

Congregations can Double Their Impact!

Thanks to the generosity of twenty-five donor advocates, PLTS will receive additional support for its Seminary Fund in 2016...if we can match it!

Gifts to the PLTS Seminary Fund are essential because your gift provides the unrestricted annual funds our seminary needs for things like improved classroom technology, help with student transportation and other incidentals, and greater access to the Graduate Theological Union, a local consortium of eight seminaries and more than a dozen multi-faith centers.

Congregations who support PLTS can do so in a variety of ways. Some include PLTS in their annual budget. Others make a special gift from an endowment or discretionary fund or collect a special offering. You could even host a bake sale or casserole contest. If you come up with a creative idea, we'd love to hear about it and even feature your story in an upcoming newsletter.

How can you help?

- Talk with your pastor or church council president about supporting PLTS.
- Recommend increasing/adding support for PLTS in your congregation's annual budget.
- Make a request to your congregation's endowment or special fund for PLTS, or forward the information to PLTS so a staff member can make the request.
- Make a personal pledge for PLTS and invite members of your congregation to match it, with the final check being sent from the congregation.

How does the program work?

- Congregation makes a gift to the PLTS Seminary Fund.
- PLTS confirms the amount eligible for matching, up to \$1,000.
- A thank you letter and receipt is sent to the congregation.
- The matching donor may reach out to the congregation's leaders to share additional thanks.

What's our progress to date?

- 25 individual donors have made pledges/gifts totaling \$26,550 to create a match.
- PLTS has received 16 new or increased gifts from congregations, since beginning the matching program in December 2015.
- The total amount matched is \$5,317, as of March 18, 2016.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

To make a gift, checks can be sent to PLTS, 2770 Marin Ave, Berkeley, CA 94708. Please contact Sara Wilson at swilson@plts.edu or 510-559-2717 with questions or to talk about creative fundraising in your congregation.