



Iowa District West Lay Leadership Institute Application

Purpose of the Institute:

Fills congregational need for:

- Pastor and educator support
- Lay leadership development
- Mission and ministry expansion
- Pastoral care
- Lay worship leaders
- Licensed Deacons

For men and women seeking:

- Enhanced growth in Christ
- Greater significance in life
- More opportunity for service
- Deeper satisfaction in serving

For DELTO or Colloquy candidates:

- First ten courses available
- Theological background for Colloquy candidates



Iowa District West
Lay Leadership Institute
and/or DELTO Program Application Checklist

- ❑ Lay Leadership Institute Application Form
- ❑ Description of congregational lay leadership roles
- ❑ Letter of recommendation written by your pastor
- ❑ Letter of recommendation from your congregation, expressing support for your study and continued service
- ❑ \$20 Application Fee

Additional For DELTO Candidates (when applicable during second year of LLI):

- ❑ Seminary DELTO Application Form
- ❑ District President Report (contact District Office for an interview)
- ❑ Background Check from Local Police Station
- ❑ \$40 Application Fee
- ❑ Transcript(s) of undergraduate credit from all colleges/universities attended (including Lay Leadership Institute course work)

All of these items should be sent as they are completed to:

Iowa District West Lay Leadership Institute
1317 Tower Drive
PO Box 1155
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

What is your goal and purpose in enrolling in the Iowa District West Lay Leadership Institute?

Have you ever been refused admission to, suspended by, or dismissed from a college, university, or seminary?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please provide a separate statement of explanation.

Have you previously applied for admission to Concordia Seminary?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, when? Year _____

Date and place where you became a communicant member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod:

Month/Year	Name of Congregation	City, State
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Name and location of current Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation membership:

Congregation Name _____

Street/Route	City/State	Zip
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Pastor's Name/Address:

Name	City/State
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MARITAL STATUS: (check all that apply)

Single _____ Married _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____ Remarried _____

Is your spouse currently a communicant member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod?

Yes _____ No _____

Spouse's full name: _____

Names and birth dates of children: _____

Please answer the following questions so that we may become better acquainted with you. You may write or type your responses in the spaces provided, or you may type or computer-print them on numbered pages attached to the application, using the format below.

1. Why have you chosen to attend the Iowa District West Lay Leadership Institute?

2. Please provide, as applicable, a complete marital history for the time up to the expected date of first-time enrollment. Comment also on the marital history of your spouse, and on the religious affiliation of any dependent children. Give appropriate dates (month and year).

3. Please give a resumé of your employment history, listing the names and locations of firms, types of positions held, and years of employment dating back to attendance in college. You may attach a current resumé.

4. Have you any personal or physical limitations or handicaps which are a matter of special consideration for receiving an assignment into the pastoral ministry? (men)

5. Please answer “Yes” or “No” to each of the questions in the following section.
If you answer “Yes” to any of the questions, state on an accompanying and numbered sheet the details (dates, locations, individuals, organizations, for example) which will clarify and explain your answer.
- A. Have you ever been accused (whether or not charged) by any person or entity of a crime or violation involving dishonesty, including, but not limited to: perjury, theft, fraud, tax evasion, plagiarism, embezzlement, or larceny? _____
Did any charge or conviction result from such an accusation? _____
- B. Have you ever been accused (whether or not charged) by any person or entity of a sex crime or violation, including, but not limited to: distribution of pornography, child molestation, child abuse or neglect, rape, statutory rape, attempted rape, prostitution, indecent exposure, sexual abuse, or soliciting a prostitute?
_____ Did any charge or conviction result from such an accusation? _____
- C. Have you ever been accused (whether or not charged) by any person or entity of a crime or violation involving improper or dishonorable conduct, including, but not limited to: bribery, driving while intoxicated, driving under the influence, or neglect, selling, purchasing or possessing an illegal substance? _____
Did any charge or conviction result from such an accusation? _____
- D. Have you ever engaged in an extramarital affair? _____
- E. Have you ever engaged in a homosexual act? _____
Are you or have you been evaluated by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or other qualified professional as being an active or latent homosexual, bisexual, transvestite, pedophile, exhibitionist, or voyeur? _____
Do you have a gender identity disorder or other sexual behavior disorder? _____
- F. Are you or have you been an alcoholic? _____
- G. Have you used illegal drugs? _____ Have you received been accused, suspended, disqualified, or are you receiving therapy for drug abuse? _____
- H. Have you been accused, suspended, disqualified, or had disciplinary or ouster proceedings initiated against you as a member of any profession or organization? _____
- I. Are you (or have you been) a party, as defendant or plaintiff, to any legal action, either civil or criminal?
_____ Are any provisions of a court order or judgment currently in force as a result of any legal action, civil or criminal? _____
- J. Have you been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony? _____ Subpoenaed or requested to appear before any legal proceedings or investigating agency? _____
- K. Are you or have you been under guardianship, declared a ward of the court, or declared incompetent because of mental illness, or committed, confirmed, or treated in any institution for mental illness, or counseled, whether or not in an institution, by a therapist, psychiatrist, psychologist, or psychoanalyst?

- L. Have you been dismissed or asked to resign from any employment position you have held? _____
- M. Are you aware of anything else in your personal background which could jeopardize or call into question your qualifications for service in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod? _____

6. In this section please write statements which focus primarily on the understandings, influences, and formative experiences which you believe have shaped you as a person and your spiritual life, and have resulted in your decision to prepare for the pastoral office of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Use additional space as needed.

A. Your Family Background

B. Your church background and experiences in the life (worship and programs) of the church:

C. Which experiences and which individuals have given encouragement and support to your desire to prepare for the pastoral office? Be specific.

D. Finally, which personal values and strengths do you believe that you offer for service in the pastoral office?

DELTO Candidate Information Form

Date this form was completed _____

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Age _____ Marital Status _____

Ever divorced? _____

Occupation _____

Currently employed? _____

Amount of collegiate education _____

School _____

Major or Program _____

Years of lay leadership in LCMS congregations (elder, etc.) _____

Is he entering DELTO to be the sole provider of pastoral service to an existing congregation? _____

If entering DELTO to serve an existing congregation, summarize why the future welfare of the congregation requires his services.

If entering DELTO to start a new mission, summarize the nature of the mission and its target constituency.

Is the DELTO mission intended to start a new worshipping congregation?

Will the DELTO ministry involve transitioning from his current congregational position or activity into the same work as a pastor? (e.g., from DCE to Youth Pastor)

