

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg  
Student Association Resolution: 03-2013

Unanimously Approved: *November 4, 2013*

WHEREAS: Current Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (LTSG) students desire to improve student identity and morale through the use of officially adopted school colors which could be associated with official apparel, items, and gifts

WHEREAS: The LTSG Community Life Committee discussed the need to improve student community identity during its March & April 2011 meetings which called for the establishment of Seminary athletic colors, mascot, and team name/motto

WHEREAS: There are two different sets of LTSG institutional or academic colors (*Navy Blue and Gold* established by President Baughman **and** *Navy and Salmon* as listed in the unofficial "book" of the National Association of College Stores)

WHEREAS: Academic tradition holds that colors displayed, "in athletic competition, was most frequently given to the student body. (*Our College Colors*, "Henry L. Snyder, Southern Publishing Company, pg. 21, 1949)

WHEREAS: Martin Luther's personal seal colors (*gold, white, blue, red, green, black*) provide ample fertile ground for selection of athletic colors by a Lutheran Seminary

WHEREAS: Red is the color of fire, Pentecost, passion, the "hospital flag" which hung on Schmucker Hall during the Battle of Gettysburg, and blood (*such as that shed on 1 July, 1863 by northern and southern soldiers during the Battle of Seminary Ridge on the very ground we use as our athletic fields*)

WHEREAS: LTSG is the oldest operational Lutheran Seminary in North America having been founded in 1826

WHEREAS: White is the color for purity, sacrifice, and virtue as well as being the color commonly used for baptismal clothes and in liturgical vestments used by LTSG graduates

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the LTSG Student Association hereby establishes "**Maroon and Old White**" as the official LTSG Athletic Colors. Further, this action is to be documented within Article I of the LTSG's Student Association Constitution, as a new addition after the existing sentence which shall read as follows: "The athletic colors for all Student Association activities are Maroon and Old White"