



## Project Timothy–Scandinavia

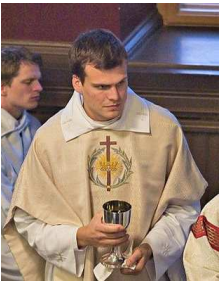
A project of the Saint Timothy Society for Lutheran Seminary Scholarship supporting graduate studies by Confessional Scandinavian pastors.

### Scandinavia today is a mission field

This region was overwhelmingly Lutheran for many generations; but its churches were controlled by the state. Over the past century, socialist governments systematically undermined the Church, transforming it into a tool for social restructuring. Confessional Lutherans are barred from ordination in the state churches.

Today the Gospel is not heard, so the churches are empty: average weekly worship attendance is about one percent. Millions face eternity without Christ. A person may be more likely to hear the pure Gospel in Africa or Asia today than in secularized Scandinavia.

### God has preserved a faithful remnant



A small but growing Confessional Lutheran remnant is working to re-evangelize Scandinavia. Several small Confessional seminaries are now preparing pastors. A door to ordination has re-opened and 27 Confessional young men have been ordained in the past six years. About 40 new congregations have been planted, with more on the horizon.

### We can help re-evangelize Scandinavia

Both LC-MS seminaries have played key roles in the Scandinavian Confessional resurgence. Many of its founders were strengthened and encouraged by time on our campuses. Seminary faculty have offered short courses (“intensives”) in Scandinavia. Young pas-

tors of special promise have been able to come here for graduate studies. These men have had a tremendous impact upon returning home. Strengthened by the teaching, worship and fellowship they experience here, these men are already becoming key leaders in the Scandinavian Confessional movement.

Advanced studies here are especially helpful to the Confessional movement because Scandinavia has *no* graduate programs for the Ministry beyond the equivalent of our M.Div. These men return home and strengthen their brethren in contending for the faith in a society openly hostile to the Gospel.

**Project Timothy–Scandinavia** helps the Confessional movement by helping bring young Scandinavian pastors for graduate study at LC-MS seminaries.

### **How you can help**

Gifts in support of **Project Timothy–Scandinavia** can be sent to the Saint Timothy Society, 18360 Minnetonka Blvd., Wayzata, MN 55391. The Saint Timothy Society is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) educational charity, and gifts to **Project Timothy–Scandinavia** are tax deductible.

Cooperation with **Scandinavia House** in Fort Wayne significantly reduces living costs for Scandinavian students there. Thus all funds given to **Project Timothy–Scandinavia** go to the seminary to cover tuition and fees (we have had no overhead because services have been donated).

Gifts may also be sent directly to **Concordia Theological Seminary**, 6600 North Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, 46825. Gifts designated for “Scandinavian Graduate Student Support” will be used for this purpose.

**For more detailed information**, or to explore “adopting” a Scandinavian student, contact Dr. Chris Barnekov at [chris@scandhouse.org](mailto:chris@scandhouse.org) .