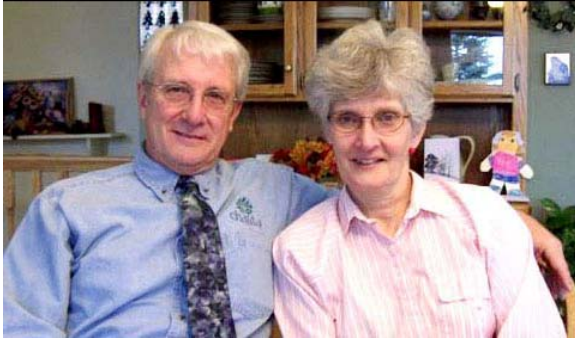


Introduction



While on sabbatical in 2006, Pastor Bob and Karen Nordvall acquainted Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, with Tartu Academy of Theology (TAT) in Tartu, Estonia.

The Beginning



Eenok Haamer, the President of TAT, saw Soviet troops march into Tartu, Estonia, in 1941. The son of a pastor deported to Siberia, Eenok grew up during the Soviet occupation of Estonia, when two-thirds of

the Lutheran pastors were killed or sent to Siberia, where 99 percent died. He saw the need for properly educated people to carry on God's work and clearly communicate the principles of the Bible to the Estonian people. In January 1992, two years after Estonia was free again, clergy from the USA pledged initial financial support, and TAT was founded.



The next year, students began studies in the library of TAT's academic neighbor, the Tartu University.

Education

Students begin or continue their studies in theology at TAT in the university town of Tartu, where they both learn and share their knowledge with others as they grow in faith. TAT's four-year degree program welcomes both recent secondary school graduates and older students, allowing deep intergenerational friendships to develop.

The mission of TAT is to provide its students with a theological education based

on the Word of God, in the context of the spiritual inheritance of the Estonian people. In addition to theoretical knowledge, TAT students also obtain practical skills to better serve their nation. One of TAT's future goals is the development of a research center for Estonian theology, to restore it to its proper place in Estonian culture.

TAT's Impact On Society

Graduates of TAT are working as Biblically informed professionals in a wide range of fields: ministers in the Estonian Lutheran Church; pastoral counselors in hospitals and nursing homes; chaplains in the Defence Force; teachers of religion and ethics in the public schools; youth workers in churches, community organizations, and local government programs; and producers in Christian media.

Prayer Needs

Upon return from their sabbatical, Pastor Bob told Charity Lutheran of TAT's prayer needs, as related by Siimon Haamer, Dean of TAT: (1) Praise the Lord for blessing TAT and carrying it through its first 13 years; (2) Prayer for TAT's financial needs in paying its debts and securing enough financial resources for stable financing and development in the future; (3) Prayer for God's blessings in the personal lives of TAT's workers and for God's encouragement to continue their work; (4)

Prayer that TAT's students will study in faith with open hearts, providing good ground for the seed sown by God through TAT, and that they become good sowers of the seed; (5) Prayer for TAT's Master's program ; (6) Prayer that many people would come to study at TAT; and (7) Prayer for Estonia and its people.

Responding to TAT's Needs

Fifty years of Soviet occupation greatly diminished the role of religion in Estonian society. Christian education is vital to developing a strong moral culture in Estonia. We can help provide it.



The day after Pastor Bob presented TAT's prayer needs to Charity Lutheran Church, a member sent a check to TAT. This was later followed by a substantial gift from another member, and, a little later, other members provided TAT with a much-needed PowerPoint projector.

The Tartu Academy of Theology Endowment Fund of Charity Lutheran Church was

established on October 12, 2006. The Fund was created to help TAT carry out its mission of providing its students a theological education based on the Word of God to prepare them for serving God, and to meet the charitable, building, equipment, maintenance, support, and educational needs of it and its students through grants and scholarships from the income of the Fund.

We can make a long-term difference in Estonia by donating money or other property to the Tartu Academy of Theology Endowment Fund of Charity Lutheran Church. The easiest way is to make a tax-deductible gift by writing a check to Charity Lutheran Church and instructing that the funds be added to the endowment fund by writing "TAT Endowment Fund" in the "MEMO" line on the check. Other types of property are also welcome. For example, consult the custodian of your IRA about making a tax-free distribution from your IRA, or consult your financial adviser or broker about donating corporate stocks or bonds.

Be a difference maker! Donate to the Tartu Academy of Theology Endowment Fund of Charity Lutheran Church.

Donations can be sent to:

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