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The Rev. Dr. Philip D.W. Krey
President
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Dear Dr. Krey,

I am pleased to know that The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP) will offer a concentration in Public Leadership that will enable students to combine their professional expertise in business, law, healthcare, and social services with graduate level theological studies. Upon graduation, it is hoped these students will use that combined expertise for leadership and service in the wider community. There are many opportunities and challenges that we are facing as a city, region and nation.

We will need both keen minds and well-formed hearts in order to make a lasting impact in the public arena. To move the common good forward in responsible and collaborative ways will require well-crafted public policy and thoughtful care of people. This program speaks to both requirements.

This is an important development that LTSP is undertaking with the introduction of its concentration in Public Leadership. Now is the time to encourage people of faith to serve publicly, to engage in and serve the common good. Now is the time. I wish those who choose to step forward in faith all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Nutter".

Michael A. Nutter
Mayor of Philadelphia