Explanation of Concept
The Luther House of Study was established to better serve the needs of students seeking to serve the church in a Lutheran context. The House of Study, which is essentially a program of student services, has emerged through a partnership between Sioux Falls Seminary and Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

Clearly there is much that separates Baptists and Lutherans in terms of their respective theological and ecclesial heritages. Nevertheless, much of theological education today involves skills and knowledge that are shared among the various theological traditions: pastoral care, preaching, educational ministries, knowledge of church history, biblical exegesis, congregational leadership, and much more. It is for this reason that seminaries and divinity schools across North America are seeing greater denominational diversity within their student bodies. The Luther House of Study functions to meet the special needs of a theological tradition that is strongly represented in the Upper Midwest.

Core Mission
Luther House provides a context within the seminary which serves the distinctive needs of Lutheran students, to foster a professional ethos compatible with Lutheran congregations, and to maintain a network of communication between Lutheran students, their synod offices, the Lutheran seminaries where they may ultimately affiliate, and Lutheran placement services. To this end, the House of Study will maintain close contact with the student’s synod and Bishop and particularly with Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Work of Luther House
The Luther House of Study at Sioux Falls Seminary will:

• Provide an “in house” identity and network of support for Lutheran students through fellowship meetings

• Provide liaison services between SF Seminary Lutheran students and their synod offices

• Provide accurate and timely information relative to ordination and credentialing requirements

• Maintain an ongoing conversation with the Lutheran seminaries, particularly Luther Seminary in St. Paul, channeling questions on curriculum decisions, affiliation, and residency requirements

• Offer courses under the auspices of Luther House tailored to meet the special needs of Lutheran students. Courses will taught by the Director of Luther House, qualified adjuncts, or faculty contracted through Augustana College or Luther Seminary

• Provide continuing education to Lutheran pastors and church leaders

• Provide worship opportunities that reflect Lutheran patterns of liturgy and ethos

• Seek scholarships for Lutheran students studying at Sioux Falls Seminary

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