

## THEOLOGICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION

### LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

As from 2003, theological education and training for the ministry in both ELCSA and UELCSA will take place through the newly established **Lutheran Theological Institute (LTI)** in close co-operation with the School of Theology at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg. The LTI is the product of practical co-operation between ELCSA and UELCSA in the joint South African Lutheran Theological Training Trust (SALTTT). A brochure informing and encouraging prospective students has been published and is available from the pastors of the Cape Church as well as the Church Office in Cape Town. Bishop Rohwer commented: "We trust that there will soon be students from the Cape Church studying to prepare to serve as ministers in our Church."

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### STUDY LEAVE REPORT

**Pastor Rüdiger Lutz** of St. Andrew's, East London reported on his recent three month's study leave in Germany. He told CCN: "I attended a three-week advanced course on the gospels at the Lutheran Prediger- und Studienseminar Pullach, the main seminary for pastors' in-service training in Munich, from which I derived much benefit for my preaching and house group work. A stimulating ecumenical course, together with Catholic priests at Erfurt, dealt with the theology of law and gospel (following on from the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Joint Declaration on Justification of 1999). An important event was a conference of Southern African Lutheran pastors and EKD representatives held near **Wartburg Castle**. It was very special for me to visit the small room where Martin Luther translated the Bible. From German pastors I heard how they are burdened by the heavy workload since the reduction of church posts, and by the lack of discipline and motivation in Confirmation classes. A conference with hospice workers in Bad Boll near Stuttgart provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on my own counselling. One of the highlights was a five-day guided study tour to Turkey to where the apostle Paul had founded several congregations." These study visits are financially supported by the EKD through UELCSA.



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