

The Seminary enjoys a great cash position going into fiscal year 2025–2026 with close to \$2.8 million in liquid accounts and only \$229,000 in current obligations

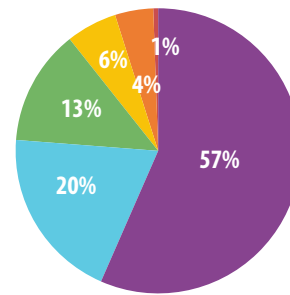
LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$69,000
Deferred Income	302,000
Accrued Expenses/Liabilities	589,000
Lease-Related Longterm Liability	3,355,000
Total Liabilities	\$4,315,000
 Fund Balances	 \$15,233,000
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$19,548,000

ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS

Due to generous donations and favorable market conditions, United's endowment investments grew by more than \$1.5 million during the fiscal year.

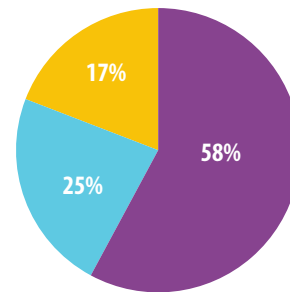
OPERATIONAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES



REVENUE

Student tuition took a slight dip year over year but remains considerably above the five-year average. United has remained consistent with the percentages of funds drawn from its endowment investments.

Total Tuition	\$2,450,000
Gifts and Grants	851,000
Endowment Appropriations	568,000
Scholarship Support	250,000
Investment Income	188,000
Miscellaneous	24,000
Total Revenue	\$4,090,000



EXPENDITURES

The Seminary spends 58 percent of its funds on the direct student experience and another 17 percent on the technology and facilities associated with providing a central campus.

Student-Centered	\$2,569,000
Administration	1,104,000
Physical Plant and IT	767,000
Total Expenditures	\$4,440,000

FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The five-year plan includes a strategic and controlled growth of student tuition and donor giving along with a commitment to cost control.

The goal is to generate operating surpluses within these five years.



ELWYN YOUNG
SIMS SCHOLAR TESTIMONIAL

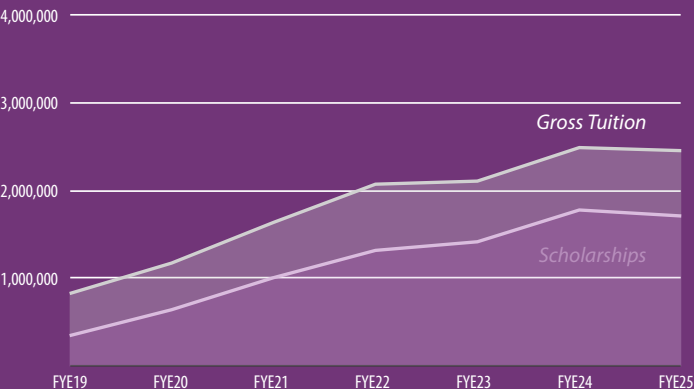
Since I entered United Theological Seminary, I have had five professors, and each of them has made themselves available with knowledge, patience, and understanding, giving a feeling that they desire us all to succeed.

Without this Sims Scholar Initiative, I would not have had the opportunity to experience such richness. I pray that more people... have these types of doors opened for them.

STUDENT TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Gross tuition in fiscal year 2024–2025 saw a slight decline over the past year, but at an average still eclipsing the five-year average.

The fall 2025 term’s new student class size of 73 is the largest on record and assures that total tuition for 2025–2026 will exceed what was budgeted.





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