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Letter from the Chairman of Student Publications

Why a student journal? The simple answer is: you, you the writers, and you the readers. To those who want an outlet for their mind and creativity, who want to test their work in the public forum, who have something to say in words to the academy, in poetry, in pictures, or in prose, we offer you these pages. And to those who want to read and see the work of Concordia Seminary students, to debate and discuss, to think and question, to appreciate and applaud, and to thereby be enriched and learn, we offer you these pages now filled with our first issue.

It is common for student bodies to have a place to share and discuss their work, and that is what we want this to be for Concordia Seminary. We have attempted to set a precedent with this inaugural edition by including a number of contributors, all with varied interests and arguments, all demonstrating the theological intrigue, creativity, and thoughtfulness of Concordia's students. To those authors and to everyone who submitted work for consideration, we offer our gratefulness. And I myself would be remiss not to thank the men and women behind the scenes of this project. It would not be happening without you all.

We also owe a special thanks to the Rev. Dr. John Nunes, President of Concordia College, New York. He has shared with us a letter written to our students and seminary community on the topic of Martin Luther King Jr. and the pertinence of listening to King's voice in the present theological climate. Nunes's words are a helpful introduction to our theme: *Martin Luther King Jr. 50 Years Later*. We hope that the submissions presented here might spark some interest in that leader and theologian of the Civil Rights Movement whose life ended half a century ago, but whose impact is still unfolding in the religious landscape of America. Beyond King, we hope our readers take time to seriously and thoughtfully reflect and act on those societal ills which continue to plague not only our country but also our churches. With these ends in mind I present to you *Grapho: A Student Publication of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis*.

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