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The Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer joined Lenoir-Rhyne as rector and dean of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) in April 2023. In this role, Rimmer serves as the lead academic and church administrator for LTSS and works to further develop the seminary to an exemplary status within the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Rimmer is rostered in the North Carolina Synod, which is the land and people that formed him. In the U.S., he has been an adjunct lecturer at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, the United Lutheran Seminary, and served congregations in York, Pennsylvania, and Copenhagen, Denmark. His vocation as a teaching theologian led him on a global, ecumenical path of theological education in Scotland, France, and Senegal with people of diverse contexts, cultures, and bioregions across the Lutheran communion. Most recently, Rimmer served as program executive for theology and practice at the Lutheran World Federation Department of Theology, Mission and Justice in Geneva, Switzerland. This role included teaching across the seven regions of the Global Network for Theological Education and Formation.



His research interests include the intersection of theology and natural sciences, social ethics, climate justice, and aesthetics. At LTSS, Rimmer teaches in the areas of eco-theology and ethics, constructive theology, liturgy, and worship.

He is the author of many books and journal articles, including co-author of *“Contemporary Ecotheology, Climate Justice and Environmental Stewardship in World Religions”* (Ecothee volume 6, Orthodox Academy of Crete Publications), *“Religion, Sustainability and Education pedagogy, perspectives, and praxis towards ecological sustainability,”* *“We Believe in the Holy Spirit, Global Perspectives on Lutheran Identities”* (Evangelische Verlagsanstalt Leipzig/Lutheran World Federation) and *“Greening the Children of God - Thomas Traherne and Nature’s Role in the Ecological Formation of Children”* (Pickwick Publications, reprinted in 2021 by Lutterworth Press).

Rimmer and his wife are the parents of four humans and one dog, Lucy. Away from seminary, he is likely backpacking in the mountains, playing guitar, climbing a tree, growing, cooking, or running. You are welcome to come hike, jam, climb, till, eat, or run... if you can keep up.