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In 1975, Lancaster Theological Seminary will look back on 150 years of service as it celebrates the sesquicentennial of its founding in 1825. But the Seminary normally looks *ahead*, and even now it is launching a ten-year program to secure a new library building, an expanded campus, and additional endowment. By 1975, Lancaster should be better equipped to carry out its mission than ever before in its history. That mission, as implemented by a faculty of eminent scholars and teachers, is to prepare men and

women for service in a living church.

At the core of Lancaster's educational enterprise is the Biblical witness, offered as an absolute requisite in the search for Christian identity. Involved in the search, at the Seminary's insistence, is participation in the life of the United Church of Christ and the church-at-large by students and faculty alike. The Seminary is determined that its mission shall be totally relevant, responding to contemporary needs and anticipating the needs of tomorrow.

## men for the ministry of tomorrow

A five-year enrollment goal of 120 students was established by Lancaster Seminary in 1957. When this level was reached two years ahead of schedule in 1960, the Seminary pointed toward a new target: 230 students by 1975.

Behind this planned growth lie two major considerations. First, Lancaster recognizes the serious need for ordained ministers and, in particular, for ministers to serve the local church. The United Church of Christ alone has 300 unmannned pulpits, and there are indications that this shortage will become even more acute. Second, Lancaster believes that larger numbers of men and women should have an opportunity to study for the ministry in a school which offers a first-rate faculty and a clearly-defined theological approach.

Lancaster's progress has been recorded during an era of generally decreasing enrollments at American seminaries. Responsible for this counter trend have been a number of factors, including the high caliber of the faculty, a challenging curriculum, new housing for married students, and the cooperation of ministerial friends who bring prospective students to the school.

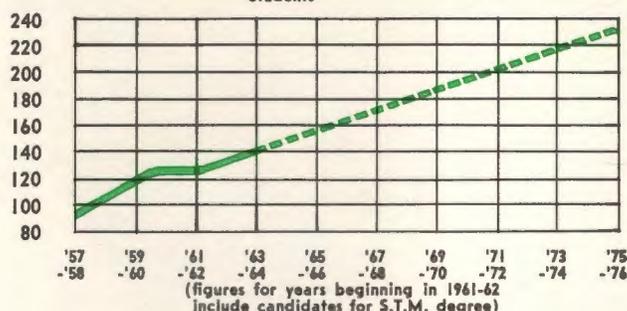
## seminary in motion

Since its founding, Lancaster Seminary has had only one basic purpose: namely, the training of ordained ministers for the church of Jesus Christ. Moreover, it always has been a denominational school, serving first the German Reformed Church, then the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and now the United Church of Christ.

Lancaster never has wavered in its insistence upon providing the most effective preparation for the Church's men of tomorrow, principally through a study in depth of the great church traditions and through a developed understanding of the nature and needs of man before God.

During recent years, the Seminary has instituted a number of exciting and significant developments, including the new curriculum for bachelor of divinity degree candidates. Among its features are the one-month Seminar Abroad for seniors and an expanded program of field work, through which students become increasingly involved in the life of the church. Lancaster's professors experience a related kind of involvement by working on the boards and commissions of the Church, by providing leadership in

ENROLLMENT AT LANCASTER SEMINARY  
(1957 to 1964 with projection to 1975-76)  
Number of Students



ecumenical councils, and by accepting in other ways their full social responsibilities as ministers of Jesus Christ.

Lancaster also has moved ahead in the area of continuing education for the laity through its annual Lay School of Theology. Begun in 1959 as the first such undertaking in the country, the Lay School is open to men and women who can profit from serious study of Christian life and thought. An even more recent innovation is the Laboratory for Leadership and Learning, established in conjunction with the Church's Division of Christian Education.

## true to its heritage

Without question, the most important single element of Lancaster's spiritual heritage is the theology of the Mercersburg Movement, a major 19th Century theology which spoke the language of the 20th Century. Led by Philip Schaff and John W. Nevin, the movement drew American Protestantism out of its intellectual isolation and provided a new appreciation for the sacraments and liturgical worship. The liturgy developed at Mercersburg still lives in the United Church of Christ, and the movement's theological spirit is kept alive by many of the Church's ministers and congregations.

In the mid-19th Century, Mercersburg held a pre-eminent place in the world of theological scholarship. Lancaster honors its heritage—and its convictions—as it moves to earn a similar place today. Because most of today's students will reach the peak of their ministry near the year 2000, this means speaking the language of the 21st Century. It also means responding ever more intimately to the needs of an age which cries for spiritual direction.

#### Immediate Needs (1964-65)

New Library Building.....	\$ 782,000
Support of 1964-65 Annual Fund.....	35,000

Immediate Goal ..... \$ 817,000

#### Remaining Needs of the Decade (1966-75)

New Classroom Building.....	\$ 740,000
Wing for Administrative and Faculty Offices.....	194,000
New Seminary Chapel.....	338,000
Additional Property .....	500,000
Amortization of Loans on Nevin, Bowman and Harner Halls .....	87,000
Removal of Presidents' Home and Razing of Administration Building .....	22,500
Additional Endowment for Faculty Salaries and Scholarship Aid .....	1,500,000

Total of Remaining Needs..... \$3,381,500

## summary list of capital needs for the seminary's fifteenth decade

### top priority: the new library building

Statistically, the new library building will have a capacity of 150,000 volumes and a seating capacity of 229 on the first two levels. It will be a *working* library, with books shelved in proximity to study and reading areas rather than in formal stacks; and the accents will be on accessibility, comfort, and attractiveness. Facilities will include 57 study carrels, six study rooms, and ten research cubicles.

Housed on the second floor will be the Central Archives and Library of the Evangelical and Reformed Church's Historical Society, now located in the Franklin and Marshall College Library, and a depository for archival material of the United Church of Christ. Other second-floor features will include a multi-purpose, 200-seat lecture hall and complete audio-visual facilities. Throughout the building, maximum protection will be provided against fire and other damage-causing forces.

Soon — and for many years to come — Lancaster Seminary will be in a position to take full advantage of library developments as they occur, thanks to the highly-flexible

design of the new building. Furthermore, the present quarters will be available for other Seminary purposes when the new building is completed.

As a place in which the riches of the printed word can be invitingly displayed and comfortably used, the graduate school library has an importance all its own. Now the long-awaited new Lancaster Seminary library building is about to become a reality. Because years of planning have gone into the new structure, the result should be a library building which ranks among the finest in denominational seminaries across the country.

### inside the building

In 1957, the Seminary began a long-range program to secure an enlarged campus and improved facilities. The generosity of families, congregations and individual members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church led to the first new buildings in 1959-60, when Nevin, Bowman and Harner Halls were built to house married students. More recently, the Corporation analyzed all of the school's needs for the next ten years, then assigned top priority to construction of the new library building.

Built 70 years ago in 1894, the present library quarters were designed to hold only 25,000 volumes, less than one-half the number in today's 60,000-book collection. Moreover, the collection is growing at the rate of 4,000 books each year; and with increased emphasis on independent study and scholarly research, circulation has almost tripled during the past six years.

In addition to greater use by the Seminary's own students and faculty, the Library is attracting more and more off-campus users. Visitors include both ministers and laymen, as well as scholars from other institutions. The need is all too clear. If Lancaster Seminary is expected to provide satisfactory research resources and to make its first-class theological collection fully available, the new building is the only answer.



## the seminary's library building challenge fund

Planning ahead to the Seminary's Sesquicentennial in 1975, the Corporation has analyzed the needs which must be met to prepare Lancaster for its responsibilities and opportunities. The result is a complete ten-year program calling for \$2,700,000 in building projects and \$1,500,000 in endowment. As the first step, the Corporation has authorized immediate inauguration of the Library Building Challenge Fund and has established a goal of \$817,000. Included in the objective is \$782,000 for the library building and \$35,000 to replace funds normally secured through the Annual Giving Program.

As part of pre-campaign planning, the Corporation conducted a comprehensive survey of the Seminary's constituency. The survey findings clearly indicated that Lancaster has the potential to achieve its immediate goal and, indeed, to solve its long-range needs. But this will happen only if

every friend of the Seminary participates in a manner consistent with his ability.

Certainly every gift is vitally important, for it involves both tangible support and an expression of faith in the Seminary's future. Nevertheless, success in a capital campaign is determined not by the total number of gifts but by the number at each of needed levels. For the Library Building Challenge Fund, the requisites for success include (1) top-level leadership giving, and (2) literally hundreds of three-year subscriptions ranging in amount from \$180 to \$10,000. In order to define the levels which make up this second requisite, the Corporation has adopted the Lancaster Seminary Share Plan. Through the Share Plan, which is illustrated below, each donor is enabled to select his or her appropriate level of giving. All gifts to the Seminary are tax deductible, and pledge payments may be spread over 36 months, thereby covering four tax years.

### LANCASTER SEMINARY SHARE PLAN FOR THE LIBRARY BUILDING CHALLENGE FUND

Type of Share	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual	Total Gift
Commemorative .....	\$277	\$833	\$3,333	\$10,000
Leadership .....	139	416	1,667	5,000
Benefactor Share .....	69	208	833	2,500
Growth Share .....	33	100	400	1,200
Progress Share .....	20	60	240	720
Patron Share .....	15	45	180	540
Builder Share .....	10	30	120	360
Friend Share .....	5	15	60	180

### for your information

In most cases, individual contributions to the Library Building Challenge Fund will be made through local churches, which in turn will forward them to the Seminary. Some persons, however, may wish to send their contributions directly to the Seminary. In either event, the local church will receive full credit for each gift from a member of its congregation. It is the intention of the Seminary Corporation to express appreciation to those churches which achieve a significant percentage of participation by designating them as Honor Churches and by issuing testimonials to that effect.

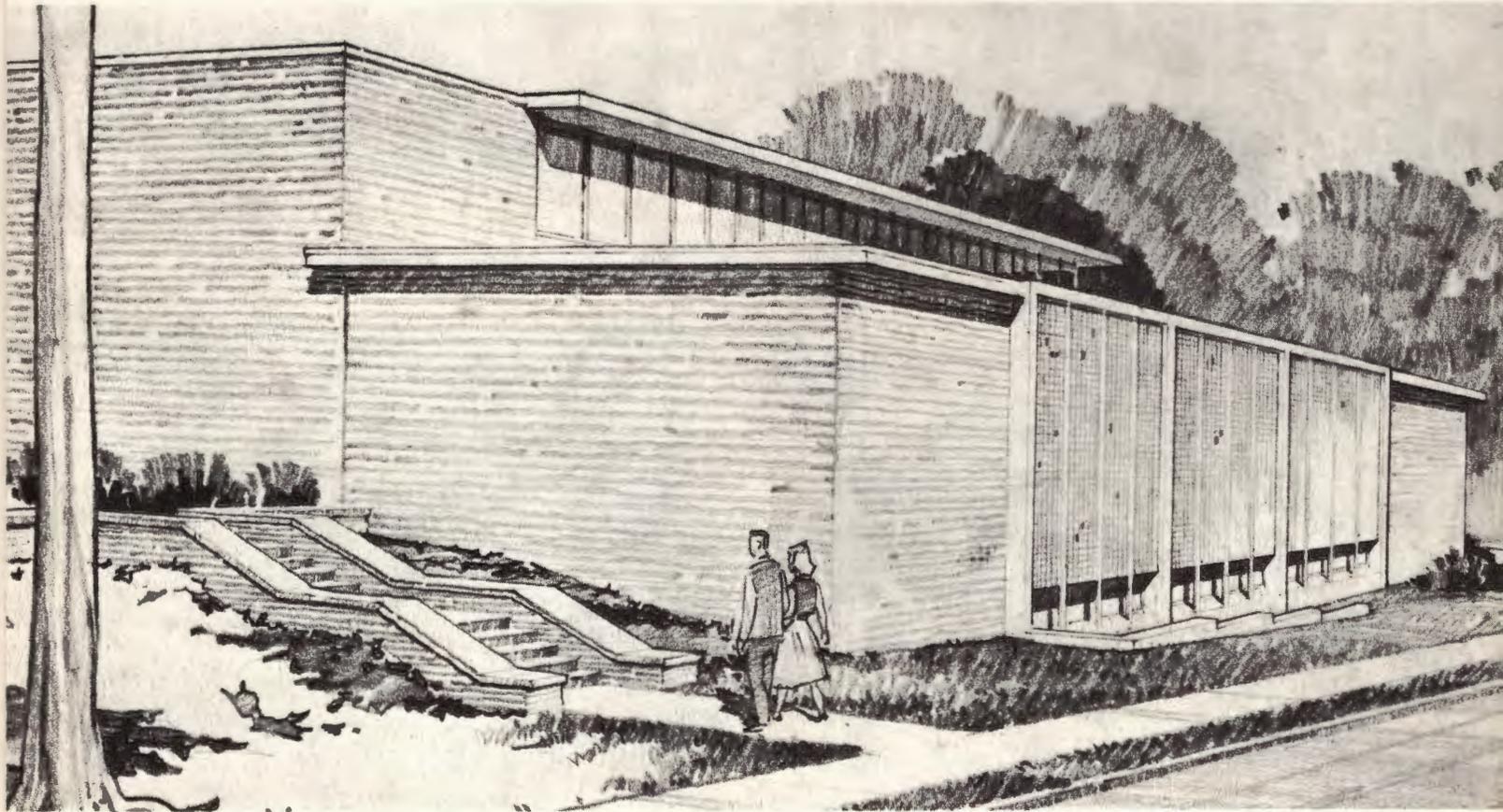
Checks should be made payable to the LANCASTER SEMINARY LIBRARY BUILDING FUND, and direct contributions should be mailed to President Robert V. Moss, Jr., Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



Shown at the right is a model of the current master plan for the Seminary's campus of tomorrow. Although the plan still is being revised, incorporated in the model are most of the proposed changes. New elements will include (A) the library building, (B) the classroom building, (C) the wing for administrative and faculty offices, and (D) the chapel. In addition to The Tower, which will be retained as a structural symbol, present buildings include (E) Richards Hall, (F) Dietz Refectory, (G) Harner Hall, (H) Bowman Hall, and (I) Nevin Hall.



Reproduced below is an architectural sketch of the new Seminary library building. A pamphlet containing detailed floor plans and commemorative gift opportunities may be obtained from the Office of the President, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



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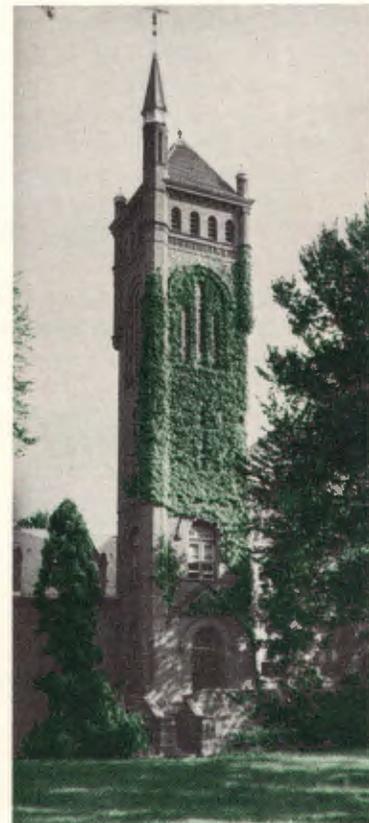
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