

**Text of resolutions adopted by the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg
and The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
January 13, 2016**

New School Implementing Resolution

In the conviction that God and the church are calling us into a new venture of theological education in the northeastern United States, with a mission of preparing faithful Christian leaders for the church and the world, the Board of Directors of LTSG (Board of Directors of LTSP) declares its intent to join with the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (or Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg) in forming a new school of theology and leadership formation.

We hereby authorize the president and other officers, in partnership with their counterparts at LTSP, to explore all necessary and appropriate steps outlined in “The Proposal for a New School of Theology and Leadership Formation.”

We commit ourselves to work with our counterparts at Philadelphia, our faculties and staffs in sharing the vision with our multiple constituencies and gaining their wisdom in shaping a plan for the new school.

We express our gratitude for the responses of other ELCA seminaries to the report and recommendations of the Theological Education Advisory Council and Conference of Bishops; and invite their collaboration in helping us shape a curriculum and design that will advance the TEAC’s vision for an ELCA “common theological enterprise.”

We authorize the president to expend an initial sum of up to \$50,000 (from unrestricted funds) in order to secure the necessary professional services, conduct constituent focus groups and cover additional costs related to the initial preparatory phase of creating a new school of theology and leadership formation.