

# Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

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Rev. Joseph Abuor, Master of Arts (M.A.) student from Nyamira, Kenya

Rev. Joseph Abuor was raised Lutheran and, at a young age, felt the call to devote his life to sharing the Good News. “I went to Neema (Neema Lutheran College, formerly Matongo Lutheran Theological College) for a one-week Sunday school training course,” he says. “There, I really admired the teachers, the books and the worship life. Then, at 17 years old, the teachers inspired me to serve God and to spread the Word of God.”

Rev. Abuor is a Master of Arts (M.A.) student from Nyamira, Kenya. Before enrolling at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, he earned a four-year diploma and a bachelor’s degree in theology from Neema, the official teaching institution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK).

He says Concordia Seminary has exceeded his expectations, which were high. “The quality of the teaching is excellent here,” he says. “And the library is excellent. It has so many resources – both electronic and hard copy. With the faculty and the library, we as students are blessed with such a high degree of knowledge.

“Also, I am learning a lot from my fellow students – and not just in the classroom, but in theological discussions in different places around campus, such as the lunch hall,” he says. “I always come away from those discussions knowing something new. Every place on this campus is a class.”



Alan Furst, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) student from Ipiranga do Norte, Brazil



Wondimu Mathewos Game, Ph.D. student from Hawassa, Ethiopia

Concordia Seminary’s international students collectively have a key goal uppermost in mind: to attain their advanced degrees so as to be well prepared for church and seminary leadership in their home countries.

“When I graduate and return to Kenya as a professor, I will be teaching diploma-level and bachelor’s-level students to be good servants of God,” Rev. Abuor says. Like Rev. Abuor, most of these students will become seminary professors, filling an urgent need for doctorate-level and master’s-level teachers to prepare well-formed pastors to share the Gospel.