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Tributes paid Seminary dean  
at retirement dinner May 25

Warm tributes were paid Friday at a retirement dinner in Kitchener for Delton Glebe who is stepping down shortly as dean of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Among those speaking were John A. Weir, president of Wilfrid Laurier University, with which the seminary is federated; and William Huras, bishop of the Eastern Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

Dr. Glebe has been a faculty member of the seminary since 1951, has served as dean since 1970, and will continue there as a teacher.

In 1967 Dr. Glebe took a leading part in a pilot project on student internship, a forerunner of the third-year internship at the seminary and in similar internship clusters at Lutheran seminaries across the continent.

Under the program, third-year students of the seminary spend two terms gaining practical experience serving in congregations, under pastoral supervision.

Also new, since Dr. Glebe took office, is the three months of clinical training that every master of divinity student undergoes. The time is spent in crisis ministry under supervision, usually in a hospital, and provides a further glimpse into the areas of service that will come with graduation.

And the dean pays tribute to the ongoing generosity of the Women's Auxiliary of the Seminary which, among other projects, provides the \$450 average tuition for all students as they enter the clinical training program.

Growth in seminary enrolments and eradication of deficits also please the dean. In 1970 there were 35 full and part-time seminary students. Now there are 115 full and part-time students. And the days when the seminary ran a \$50,000 a year deficit are gone.

"I'm happy with the statements made by reviewers for the Association of Theological Schools, the body that accredits seminaries throughout North America," the dean added. "They said our seminary is serving in a clearly ecumenical way and, at the same time, has not lost its identity as a Lutheran institution. This is unique."

A further comment by the reviewers--that the seminary had the best integration of the practical and the academic they had seen--pleased Dr. Glebe, too, since he had worked so tirelessly to bring that happy mixture about.

D. Glebe began his career in a practical field as an accountant and administrator for Swift Canadian Co., Ltd. in Hanover, not far from Neustadt, where he was born on Jan. 4, 1919. But the job was a depression-made choice. He had always wanted to serve the church full-time.

In 1944 he finally was able to enter Waterloo College and Seminary, receiving a B.A. in 1947 and a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1950. He was later to earn both a master's degree from Boston University and a doctorate in theology at Knox College, University of Toronto.

Dr. Glebe has considered his employment in the parish and at Laurier to be much more than just a job. "I believe in a call, a vocation, more than simply being job-oriented," he said. "A call to ministry implies a deep purpose and meaning and I think that is vital."