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Summer Institute of Theology
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Christian education for laity and clergy

Presented by the Foothills Conference of the Upstate New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Greetings and Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

The Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology was established in 1991 by the Foot-hills Conference, a group of Lutheran congregations in five counties of upstate New York, for two primary purposes:

• To provide training for Deacon Candidates in a variety of ministries within congregations, for the support of pastors, and to build up the Body of Christ;
• To provide continuing education and growth in faith for clergy, other rostered leaders, and commissioned deacons and to offer personal enrichment for anyone in an environment of worship and fellowship.

500th Anniversary of the German Reformation

The year 2017 marks the five-hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the German Reformation, a series of events that changed the course of church history and Western civilization.

At the turn of the second millenium, 2000/2001 c.e., many assessments of the previous thousand years were given. German Augustinian monk Martin Luther (1483–1546) was uniformly listed as one of the most significant persons of that millenium. Luther lived at the end of the Medieval era and the beginning of the Renaissance in Western Europe, when new printing technologies allowed for the rapid dissemination of his works. This together with a weakening papacy and the early rumblings of nation-states aided the impact of the reforms Luther initiated during his lifetime.

Luther’s brilliance in speaking and writing led quickly to the confrontation at the Diet of Worms in 1521, where he famously declared, “My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant. Here I stand . . . May God help me. Amen.” This challenge gave rise to what some call the Protestant Reformation, a movement across much of Europe that caused major schisms in Western Christianity, many of which are still with us today.

The post–World War II world has seen an acceleration of attempts to bridge that schism at global and local levels. This year’s Institute of Theology is a microcosm of that bridging. Founded as a training event for Lutheran lay deacons, the Institute’s growing ecumenical participation offers the largest number of Roman Catholic teachers in its 27-year history. The Orthodox Archbishop for New York and New Jersey as well as our local Orthodox priest are also teaching at this year’s Institute. Ecclesia semper reformanda est—the church must always be reformed, as Karl Barth and others remind us. Thanks for your participation in this continuing reformation of God’s people—even here and even among us. Soli deo gloria!
General Information

Check-in and room assignment: Sunday, July 23, 4–7pm, Hilltops Hall. Sign-up to carpool for daily rides to classes.

Check for signs and directions. Campus traffic patterns may change from one year to the next. Name badges must be worn at all times for classes and meals.

If you are staying overnight in the dorms, you must bring: bed linens (twin-long) or sleeping bag (no rental linens), towels, toiletries. We recommend you bring lamp, fan, garbage bags, window screen, and other creature comforts. This is college dormitory living. We encourage casual clothing, comfortable shoes, and sweaters for upstate New York summer weather: warm/hot days, cool nights.

Arriving later in the week? Please report to the Institute office, Clark Hall 252, for your name badge and packet.

Deacon candidate orientation is Sunday, 7:30pm in Shineman Chapel. Welcome reception for all participants is Sunday, 8:30pm on the patio of Shineman Chapel.

With the participation this year of the Elm Ensemble, there is no institute choir. Plan to join us again in 2018 for institute choir.

The traditional Tuesday night Party in the Dorm will take place—bring snacks to share. Look for news on the traditional Thursday Late Night Out on the Town after evening worship at a local restaurant.

Smoking is not allowed inside any Hartwick College building.

Meals are served in Dewar Hall Commons Cafeteria. Breakfast 7:30–9:30am. Lunch 11am–1pm. Dinner 4:30–6:30pm. Weekly overnight and commuter registrants use a meal card.

The costs for the Institute are underwritten by parishes of the Foothills Conference through a congregational subsidy. See the registration form in this brochure for the fee schedule and information regarding required texts.

Congregations or individuals who wish to support this ministry are welcome to do so in any amount at any time by sending a check to the address on this brochure payable to Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology.

Who Can Be a Deacon Candidate?

A Deacon Candidate shall be a baptized, communing, and contributing adult member of an ELCA congregation who seeks to witness and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Speak to your pastor and read the Upstate New York Synod Deacon Handbook, available on the Synod website: www.upstatenysynod.org.
Faculty

**David Almleaf.** Pastor, Grace Lutheran, Johnstown-Gloversville; MDiv Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.

**David Amico.** BA, St. Bonaventure University; M.Ed, Boston College; Director, Lay Ministry Formation, RC Diocese of Albany.

**Leslie Bauer.** American Guild of Organists; BM, Organ Performance, Texas Christian University; Minister of Music at Atonement Lutheran Church, Oneonta.

**Michael Dahulich.** BTh, Christ the Savior Seminary; BA, Saint Vincent College; MA, PhD, Duquesne University; Rector, Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, South Canaan, PA; Prof. of New Testament and Pastoral Theology; Board of Theological Education OCA; Archbishop, Diocese of New York and New Jersey, Orthodox Church of America.

**Tom Henry.** BA, Comprehensive Social Studies; MS, History and Education, doctoral work, American History. Teaches at Oasis of Syracuse, senior education and living program. Master Teacher Emeritus, Colonial Williamsburg.

**Gary Herion.** BA, University of North Carolina; PhD, University of Michigan. Professor of Religious Studies at Hartwick College Associate Editor of *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. Editing a collection of essays by the late George Mendenhall, theologian-in-residence at Hartwick Summer Institute of Theology in 2001.

**William Hodgetts.** Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Amsterdam; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. D.Min Candidate, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, NJ.

**Daniel Hoffman, sts.** Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, East Amherst; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg; DMin, Graduate Theological Foundation, Bristol, IN.

**Norma Malfatti.** MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop, Upstate New York Synod, ELCA

**Harley M. McDevitt.** BA, William Paterson University; M.Sci, SUNY Plattsburgh; licensed mental health counselor, State of New York; certified spiritual director, Cenacle of Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spirituality; Director of Pastoral Care Ministry, Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany/Albany Diocesan Cemeteries.

**John Medwid.** BS, Saint John Fisher College; STB Catholic University of America; doctoral candidate, New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Pastor, First Lutheran Church, Albany.

**Paul Messner, sts.** Pastor, Otsego County Lutheran Parish; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg; Administrator, HSIT.

**Sally Messner.** BM, Voice Performance, Valparaiso University; MSM, Luther Seminary; Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, MI.
David Mickiewicz. Pastor, Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Oneonta; BS, College of Saint Rose, Albany; MA, Liturgical Music, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; MDiv, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah, NJ; MA, Theology, Saint Bernard’s Institute, Rochester.

Kyle Murray. BA, Hartwick College; MA, University of Rochester; physics instructor.

John Priest, sts. Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Delhi; MDiv Christ Seminary-Seminex.

Carl Roemer, sts. MDiv Concordia Seminary; University of Erlangen, Germany; DMin New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Roberta Rowland Raybold. Music Director, First Lutheran Church, Albany NY; composer, recitalist, instructor; BM Organ Performance and Sacred Music, Wittenberg University; Colleague Certification, American Guild of Organists.

Anthony Scalisi. BS, Pharmacy, Saint John University; PharmD University of Florida; Graduate Certificate, Addiction Behavior, Capella University; student at Trinity School for Ministry.

Sandy Shear. Associate in Ministry, Otsego County Lutheran Parish; BS Cornell University; MA Ministerial Studies, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.

Elizabeth Simcoe. MA, Liturgical Studies, University of Notre Dame; MA, Systematic Theology, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry; MA, English, College of St. Rose; BA, University of New York at Buffalo. Parish Life Director, Church of St. Vincent DePaul in Albany.

Joyce Solimini. MA, St. Bernard’s Institute; Associate Director, Office of Lay Ministry Formation, Diocese of Albany.

Carmel Ann Sperti. Director, Faith Formation, Church of Saint Mary, Oneonta; MA and DMin, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception.

Fran Rossi Szpylczyn. Writer focusing on intersection of faith and life. Pastoral Associate at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Glenville. Regular contributor to Give Us This Day and writes at breadhere.wordpress.com.

Randy Velez. Ordained Deacon, Saint Joseph the Worker Roman Catholic Church, Richfield Springs, Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church, West Winfield; BBusAdmin, Manhattan College; JD Fordham University.

Diane Wheatley. Retired pastor, leads workshops/retreats on boundary awareness; MDiv, Fuller Theological Seminary.

Gail Wolling. Pastor, Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, North Syracuse; MDiv Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg. Dean, Central Crossroads Conference, Upstate New York Synod, ELCA.
Curriculum

Seminars. Two and a half hours, afternoon or evening, Monday–Thursday

Courses. One hour each day, Monday–Friday or Monday–Thursday

* Core courses are marked with an asterisk and are required for Lutheran congregational deacon candidates. Others may enroll.

† Roman Catholic lay training seminars. Others may enroll.

All classes meet in Clark Hall unless otherwise noted.

Register for classes by completing and returning the registration form in this brochure by July 14 to guarantee your selection. Register for a single class or seminar or for the entire week. Deacon candidates need a Study Bible and The Book of Concord.

Courses | Monday—Friday

8:45 am

100 Old Testament Survey*

161 Jesus and the Women in the Gospel of John
Mary Wolf. In the Fourth Gospel, Jesus reveals himself and his mission by interacting with many people, including named and unnamed women. Their lives are forever changed.

172 Galatians
David Almleaf. The Magna Carta of Christian Freedom. This epistle is R rated—circumcision was a really big deal.

206 Theology of the Eastern Orthodox Church
Vasil Dubee. Explore Orthodox perspectives on trinitarian belief, the person of Christ, Mary the Mother of God, liturgical worship, the early church, and scripture.
10:00 am

143  Hosea
Anthony Scalisi. Everything you wanted to know about sin in the words of this prophet. An introduction to the Twelve Minor Prophets.

150  New Testament Survey*

152  Introduction to New Testament Greek
Carl Roemer. Become familiar with the Greek alphabet, spelling, basic grammar, and begin reading some New Testament literature in the original language.

194  Angels and Demons in Western Christian Traditions
William Hodgetts. Survey dominant views on angels and demons in major Western Christian traditions. Focus on the views of Thomas Aquinas.

771  More Alpha
Sandy Shear. An evangelism and discipleship course introducing and deepening basics of the Christian faith for members and newcomers. Thirty-minute video each day to facilitate discussion.

11:15 am

157  The Parables as You’ve Never Heard Them
Carl Roemer. Parables are “earthly stories with heavenly meanings.” Each evangelist used Jesus’ parables for their own purposes and their communities’ needs. Learn how these stories were heard by their audiences.

165  Fast and Furious: The Gospel of Mark
Gail Wolling. An introduction to the earliest and “immediate” Gospel.

220  Lutheran Identity*
Dan Hoffman. An overview of the Lutheran confessional documents, their history, and how they still shape us today for the Christian life.

705  Luther for Laymen: The Reformer Addresses Us Today
Gary Herion. Hear Luther in his own words in this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, addressing justification by faith, the priesthood of all believers, and so on.
1:15 pm

050 How to Read My Bible
Gary Bonebrake. A brief introduction to hermeneutics. How we interpret the Bible touches every Bible reader every day.

108 Return to the Garden
William Hodgetts. The concept of “reform and renewal” to the state of Eve and Adam in the garden as understood in early Eastern Christianity, including by the early church fathers.

169 A Jewish Mystic Named John
John Medwid. In the Gospel of John, Jesus presents us with a new way of looking at reality, springing from mystical awareness. A vision of wholeness beyond the self-imposed barriers in life, is an experience of freedom and liberation. Examine Gospel stories which point to that more profound vision.

238 The Story of Reality
John Priest. How Christianity is about the way things really are. Read Gregory Koukl’s short book The Story of Reality.

300 Corporate Worship and Spiritual Formation*

2:30 pm / Mon–Fri

400 Proclaiming the Good News*
Gail Wolling. The role of the sermon in worship, the movement from biblical text to proclamation, the structure of a sermon for good listening. Suggested text: The Preaching Life by Barbara Brown Taylor.

3:45 pm / Mon–Thur

500 Introduction to Congregational Diaconal Ministry*
Paul Messner. Primarily for Lutheran deacon candidates, an overview of diaconal history and its biblical roots, current practices, and areas of ministry. Examine the Upstate NY Synod Deacon Handbook and discuss boundary awareness.
Seminars

Monday / 2:30 pm

201 A History of the Christian Church, Part 1†
David Mickiewicz. Christian history through lenses of art, music, dance, technology, and media centering on late 19th thru 20th centuries as a model to reflect on the previous periods of Christian history.

320 The Lord's Prayer in Sign Language
Diane Wheatley. Using sign language to teach the Lord’s Prayer for deeper understanding and expanded accessibility.

525 The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy†
Carmel Ann Sperti. Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, is the document promulgated by the Second Vatican Council that sets the norms for authentic liturgy in the Roman catholic tradition. Based on full, conscious, active participation by the whole People of God, it sets the framework for the theology and ecclesiology of Catholic Eucharist. This course is an introductory exploration of the basics of the document.

773 Awakening Faith and Making Disciple:
The Christian Initiation (RCIA) Process†
Joyce Solimini. Overview of RCIA process through the lens of a journey of conversion. How does the process lead the catechumen to an affirming “yes” to discipleship? How does the assembly grow in faith as well through participating in this process with the catechumens?

Monday / 6:30 pm

166 The Gospel according to Peter
David Almleaf. Comparisons to Mark and John

510 The Call and Formation of Lay Ecclesial Ministers†
David Amico. Discuss the person and mission of the lay minister in the Catholic parish and Christian community and gain insights into the training and formation of active, faithful, effective lay ministers.
Monday 6:30 (continued)

230 Back To Basics: An Introduction to Religious/Christian Faith and Life
Paul Messner. Is everyone “religious”? What are the specifically Christian aspects of “religious” faith and what are the implications for daily life and work?

901 Interreligious Dialogue: An Investigation†
David Mickiewicz. A conversation on what interreligious dialogue is in light of the major religious traditions of the world, including discussion of the Vatican II decree Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions: Nostra Aetate and the Declaration on Religious Freedom: Dignitatis Humanae.

Tuesday / 2:30pm

201 A History of the Christian Church, Part 2†
David Mickiewicz. Christian history through lenses of art, music, dance, technology, and media centering on late 19th thru 20th centuries as a model to reflect on the previous periods of Christian history.

373 A Time of Refreshment and Vision
Diane Wheatley. A series of exercises to experience refreshment, discussion and visioning. A practical model you can use in your church.

515 The Call and Person of the Pastoral Care Minister†
Harley M. McDevitt. How do I know if I’m really called to this ministry? Examine this question and discuss personal characteristics and practices most conducive and helpful to providing a vibrant ministry.

769 Sharing Jesus—Without Freaking Out
Norma Malfatti. Jesus tells the disciples in Acts, “you will be my witnesses.” We take very seriously our commitment to sharing Jesus’ love through serving our neighbors in need. Become more comfortable sharing Jesus’ overwhelming love and forgiveness in your everyday life and recognizing the opportunities to do so.

776 Nurturing Christian Faith and Discipleship
Anthony Scalisi. Discuss how to help church members grow in their faith life.
Tuesday / 6:30 pm

335 Luther’s Chorale Service: An Open Rehearsal with the Elm Ensemble
Sally Messner. Sit in to listen and learn as the Elm Ensemble prepares for Wednesday Eucharist featuring Luther’s Chorale Service (LBW p.120). Rehearsal will include several mini-presentations on Luther’s liturgical insights, the importance of the chorale in Western music, and historical performance practice.

405 Digging Deeper, Part 1
Gail Wolling. Four questions help us discover the core message of the gospel, the ground of our preaching.

789 A Mission Trip to Indonesia
Anthony Scalisi. Reflections on a recent trip to Indonesia with faculty and students of the North American Lutheran Seminary. Indonesia is the largest Muslim country in the world with a significant (and sometimes persecuted) Christian minority.

910 Ecumenism: The Path to Unity†
David Mickiewicz. What is the Ecumenical Movement and what do we mean by Christian unity? Take a brief journey through the various divisions within the Christian church focusing on the Catholic Church’s Unitatis Redintegratio and Orthodox and Protestant responses to that decree.

Wednesday / 2:30 pm

201 A History of the Christian Church, Part 3†
David Mickiewicz. Christian history through lenses of art, music, dance, technology, and media centering on late 19th thru 20th centuries as a model to reflect on the previous periods of Christian history.

332 Luther’s Love Affair with Nature and Its Music
Roberta Rowland Raybold. Explore the importance of nature in Luther’s life. Luther—a man of complex moods—was consoled, inspired, and rejuvenated by God’s creative beauty. Music was a key to Luther’s reform of the church’s worship life and devotional practices.

417 Lenten Letters
Diane Wheatley. A series of Lenten letters provide a basis for discussing the readings and a model for creative preaching.
Wednesday 2:30 (continued)

961 Female Leadership in the Catholic Church: From Mary of Nazareth to St. Teresa of Calcutta†
Elizabeth Simcoe. Explore the gifts of women as disciples, apostles, and architects in the building up of the reign of God.

— HOLY EUCHARIST —

Luther’s Chorale Service with the Elm Ensemble
Lutheran Church of the Atonement
7:30pm

The Elm Ensemble brings together professional and amateur musicians with great sacred music and creative worship planning to help keep the church in dialogue with diverse voices from Christian history. The Ensemble is preparing a program of early Lutheran music—including works by Luther, Walther, Schütz, and Bach—as well as contemporary works by Lutheran composers, including Paul Manz’s classic Een So, Lord Jesus and a new motet by Robert Buckley Farlee.

Thursday / 2:30pm

201 A History of the Christian Church, Part 4†
David Mickiewicz. Christian history through lenses of art, music, dance, technology, and media centering on late 19th thru 20th centuries as a model to reflect on the previous periods of Christian history.
333 Making the Jesse Tree and Jacob’s Ladder
Sandy Shear. A hands-on workshop.

343 Walking in Faith—Prayers for Every Step We Take†
Fran Rossi Szpylczyn. The practice of pilgrimage has a long history in many faith traditions. How do we pray as we walk? And how do we walk as we pray? Explore the spirituality of journeying along the way through prayers and movement.

826 “The Truth Shall Set You Free”
Randy Velez. Ministry to jail inmates with someone who for more than two decades has been doing ministry at the Otsego County Jail in Cooperstown.

Thursday / 6:30pm

147 When Stories Intertwine
John Medwid. Is the basis for the organization of Matthew’s Gospel the liturgical calendar of the synagogue? Examine the major feasts of the Jewish calendar and how they influenced the development of this Gospel.

236 Martin Luther in Time and Place
Tom Henry. Nothing happens in isolation. World events unknown to Luther created conditions that allowed his 95 Theses to be posted and to avoid being tossed on the scrapheap of history. How did events in Europe, America, Asia, and Africa shape Luther’s time and place?

330 Pray, Practice, Proclaim: A Practicum for Lectors and Proclaimers of the Word†
Carmel Ann Sperti. Examine the ministry of the proclamation of God’s word within the assembly, focusing on prayer with the Scripture to be read, practicing one’s reading, and refining the proclamation style. This will be a practicum requiring each participant to engage in all three steps.

405 Digging Deeper, Part 2
Gail Wolling. Four questions help us discover the core message of the gospel, the ground of our preaching.

813 End-of-Life Issues
Michael Dahulich. Among contemporary moral issues there is much debate about issues relating to the end of life. An Orthodox bishop’s perspective.
Register for all courses and seminars by returning the registration form in this brochure, whether for the week or just one course or seminar. Please use only this registration form to guarantee your selections. Timely registrations are appreciated.

If you do not check-in on Sunday afternoon and arrive later in the week, go to the Institute office, Clark Hall 252 as soon as you arrive. Receive your name tag, meal card (if applicable), and packet, which includes a class schedule and room assignments.

Prepare for your courses. Do reading in advance.

Study Bibles and *The Book of Concord* are available to purchase at the Institute office in Clark Hall for $45 each.

If the LBW and WOV are required for a course, students must bring their own. Hymnals should not be removed from the chapel.

Please give us your feedback: course/ seminar evaluations and general evaluations are read and taken seriously. Suggestions have led to many improvements over the years. Fill them out and return them before you leave or mail them back.

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