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Nashotah House Theological Seminary launches *More Together* campaign to raise up more leaders for the Church

Nashotah, Wisconsin (September 20, 2022) – Nashotah House Theological Seminary announces the launch of its *More Together* campaign, targeting 20% growth in its annual fund to support the formation of more seminarians.

Since its founding in 1842, Nashotah House has maintained a singular mission to raise up leaders for the Church, training clergy and lay leaders for ministry in the breadth of the Catholic tradition for The Episcopal Church, the wider Anglican Communion, churches in the Anglican tradition, and ecumenical partners.

More Together comes during a period of sustained growth for the 180-year-old seminary. Between 2017 and 2021, full-time equivalent enrollment grew by 94%, the highest growth rate among Anglican seminaries nationally, according to a recent audit by the Association of Theological Schools.

“In their wisdom, our founders recognized that the education and formation of clergy was essential to the spread of the gospel and building up of the Church,” said Dr. Garwood Anderson, Dean of Nashotah House. “The frontier may have changed, but we are convinced that this mission remains vitally important today. The long-term health of parishes and ministries depends on the formation of the men and women who will lead them. Amid division and decline, Nashotah House is committed to sending out well-formed priests, deacons, chaplains, and missionaries who are prepared to carry out the cause of Christ with both conviction and charity.”

More Together will focus on growing the seminary’s annual fund, the primary vehicle for funding academic programs, student scholarships, and seminary operations. Last year, donations to Nashotah House’s annual fund increased by nearly 25%, based on preliminary

reports. *More Together* builds on that momentum by inviting greater participation in the seminary's recent growth.

"We are acutely aware of the trends in theological education nationally," said Anderson. "At a time of widespread consolidation and downsizing, we are not immune to the very same financial headwinds that our peers face. It is indeed a challenging day for seminaries."

"In this environment – thanks be to God – we have experienced renewed vigor from a growing student body, the addition of several accomplished faculty, and substantial interest in our programs, all made possible by the essential support of our faithful partners," Anderson added.

More Together will employ a two-pronged approach to fundraising, including outreach to new audiences and the cultivation of existing partnerships. The campaign invites existing donors to consider a 20% increase in giving and seeks to broaden its base of support by adding 200 new partners to its mission.

"It is our duty to steward the rich tradition we have inherited and ensure it continues to flourish," Anderson said. "We are therefore inviting all of our supporters, alumni, and anyone with a vision for the future leadership of the Church to join us in this effort. We cannot do this important work without the generosity of our partners – and at this critical moment, we truly believe we can do more together."

Those interested in participating in the campaign may visit nashotah.edu/giving/more-together.