The CTS Momentum Campaign:
Campus Renovations and Improvements

Fountain Court & Lobby
Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) is a beautiful, deeply spiritual place like no other, at once an extraordinary theological school and a community destination for people of all faiths in central Indiana and beyond.

Nestled along the White River between the Indianapolis Museum of Art and Butler University, CTS’s mid-century modern campus features an architecturally noteworthy main building, a significant collection of modern art, and a stunning chapel. The campus is serenely set along a ravine, with gorgeous views of both the Central Canal and the White River.

People of faith have long embraced hospitality to express their beliefs and values. Based upon The Rule of Benedict, CTS believes real hospitality demands extra effort, extra time and extra care. It requires us to create spaces and experiences where our guests enjoy genuine comfort and grace. And the primary CTS destinations for experiencing our unique form of hospitality are our Fountain Court and Lobby.

After 50 years, however, the Fountain Court and Lobby require significant restoration to return them to the warm ambiance for which they were originally designed. The outside Fountain Court requires a fresh landscape design that fully showcases the entry to the Seminary while conveying to our guests that they have arrived at a very special place and are welcomed. Inside, the Lobby needs updated furnishings and technology as well as way-making signage to help them find their way to the CTS Café, Sweeney Chapel, Shelton Auditorium, classrooms and other important destinations.

Our goal for these renovation projects, as well as others funded in part by Lilly Endowment, is $1,000,000.

If CTS is to become both a thriving, dynamic community of faith formation and a celebrated destination in central Indiana, its physical environment must be welcoming, gracious, and hospitable.

Lilly Endowment Inc. has graciously provided partial funding to design and renovate the CTS Fountain Court and Lobby. To complete these projects, however, we need your help. By making a tax-deductible gift or pledge today to the CTS Momentum Campaign, you can preserve and enhance the Fountain Court and Lobby as well as other important renovation projects at CTS — for our students, our Midtown neighbors, and our city for generations to come.
Entry Upgrades:
- Installation of seasonal “wave plantings” along existing parking for screening and visual appeal along 42nd Street
- Mounding along the existing trail with a few places to sit bringing interest to the existing flat ground plane
- Development of a new entry drive that leads drivers to the Fountain Court
- Construction of a curved walk that leads trail users to the front door and Lobby

Fountain Court Upgrades:
- Addition of canopy trees and selected tree removal
- Addition of ground cover with under planting of Spring bulbs
- Implementation of seasonal entry planter program
- Exterior lighting upgrades

Lobby Upgrades:
- Restoration of original mid-century modern marble floor
- Replacement of carpeting
- Design and fabrication of new reception desk
- Refinishing of existing mid-century modern bench
- Updating of existing interior planters
- Installation of TV monitor for event information and directions
- Installation of way-making signage for directional purposes

Edge and Entry Landscape
An example of colorful seasonal “Wave Plantings” for screening and visual appeal.
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Example of landscape planters

For a personal tour or to learn more about how you can help to maintain CTS’s momentum, contact Seminary Advancement at (317) 931-2311 or visit us at www.cts.edu.

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