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Renaissance School expands to serve more students in Racine

*LUMIN Schools opens a second campus of Renaissance School
in Racine serving grades K4 - 8 in the 2017-18 school year*

October 25, 2017 (Milwaukee, Wis.) – Renaissance School, a private Christian school operated by Milwaukee non-profit Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc. (LUMIN), has expanded operations for the 2017-18 school year by opening a second location in Racine.

The new location at 1510 Villa Street will allow Renaissance to serve more students while also consolidating its operations into Racine, said LUMIN President and CEO Dick Laabs. Last year Renaissance served K4 through 3rd grade students at its main campus at 6150 Taylor Avenue, Racine, and 4th through 8th grade students at a second campus at St. Peter Parish in Kenosha.

“We are excited by the opportunity to move all Renaissance School operations to Racine, where all of our students live,” Laabs said. “We are pleased to ease the travel and transportation challenges for our Renaissance families.”

The move also represents an opportunity for expansion.

“In addition, the Villa Street building is considerably larger than the St. Peter facility, which allows us to serve more children in the community,” Laabs said.

The Renaissance School - Villa facility is located on the campus of St. Richard of Chichester Catholic Parish. The parish school closed many years ago, and since then the building has

housed several non-profit tenants. Prior to re-opening the building, LUMIN addressed various deferred maintenance issues and funded a variety of upgrades and improvements to the facility.

Deacon Greg Petro, director of administrative services at St. Richard's, said his church community is excited to again be home to a school.

"Our parish is pleased that the congregation's school building will again be used to provide a Christian education to families in our neighborhood," Petro said. "It will be a delight to again see and hear children on our campus. We are also excited to partner with another Christian faith tradition in helping to build God's Kingdom."

Currently, 330 students attend Renaissance School, about 230 of whom attend Renaissance School – Villa. The remaining 100 attend Renaissance School – Taylor, which currently serves grades K4-4th. Nearly all Renaissance School students participate in the Racine Parental Choice Program. Both campuses are overseen by Principal Tiffany Venegas.

About LUMIN

Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc. (LUMIN) is a 501c(3) nonprofit corporation and a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). LUMIN operates five LCMS schools in Milwaukee; one Christian school in Racine with two campuses; and one LCMS school in Gary, Indiana; that serve students from low income families that participate in the Milwaukee and Racine Parental Choice Programs. LUMIN Schools provide safe, Christian schools focused on educational success, leadership development and spiritual growth; and are setting the standard for effective, Christ-centered, results oriented urban education. For more information, visit www.luminschools.org or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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