Welcome Statement Endorsed by Faculty vote on 4.25.18

Luther Seminary is a learning community rooted in the unconditional promise of God's love for all people. In Christ, all are neighbors one to another. In a dynamic of mutual welcome, we seek to learn from one another's particularities, including but not limited to differences of race, ethnicity, nationality, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic circumstance, dis/ability, political perspective, ecclesial tradition, and theological commitments. Intentional learning happens through critical discourse that challenges previously held assumptions. Faculty, staff, students, and board members commit to engaging deeply in Christ-centered relationships across differences through honest, courageous, and respectful dialogue. This is possible only by the grace of God. We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be a community of reconciliation, and one that educates Christian public leaders who can be conduits of God's healing and mercy in the world.