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Enrolment at LTS for 2021

Dear Bishop/Church Leader,

we would love to welcome new students from your church to the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane in 2021.

This letter explains the financial commitments of churches and students towards the LTS.

Tuition fees at LTS currently are R10,000 per annum. This includes accommodation as well as breakfast and lunch from Mondays-Fridays during the academic semester.

In the past, students at LTS received the R10,000 tuition fees back as a monthly stipend of R1,000 per month (February-November). With these stipends, students could purchase meals in the evenings and on weekends.

From 2021, these stipends will unfortunately no longer be paid, as COVID-19 has severely impacted the finances of LTS. In other words, students will be responsible for their own dinner and own meals on weekends.

We therefore appeal to your church to support its own students financially, as needed.

Please keep in mind that the actual cost to the LTS is around R120,000 per annum for each student. LTS manages to charge minimal tuition fees due to its generous donors. Any contribution/donation from your church will be welcome.

Please forward the application documents to prospective students with the request to submit before 30 November 2020, as late submissions make proper planning difficult. Many textbooks are for example ordered from the USA and need to be ordered well in advance.

Remember also that LTS has applied for accreditation with the Council of Higher Education to offer a three-year Diploma in Theology. The application for accreditation is still running. It will hopefully be completed in 2021.

We trust in your co-operation in this matter.

For any further enquiries, please contact me at hhiestermann@lts.ac.za.

In Christ,
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LTS Registrar