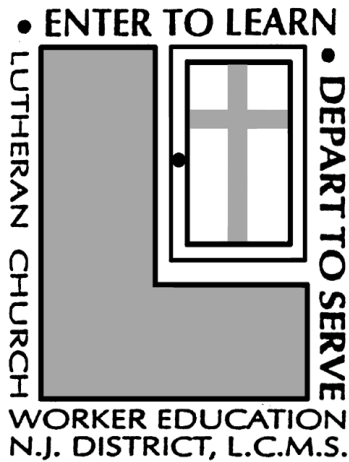


# LEADERS & LEARNERS IN FAITH



A PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR LAITY

*“Enter to Learn  
Depart to Serve”*

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# **CATALOG OF COURSES**

For Lay Ministry Training

**LCMS NEW JERSEY DISTRICT**

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The Christian life involves trusting our God and Savior to do as He promised to forgive our sins and love us with an unconditional eternal love. Little did the delegates to the 1991 district convention know the wonderful blessings the Lord had in mind for congregations in New Jersey when they passed a resolution which began Leaders and Learners in Faith. Each year the number of graduates grows with men and women who have entered to learn and now depart to serve.

Leaders and Learners has provided participants with depth of knowledge and specific skills needed to assist pastors and congregations to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to the increasingly diverse population of New Jersey. Persons who enter this course of study will encounter a variety of classes that will prepare them for greater service in the church. The classes may be a challenge for persons who have not studied at a college level for some period of time. As with all challenges, the growth comes in dedicating time and effort to complete the task and reach the goal.

As you page through this catalog, consider joining other Lutheran Christians in a course of study which will help you learn about the Bible and your church. Jesus Christ said He came, “Not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28. As a disciple of Jesus, you will be equipping yourself to be among those who have “entered to Learn and Depart to Serve.”

William R. Klettke  
President  
LCMS New Jersey District

## **IN BRIEF**

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### **LEADERS AND LEARNERS IN FAITH**

#### **A PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR LAITY**

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This co-educational program of Christian Education for Laity founded in 1993 is supported by the LCMS New Jersey District.

#### **CERTIFICATE**

Lay Ministry Tract Certification

#### **CAMPUS**

A location accessible to students in New Jersey.

#### **SCHEDULE**

There are three semesters: Fall, Winter and Spring.  
Possible shortened summer session  
Online/on-site sessions.

#### **AVERAGE COST**

**\$150 PER COURSE PLUS REQUIRED MATERIALS**

Application for scholarship may be made to the registrar.

Reimbursement funds are available on a percentage basis as classes are successfully completed.

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## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Lay Ministry Certification**

- + Endorsed by the local parish
- + A copy of one of the following:  
High School Transcript, GED, High School Diploma
- + For certification, student must successfully complete  
12 Required and 3 elective courses

### **Church Worker Program**

- + The desire to enhance skills in a specific area
- + Ability and desire to do college level work

### **Missional Curriculum**

- + Check the link under Leaders & Learners  
on the district website:  
<http://www.njdistrict.org/leaders-and-learners/>

## **ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES**

- A \$15 one time non-refundable fee must accompany initial application.
- Tuition for each course is \$150 and must accompany registration.
- Registration should be made 10 days prior to the first class of each course. Courses with fewer than 7 students enrolled may be cancelled one week prior to the first class session.
- Obtaining text books and other materials are the responsibility of the student.
- Background check (For Lay Ministry Certification applicants) This service can be done through your local congregation through Protect My Ministry. Visit <http://www.protectmyministry.com/lcms> for more information. Send a copy with your completed application.

## **NEW JERSEY DISTRICT LAY MINISTRY** **CERTIFICATION**

This Program is for lay persons who desire to obtain professional Certification in order to provide ministry to congregations in the LCMS New Jersey District. It will lead to the certification **LAY MINISTER** in the New Jersey District. A Lay Minister serves under the supervision of an ordained pastor. Upon meeting entrance requirements, both men and women are eligible for this program.

Lay ministers might serve in a variety of ways. They may serve as trained leaders in such areas as evangelism, worship, education, visitation, and youth ministry. In addition, some certified men may be called upon to preach or lead a public worship service. Both men and women will gain expertise and experience so that they will be able to take part actively in the work of our district and provide both visionary and practical leadership in carrying out our Lord's work.

Required courses for certification:

**Lutheran Worship**  
**Homiletics**  
**Introduction to Holy Scripture**  
**Introduction to the Old Testament**  
**Introduction to the New Testament**  
**Introduction to Hermeneutics**  
**Doctrine I**  
**Doctrine II**  
**History of Christian Church to 1500**  
**Lutheran History – 1500 to Present**  
**Lutheran Confessions**  
**Comparative Theology/Worldviews**

It should be noted that this certification will apply only to the New Jersey District and is not the same as the LCMS Lay Ministry Certification.

## **CHURCH WORKER PROGRAM**

The Church Worker Program makes it possible for any New Jersey District lay person to learn to grow and to effectively serve the Lord in a local congregation.

For example, an elder, church secretary, or parish worker may wish to improve skills in the area of Christian doctrine or interpersonal skills; a Sunday School teacher may want to learn Bible Study skills or take a teaching course; an organist may want to learn more about Lutheran worship; or lay persons may just want to take a particular course of interest to them.

This program provides the opportunity to simply “learn more.” The key requirement is the desire to do just that. Upon successful completion of any course a Certificate of Completion may be given recognizing that individual’s accomplishment.

**PROGRAMMATIC OVERVIEW OF LAY MINISTRY  
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COURSE WORK**

**PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (33.00)**

33.001 -	Interpersonal Skills	3QH
33.002 -	Introduction to Teaching	3QH
33.003 -	Lutheran Worship*	3QH
33.004 -	Homiletics*	3QH
33.005 -	Evangelism & Witness In Modern & Postmodern Contexts	3QH
33.006 -	Support and Caring Ministry	3QH
33.007 -	Youth Ministry	3QH
33.008 -	Church Music, Choosing What & When, Using Why & How	3QH

**BIBLICAL THEOLOGY (34.00)**

34.001 -	Introduction to the Holy Scriptures*	3QH
34.002 -	Introduction to the Old Testament*	3QH
34.003 -	Introduction to the New Testament*	3QH
34.004 -	Introduction to Hermeneutics*	3QH
34.005 -	Gospel of John	3QH
34.006 -	Romans	3QH
34.007 -	Revelation	3QH

**DOCTRINAL THEOLOGY (35.00)**

35.001 -	Doctrine I*	3QH
35.002 -	Doctrine II*	3QH
35.003 -	Comparative Theology/Worldviews*	3QH
35.004 -	Contemporary Issues in Theology	3QH

**HISTORICAL THEOLOGY (36.00)**

36.001 -	History of Christian Church to 1500*	3QH
36.002 -	Lutheran History (1500 to Present)*	3QH
36.003 -	Lutheran Confessions*	3QH
36.004 -	Readings in Luther	3QH

\*Indicates required courses

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

#### **INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

The purpose of this course is to develop the skills in conflict resolution and other interactions within a church setting and other areas of ministry.

#### **INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING**

The purpose of the course is to assist the Sunday School teacher, Adult Bible Class teacher, and Lay Minister to know and apply effective teaching methods.

#### **LUTHERAN WORSHIP (Required)**

This course will enable the student to demonstrate a competence in understanding and explaining the “Why’s” of Lutheran worship. The student will learn how to plan and conduct worship services, and/or devotions.

#### **HOMILETICS (Required)**

This course will enable the student to work through a Biblical text for the purpose of sermon preparation in the presentation of the Gospel. (Prereq. Intro to O.T. and N.T., Hermeneutics, Doctrine I and Doctrine II)

#### **EVANGELISM & WITNESS IN MODERN & POSTMODERN CONTEXTS**

The purpose of this course is to develop skills to share Jesus Christ in a caring and loving manner in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### **SUPPORT AND CARING MINISTRY**

This course sensitizes the student in ministering to the sick, the dying, shut-ins, the handicapped, and others with special needs.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

This course seeks to develop an effective Youth Ministry in a parish setting.

#### **CHURCH MUSIC: CHOOSING WHAT & WHEN; USING WHY & HOW**

This course will give worship planners the tools with which to choose music for worship by thinking theologically as well as missiologically as they work in either a traditional or contemporary setting.

# **BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE HOLY SCRIPTURES (Required)**

This course will familiarize the student with the historical and geographical background of the Scriptures.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT (Required)**

This course will familiarize the student with Old Testament history and literature. The course will explore the roots of the Messianic message in prophecy and emphasize covenantal themes and God's progressive revelation of His plan of Salvation.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT (Required)**

This course will familiarize the student with the Life of Christ, the journeys of Paul, and the Epistles. This course will focus on the centrality of the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus.

## **INTRODUCTION TO HERMENEUTICS (Required)**

This course will familiarize the student with the fundamental principles of biblical interpretation. The student will develop skills in using biblical resources including concordances, dictionaries, word studies, commentaries and various translations in order to analyze and interpret biblical passages.

## **GOSPEL OF JOHN**

This course focuses on John's proclamation of Jesus' message of Resurrection and John's unique method of writing about the truth of the Son of God as Savior of the world.

## **ROMANS**

This course will focus on Paul's theology of the cross and the doctrine of justification as the basis of Christian theology.

## **REVELATION OF ST. JOHN**

This course will familiarize the student with the Book of Revelation in which St. John receives, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the most magnificent vision of Heaven.

## **DOCTRINAL THEOLOGY**

### **DOCTRINE I (Required)**

This course covers the basics of Lutheran Christian doctrine as presented in Luther's Catechism.

### **DOCTRINE II (Required)**

This course continues the study of Lutheran Christian doctrine emphasizing Law and Gospel, Justification and Sanctification, the doctrine of Christ and the Means of Grace. (Prerequisite – Doctrine I)

### **COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY (Required)**

This course will review Lutheran doctrine comparing it with the teachings of other faiths both Christian and non-Christian.

### **CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN THEOLOGY**

This course will explore contemporary theological issues and the theological dimensions of social issues.

## **HISTORICAL THEOLOGY**

### **HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO 1500**

This course introduces the student to the discipline of church history and summarizes the thought and life of the Christian Church from its beginnings to the conclusion of the Medieval period and the beginnings of the modern era.

### **LUTHERAN HISTORY - 1500 TO PRESENT**

This course presents the Medieval roots of Lutheranism, the life of Luther, and the story of Lutheranism into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS (Required)**

This course is a study of the theology and development of the Lutheran Confessions designed to increase student's knowledge of the theological heritage and doctrinal stance of the Lutheran Church.

### **READINGS IN LUTHER**

This course focuses on a close reading of a major text by Martin Luther. It will be studied in its historical context and its place in Lutheran history and theology.



