

An individual or congregational gift in any amount will make a real difference in the lives of LSTC's international students and their families.

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- \$20, Individual Membership
- \$50 to \$250, Congregational Membership
- \$251-\$500, Guild Associate
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*The gifts that he gave
were that some would be
apostles, some prophets, some
evangelists, some pastors and
teachers, to equip the saints
for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of
Christ...*

Ephesians 4:11-12

Cover: Rangoli, a decorative design of welcome and good luck, created by LSTC students from India for an International Cultural Fest.

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The Guild of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago



*Serving LSTC's
diverse community of
international students
and scholars*

Founded in 1945 at Chicago Theological Seminary (Maywood, Ill.), the Guild is an organization of women and men from the Metropolitan Chicago Synod and beyond. Since the beginning, Guild projects have enhanced the lives of students at LSTC. The Guild meets twice a year, spring and fall, to learn about LSTC through presentations from faculty, staff members, and students.



In recent years, the Guild has focused on service to the International Student Community.

The Guild

- supports The Duty Free Shop, an exchange of secondhand clothing and housewares available for free to students and their families
- provides funds for winter clothing, medical supplies, and household items
- appeals to churches for help meeting immediate student needs identified by the International Student Coordinator
- funds summer vacation retreats for international students and their families at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, Ill.



LSTC plays a crucial role in preparing leaders for the world church.

- In 2014-15, 45 international students representing 16 countries and 21 faith communities studied at LSTC
- Most of LSTC's international students leave established careers in their home countries to pursue advanced training, enabling them to serve their churches in new ways
- Many international LSTC graduates now serve in pivotal roles in their home churches: as seminary professors or presidents, bishops, leaders of regional church bodies, or leaders in organizations like the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches



From left, The Rev. Emmanuel Penumaka (2013, Th.M.), Ph.D. is a student in systematic theology from India and Hong Kong. May May Latt, from Burma (Myanmar) earned a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies (Old Testament). The Rev. Yahu Vinayaraj, is a Ph.D. student in systematic theology from India, with family and friends when he received the Th.M. degree. Niveen Sarraas from Palestine earned a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies (Old Testament).
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International students face challenges

Funding sources for international students have decreased dramatically in recent years. Visa restrictions prohibit students from holding jobs while they are in the U.S., except for part-time work at LSTC itself; their spouses are not permitted to work.

The cost of living—even modestly—in Chicago is very high compared with the students' home countries. The cost of health insurance is an additional burden.

Your gifts to the Guild help international students at LSTC

You are invited to join the Guild and our efforts to increase the quality of life for LSTC's international students and their families.

Guild projects are made possible entirely through gifts from individuals and congregations.

- \$100 will provide winter coats for an international student family.
- \$200 will provide the basic necessities to furnish a student apartment.
- \$300 will furnish a student apartment and fill the refrigerator to welcome a new family.

