



Greetings from Augustana University!

As you prepare for your upcoming synod assembly, we appreciate the opportunity to provide a brief update on the momentum around faith integration at Augustana, along with a few helpful resources you may wish to share.

The **Buntrock Scholars Program** for ELCA students continues to welcome at least 30 new students to campus each fall. This generous scholarship covers half the net price of tuition at Augustana — up to \$13,000 annually — and provides a supportive community where students grow in faith and leadership as they explore their vocation.

We are also celebrating the recent renovation and expansion of the **Chapel of Reconciliation**, a \$4.5 million project that reflects a renewed commitment to worship and faith life at the heart of the university. Please watch for an invitation to the fall dedication, planned for Friday, Sept. 18.

In addition, Augustana was honored to be selected as a recipient of a \$5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its **National Storytelling Initiative on Christian Faith and Life**. Over the next five years, Augustana's project — "Sacred Discoveries: Stories of Christian Flourishing in College" — will share authentic and compelling narratives of young adults living out their faith.

As part of the Sacred Discoveries initiative, synods, congregations and ministry partners have the opportunity to apply for microgrants of up to \$12,000 to seed their own storytelling projects. More information can be found at [augje.edu/sacreddiscoveries](http://augje.edu/sacreddiscoveries).

**We welcome your support in helping spread the word about what God is doing at Augustana University.**

- Show this [slide](#) and/or [video](#) highlighting the Buntrock Scholars Program.
- Use this [slide](#) introducing the Sacred Discoveries microgrant opportunities.
- Include this [brochure](#) in your pre-assembly communications, assembly packet and/or synod newsletter.
- Request hard copy materials to distribute via the Material Request Form at [augielink.com/BuntrockScholars](http://augielink.com/BuntrockScholars).

We look forward to continuing this work with you, your rostered leaders and your congregations as we walk alongside young leaders in an educational journey inspired by the Lutheran scholarly tradition and grounded in a community of faith.

Sincerely,

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