

Secure our HOPE



More than 90 of over 120 Methodist pastors and lay preachers have received training at the Moscow Theological Seminary.

With the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, many people turned to religion to find fulfillment and spiritual strength after 73 years of communist rule. Christian churches started spreading the Gospel throughout the huge territory of Eurasia.

Active in Russia from the late 19th century until the 1920s, The United Methodist Church re-established its mission in 1992. Presently Bishop Hans Växby is leading over 120 United Methodist churches in Russia and Eurasia.

Dr. Sergei Nikolaev has served as president of the Seminary since 2008.

The Moscow Theological Seminary is the *primary* UMC educational resource in all these countries.

From traditional academy-oriented lectures to our new modular curriculum, our aim is to prepare effective pastoral UMC leaders throughout Eurasia.

The Moscow Theological Seminary provides education and preparation for future UMC leadership in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, and Central Asia.



Be our PARTNER

One student/3 years full tuition = \$15,000

One student/2 years tuition = \$10,000

One student/1 year tuition = \$5,000

One student/1 semester tuition = \$2,500

3 easy steps

1. Make check payable to:

General Board of Global Ministries, ADVANCE GCFA (write on check: #12174A Moscow Seminary - Scholarship and Academic Support

2. Mail to: General Board of Global Ministries ADVANCE GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, GPO New York, NY 10087-9068

3. E-mail: a short notification to: Dr. Sergei Nikolaev at president.msumc@gmail.com



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Our TASKS

MOSCOW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

- **prepares** those who answer God's call to ministry and accompanies them on their way
- **helps** The United Methodist Church be a transformative power in Russian society and in all of Eurasia
- **NEW** -- has developed a new *Modular System of education* to provide the highest quality theological education to fit the context and needs of the people preparing for ministry in Russia and the former Soviet Union.

I am the future

of The United Methodist Church in the largest parish in the world.



I can be a servant

of The United Methodist Church in Russia and Eurasia ...



... if **YOU** support our vital missions.



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of The United Methodist Church

And WHO is equal to such a task? 2 Cor. 2:16b

YOU can help

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM, MOSCOW

Three-year

Students from Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus live and study in Moscow for three years. They receive intensive training of up to 30 academic hours a week in:

- Biblical studies
- History of Christianity
- Systematic Theology
- Practical Theology

Students also serve as assistants in local churches of the two Moscow Districts.

EXTENSION PROGRAM

Four-year

People already serving in local churches in the Eurasia area study for 4 years by correspondence. Twice a year, they attend a two-week seminar during which they meet their teachers, take exams, and share time in fellowship. They get to know each other better and create ties that will hold the church together in the future.

CENTRAL ASIA PROGRAM

Three-year

This *new pilot program* is a combination of the extension approach and traditional on-campus learning. For two years, students from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tadzhikistan come to our center in Almaty, Kazakhstan – twice a year for two-week seminars – to prepare them to become United Methodist ministers in their own Muslim-dominated context. In the third, final year, students study at the Moscow campus.

MODULAR CURRICULUM SYSTEM

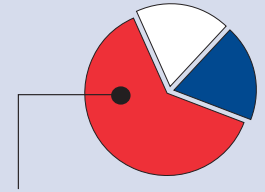
NEW

Currently in development, the Moscow Seminary is making a strong effort to model learning in the areas of quality, sustainability, and praxis of ministry and leadership. The entire educational program in the Seminary is being transferred into a Modular System, where all the courses will be taught in short, but intensive modules.

To date, visiting faculty, many of whom come from United Methodist seminaries in the U.S, have provided much of the teaching. To develop and deliver our new Modular Curriculum, we will need additional full-time faculty members, to offer better infrastructure for teaching these modules



Our entire operating budget is very small -- just \$400,000. More than half of that money must come from *partners like you* in the United States. Our goal is financial sustainability, so Russian United Methodists can become more self-sufficient. Until that time, we must build a solid and ongoing support constituency in the U.S. We believe this is possible because of the energy and interest among U.S. congregations like yours and people like you!



Friends of Moscow Seminary
GOAL \$250,000/year

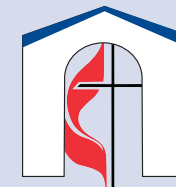
Annual Expenses
 \$75,000 = Facilities
 \$75,000 = Administration
 \$250,000 = Educational costs
 (\$5,000/student x 50 students)
TOTAL = \$400,000

Will you help us meet our goal?

Please send a check today

to secure the future of United Methodist pastors and lay preachers in Russia and Eurasia, as they prepare to be servants.

(See back panel for payment information)



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