



## CONCORDIA THE REFORMER SEMINARY



- *Forming pastors to be shepherds, teachers and evangelists*
- *Rigorous course of study for pastors and deaconesses*
- *Ongoing capital improvements needed to maintain and upgrade facilities*

Since the opening of Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic in 2017, the institution has focused on preparing men to be shepherds, teachers and evangelists. In just a few short years, numerous well-trained theologians have graduated and are pastoring congregations across Latin America and the Caribbean. Some 50 men currently attend residential and online pastoral formation classes. The deaconess program has produced nearly 100 graduates, with 70 more women enrolled. In addition, online pre-seminary courses are new this year, and plans are for a Lutheran teacher training program to be rolled out during the next academic year.

The seminary hosts an annual symposium to provide for ongoing theological education, discourse, fellowship and encouragement for Spanish-speaking theologians. In

addition, a similar opportunity for students in the online pastoral formation program (FPH) is scheduled for the first time in January 2023.

Solar panels help provide consistent power and internet so that professors can teach classes online that reach students in the region's remote areas. Additionally, a sizeable theological library was dedicated in 2021 to provide students with access to great theological works.

This project provides ongoing care and improvements for the seminary's physical plant so that it can meet the needs of the constant flow of students and our changing world.

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