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This plan is not wishful thinking of what we aspire might happen someday, somehow. Instead, it clearly reckons with what these times place before us, ask of us, call from us.

- President James Nieman

**Theme: Courageous Service**
Who do we hope our students will become?

*LSTC is committed to equipping church leaders with the capacity to faithfully address the greatest challenges of our time, including the pursuit of equity and a commitment to climate health.*

- Esther Menn, Dean of Academic Affairs

**Theme: Stewarding Gifts**
How do we hope our school will continue?

*LSTC cannot afford to be all things to all people, nor would such an approach be faithful. Our institutional future lies in setting priorities that reflect the needs of our society and building corresponding partnerships.*

- Marvin Wickware, Assistant Professor of Church and Society and Ethics

**Theme: Dynamic Formation**
What do we hope our changes will enable?

*Institutional life is undergoing rapid transformation across sectors – not just theological education and not just in the U.S. Our strategic plan does not shy away from the tremendous pressures driving these changes and places us in a strong position to move from sustainability to strength.*

- Erik Christensen, Pastor to the Community and Director of Worship
Priority: Scholarship Support

LSTC actively reviewed student financial challenges in all degree programs, including student debt, income, and seminary expenses, between January – July 2021.

Now completed, members of the scholarship support working group are responding with:

- new scholarships attuned to distinctive needs
- robust pre-enrollment financial counseling
- finding opportunities that will create a better balance between student employment and granting

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Visit lstc.edu/about/strategic-plan to review more information about LSTC's strategic plan direction and strategies.

Hear Liz Kuster's scholarship story.