

Lay Leadership Institute

- Do you have a passion for Christ's mission to both church and world?
- Do you want to become more confident in your understanding of Lutheran doctrine?
- Do you feel that the Lord is calling you to a greater commitment?
- Would your congregation and pastor benefit if you could provide more expertise, gifts, time, and support to expand the mission and ministry?
- Do you enjoy spiritual growth in the community of deeply committed fellow Christians?



Did you answer “Yes” to any of the above? Then you will want to consider this program.

The Lay Leadership Institute, sponsored by Iowa District West and the College of Vocation and Ministry of Concordia University, St. Paul, is a two-year “integrated program” held in Fort Dodge. Classes are taught by the theology faculty of Concordia University, St. Paul and Iowa District West personnel.

Iowa West District President Paul Sieveking has said the value of this program for the congregations of the District is incalculable. “Our heavenly Father has richly blessed our District through this program. The participants have been exceptionally enthusiastic about their LLI learning experiences.”

Dr. Stephen Stohlmann, previous CSP coordinator for the LLI program, describes the partnership between District staff and the College of Vocation and Ministry of Concordia as a uniquely positive relationship. “The teaching experiences have been the best in my teaching career. I am sure the fruits for the District and its congregations will be abundant for many years in the lives of God’s people.”



For more information or to request an application, contact Jason at the District Office or go to http://www.idwlcms.org/resources/forms/li_application.pdf to download an application. Applicants need to be accepted into the program by August 15 to start the program in September 2010. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

Classes begin with a Friday night session and continue on Saturday. The students worship together on Sunday morning at an area congregation prior to concluding session on Sunday. The weekend concludes by noon on Sunday.

Program Costs and Support— For those seeking certification as a lay deacon in Iowa District West or participating for college credit, the cost per year is \$2,250 (or \$225 per weekend). Scholarships are available to those who apply and qualify. For those participating to gain personal enrichment, the cost is \$75 per weekend plus the cost of books and materials (No scholarship available for this option). There are additional costs for housing, mileage, and meals each weekend.

Classes are limited to the first 15 people who complete all the necessary forms.
Please fill out the registration forms today and secure your place in the class.