

# Impact Report

## H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders Endowment

Because of your support to the H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders, the Northeastern Iowa Synod has been able to meet the unmet tuition scholarship needs of every ministry candidate from our synod who is attending an ELCA seminary.



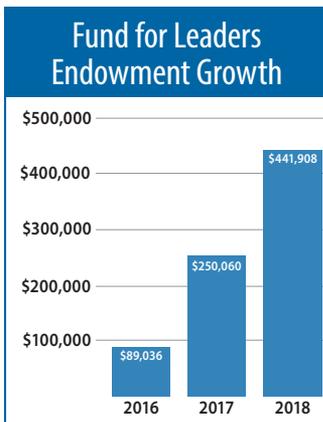
It is with incredible gratitude that we present this "Impact Report," which shows, with numbers and stories, how your gifts have been stewarded and the very real impact they have made.

Your gifts have helped to fund immediate scholarships or have been invested in an endowment to fund scholarships in the future, with a goal to provide leadership to congregations to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ for generations to come.

This report introduces Coco, Tawanda, John, Tyler, and Sue, who are just a few of the students whose lives you have touched this year. They are a small example of the many seminarians whose studies will be made possible in the years and decades to come.

Thank you!

*The Rev. Mark Anderson  
Assistant to the Bishop*



### Fund for Leaders Endowment Milestones

- 12 scholarships valued at **\$89,875** were awarded for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- 11 people became new candidates for ministry in 2017 through the Northeastern Iowa Synod.
- **\$86,854.36** was donated to the H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders in 2017.

# Thanks to your gifts, these candidates don't have to worry about tuition



**TAWANDA** was born in Harare, Zimbabwe.

After graduating from high school at an Episcopalian boarding school in Zimbabwe, Tawanda decided to attend Wartburg College in the United States. While attending Wartburg, he became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School, Waverly, and worked summers as a camp counselor at Camp Ewalu.

Tawanda received a bachelor's degree in engineering, but soon realized that he was called to be a pastor. He is now in his final year as a student at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque.

Between a scholarship from the ELCA Fund for Leaders and a grant from the H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders, Tawanda does not have to worry about tuition or other expenses while he is studying to become a pastor.



**COCO** is a student at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

She did an internship one summer with the Northeastern Iowa Synod as part of her studies at Wartburg College. She has served as youth director for St. John Lutheran, Nashua, and as a leader for WIYLDE, the synod's youth leadership development program.

A generous gift of \$10,000 from Coco's home church, St. John Lutheran, Waukon, to the H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders Endowment means that Coco will not need to take out a loan to pay her tuition this year.

Your generosity to the Leadership Fund is the reason we can look forward to excellent church leadership from Coco and other seminarians from the Northeastern Iowa Synod.



**JOHN** studied social science at the University of Northern Iowa and earned his master's degree in administration in 1994. He worked as a teacher, coach, athletic director, administrator and school principal.

Two years ago, when John announced his retirement as school principal, Pastor Adam Starrett encouraged him to consider candidacy.

John is now a student at Wartburg Theological Seminary in the TEEM certification program, serving at Bergen Lutheran, Roland.

A generous gift of \$8,000 from Bergen Lutheran to the H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders means that John doesn't have to worry about tuition.



**TYLER** is going to be a pastor in an ELCA congregation.

Tyler is a lifelong member of American Lutheran, Jesup. In high school he attended WIYLDE and served on the Lutheran Youth Organization Board. He graduated from Wartburg College in 2017.

Tyler is starting his second year at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque.

Because of your gifts to the H. George Anderson Leadership Fund, Tyler will graduate from seminary without having to take out any student loans for tuition. That means Tyler can concentrate on his studies and on being the best pastor he can for the future congregation who will welcome him.



**SUE** is a TEEM candidate serving Zion Lutheran, Alta Vista, and Immanuel Lutheran, Lawler.

Sue attended Wartburg College for two years for physical therapy before changing directions to attend the University of Iowa to study dental hygiene. She served as a dental hygienist for 40 years and retired in 2017. Then she decided to go another direction — to enter seminary.

Sue doesn't have to worry about seminary tuition because of a scholarship from the H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders Endowment. Your gifts to this fund have made it easier for second career seminary students like Sue to consider a call later in life.

“The fields are ripe unto the harvest.”

These words of Jesus inspired my father to leave a promising career and head for seminary with his wife and child. Financially, it was possible as the church paid for full tuition.



We are still paying for the tuition for the students from our synod. We simply provide for these costs through the generosity of individuals, congregations and congregational endowments.

You are touching the future as your gifts allow for the proclamation of the Gospel for decades to come.

Thank you.

— *Bishop Steven Ullestad, Northeastern Iowa Synod*

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I want to continue to support the H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders Endowment to provide scholarships for seminarians from the Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA.

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