

# Your congregation needs a (good, free) website.

## Concordia Theological Seminary can help!



### What you get:

A full featured website hosted on CTS's virtual server lets you:

- Update your own content using a "what you see is what you get" editor.
- Choose your theme from our six different layouts using custom colors.
- Add photos or video to your site with ease. (You're responsible for the copyright permissions for anything you host, though.)
- Keep your people updated via a blog/news feed.
- Get training by seminary staff on how to use your new site.

### More free things you might want:

- Congregational calendar of events
- Link to sermoncast.com account (We can help set up.)
- Link to congregation Facebook (We can help set this up too, but you'll have to keep it updated. Talk to one of our staff about what's involved.)
- Link to Google Map of church address
- Discussion forum
- Enable, moderate or disable comments

### What you can't do:

- Manually edit the source code of the site.
- Have us update your site content. (We'd love to, but we just don't have the staff to do it.)
- Worry about hosting providers, servers, file structures, HTML code or any of the geeky bits of having a site.

### What we get:

- CTS ad space on the page.
- An opportunity to serve Christ's Church.

**Everything the seminary provides for your website is free. If you want to change the site address, though, we ask that your congregation cover the costs of the address registration.**

(Don't worry, we'll still help with the tech stuff.)

#### OPTION 1

<http://yourchurch.ctshost.org>

Cost: **Free.**

(No, really. Free. Like Grace. We're serious. We do the work, host it, everything. You just provide the content.)

#### OPTION 2

<http://www.yourcurrentsite.org>

Cost: **Free**, but you'll have to keep paying for the domain name over time, just like you already are.

(We can help transfer the domain, but we'll need some tech info from you or your webmaster.)

#### OPTION 3

<http://www.abrandnewsite.org>

Cost: **About \$10/year.** This is what the address registry charges, and we have you pay it to them.

(This means you own the address and, if you ever decide to leave us, then you keep your website address.)

### Why are we doing this?

Because the seminaries exist to serve the needs of our congregations. Primarily that means faithfully and consistently forming men as pastors and women as deaconesses over the years, but it also means finding ways that we can share our resources with our brothers and sisters around the Synod. Any time there's an opportunity for us to help make your work of proclaiming the Gospel through Word and Sacrament easier, we're interested in helping. It's what we do.

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