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First woman named to faculty  
at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary has appointed its first woman faculty member in its 75-year history. She is Carol Schlueter of Waterloo, who will be a lecturer in New Testament Studies effective Sept. 1.

She is also one of the first laypersons ever named to any Lutheran seminary in Canada.

Dr. Richard Crossman, dean of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, said the appointment reflects changes taking place in the institution.

"In recent years, the number of women training for the ministry at the seminary has grown significantly," he said. "There now are 49 women enrolled full or part-time, compared with 23 five years ago.

He said the seminary's program for preparing persons for lay leadership roles in the church has also grown notably in size.

"The appointment of Carol Schlueter will help the seminary strongly address these emerging needs."

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In making the announcement of the appointment, board chairman Bruce Bjorkquist said the appointment of Schlueter is an addition to the full-time faculty.

He said funds raised in the seminary's 75th anniversary endowment drive had helped make the appointment possible. Schlueter was appointed to an initial two-year term.

She holds degrees from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and Wilfrid Laurier University, with which it is federated, and expects to receive a doctorate shortly from McMaster University.

She has previously taught part-time at the seminary and the university, and for 16 years was a teacher with the Waterloo County board of education. She is a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Waterloo.