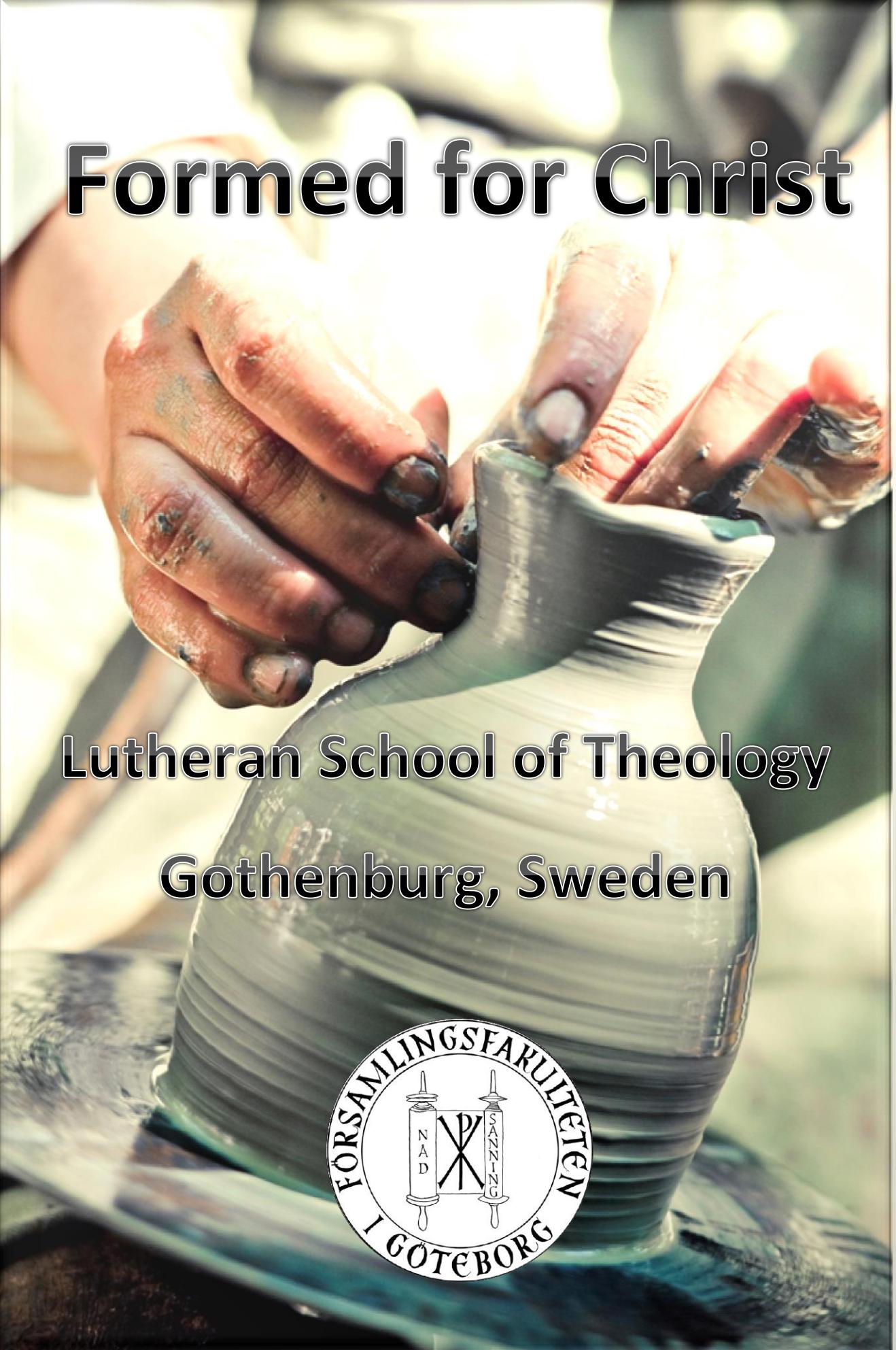


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Lutheran School of Theology

Gothenburg, Sweden



Welcome to the Lutheran School of Theology, Gothenburg!

The Lutheran School of Theology in Gothenburg (Församlingsfakulteten i Göteborg) offers theological education and conducts research, based on the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions, with the purpose to promote the growth of the Kingdom of God.



Two full-time programs in theological education are accredited by the *European Evangelical Accrediting Association* (www.eeaa.eu). Students who complete the one-year program, which provides general theological knowledge, receive a *Certificate of Theology*. The three-year program, in which students can major in either systematics, exegetical theology, or missiology, grants a *Bachelor of Theology*. In addition, LST also offers a non-credit Bible school (*Bibelskola Göteborg*), a one-year course open to anyone interested in Lutheran theology and practice.

History

The Lutheran School of Theology, Gothenburg, was established in 1993. As early as 1904, a Swedish Lutheran pastor, *Peter Isaac Béen*, had the vision of founding a theological institution in Gothenburg, but he was unable to raise sufficient funding. However, some 20 years later his vision was revived, and he gained support from pastors and congregations all over Sweden. Still unable to establish an independent theological institute, he now chose to open a Christian High School (Prästgymnasiet) with the specific aim to prepare young men for the theological university education and pastoral ministry within the Church of Sweden. This high school still exists (now under the name *L M Engströms*

Gymnasium, or *Lutheran High School Gothenburg*), but offers since 1993 a general high school program not specifically intended for future pastors.

In 1993, the board of L M Engströms Gymnasium decided to establish a Bible-centered, Lutheran institution, now known internationally as the Lutheran School of Theology, Gothenburg (LST), with the aim to train students of theology for the pastoral ministry and other Christian work. During its first years, LST offered supplementary courses, primarily for students studying religion at the (secular) University of Gothenburg. The board and staff of LST were, however, concerned about being dependant on the agnostic teaching in the secular university. For this reason, LST developed a theological program independent of the university, which finally after about 90 years fulfilled Peter Isaac Béen's vision of a confessional Lutheran seminary. This education received official recognition in 2009 when it was accredited by the *European Evangelical Accrediting Association*.

Former students at LST have undertaken post-graduate studies in other countries (USA, Norway, China) and even doctoral studies (UK). Several of the students are now ordained for the holy ministry and serve in Lutheran churches, some of them within the Mission Province, whereas other students serve in various mission organizations.

Both LST and the Lutheran High School are governed by the *Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Education Foundation* (SELEF).



Faculty

- *Johannes Hellberg, M.Th.* Principal, instructor in Old Testament Exegesis and Hebrew.
- *Rev. Rune Imberg, D.Th.* Senior lecturer in Church History. Dean of Research.
- *Torbjörn Johansson, D.Th.* Senior lecturer in Systematic Theology and Latin. Editor of *Hälsning*.
- *Daniel Johansson, Ph.D.* Senior lecturer in New Testament Exegesis and Greek.
- *Rev. Timo Laato, D.Th.* Senior lecturer in New Testament Exegesis.
- *Rev. Bengt Bergersson, D.Th. h.c.* Instructor in Pastoral Theology.
- *Rt. Rev. Roland Gustafsson, theological degree from Fjellhaug Skoler, Oslo.* Instructor in Missiology.
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