

## Thank you Eastern Washington – Idaho Synod for being a ministry partner!

Your prayers, direct synod gifts of \$3,316 last year, and encouraging our students who give us strength and courage in our mission of equipping faithful leaders. In addition, there are 35 alums of PLTS that live and work on the territory of your synod, many of them in congregational ministries.

## Seminary Received Accreditation for Next Decade

In October 2018, PLTS had its ten-year accreditation visit from the Association of Theological Schools. We are happy to report that the seminary received accreditation for another ten years. This is what the ATS accreditation team identified as the distinctive strengths of PLTS:

1. The ways in which the seminary has weathered significant transitions and emerged a stronger and more contextually engaged institution.
2. The careful attention that the faculty has given to developing a revised Master of Divinity curriculum designed to better serve the needs of its students and the wider church and society, now and into the future.
3. The seminary's clear sense of identity and purpose, the ways in which it fills a real need in the region and in its denomination, and the tangible sense of love and investment in the seminar that is expressed by faculty, students, alumni, advisory board members, Cal Lutheran leadership and other stakeholders.



2019 Region 2 Word and Service Summit



TEEM at PLTS in January 2019

## Thriving in Leadership Project

PLTS, in partnership with the Office of Congregation Relations at California Lutheran University, has been awarded a \$1 million Lilly grant. The Thriving in Leadership Project is a collaboration among all eleven synods of Regions 1 and 2 of the ELCA. Our goal is to help rostered leaders thrive in ministry by providing opportunities for further theological education, skills training in things like business administration, and tools for nurturing mind, body, and spirit. We know that ministry is both very rewarding and challenging. And we want to do all that we can to support our pastors and deacons who are serving in your synod to be as effective and healthy as they can be.

To learn more about PLTS, or to make a gift, visit [PLTS.edu](http://PLTS.edu).

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT PLTS

- Number of Students (including TEEM): 90
- Number of MDiv Graduates (2018): 11
- Number of TEEM Graduates (2018): 18
- Tuition (Full-time M.Div): \$22,460
- Total Average Cost of Housing: \$8,640
- Scholarships Awarded (2017-2018): \$853,129 to 100% of need-based qualifying students