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NOTE: Waterloo Region Lutheran churches send many delegates to this meeting.

Seminary auxiliary votes

\$9,060 to various projects

Projects valued at \$9,060 were approved when the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary held its annual meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, with more than 200 members attending.

The largest sum, \$6,400, will provide bursaries for students of the seminary as they spend 13 weeks in clinical training with various churches and institutions.

In addition, \$1,500 will be given toward changes and improvements to be made in the entrance area in the seminary chapel. The remainder will go toward gift certificates for seminary graduates, \$560; a bursary for a student at Wilfrid Laurier University, with which the seminary is federated, \$200; working fund, \$300; and discretionary fund, \$100.

A collection taken at the meeting raised \$533 which will be used to purchase a solid oak display case for the life membership book, the memorial book, and the book honoring the contributions of men and women to the life of the church.

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Dr. Richard Crossman, dean of the seminary, announced that there are 131 students in the seminary this fall, with 42 students in the first year class-- a continuing growth. He added that 44 per cent of seminary students are women, also a figure that has risen dramatically over the years.

And the first woman faculty member, Carol Schlueter, who began teaching this month, brought greetings,

Since its founding in 1913, the auxiliary has been famous for the hand-made quilts it makes for first-year seminarians. A number of those completed over the past year were on display.

Two graduates of the seminary, both pastors, who share the pastorate at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Magnetawan in Northern Ontario, told how sharing worked out for them.

Rev. Christine Grahman, one-half of the duo, said two heads are better than one. "What one of us is not good at, the other one can cover." And Rev. Wendell Grahman, the other half, said having more free time was one factor in building their marriage and keeping it strong. As the only resident ministers in the town, it gives them both another pastor to share discussions with.

Auxiliary members from Lutheran parishes across the province attended the meeting, chaired by Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth of Kitchener, president.