

ST. LOUIS, July 21, 2017—Calls to six students to serve congregations and ministries of [The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod](#) (LCMS) were recognized Thursday during chapel at [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis](#).

Those recognized include two Master of Divinity students:

Alexander (Alec) Fisher, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Odenton, Md.

Adam Carnehl, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fairmont, Minn.

Two Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) students:

Ejaz Abid, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Albany, N.Y.

Gem Gabriel, called by the LCMS Atlantic District Board of Directors to serve The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, New London, Conn.

Also announced were Cross-Cultural Ministry (CMC) student **Timothy Norton's** call to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Navajo, N.M., and Center of Hispanic Studies student **Juan Benito's** call to El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Mo.

"Today we have the opportunity to celebrate and rejoice with these candidates, their family and friends, the calling congregations and ministries, and praise God," said Dr. Glenn Nielsen, director of Placement, and Vicarage and Deaconess Internships.

"May God bless you as you serve Him and His ministries," he told the students during the service.

Nielsen presented Fisher with a red Reformation 500 stole, a special gift for concluding students receiving calls this year, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The other five calls were celebrated in absentia.