



The 28th Annual
Hartwick Seminary
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 Foothills 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.

General Information

Check-in and room assignment: Sunday, July 29, 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.

Lutheran deacon candidate orientation is Sunday, 7:30pm in Shineman Chapel. **Welcome reception** for all participants is Sunday, 8:30pm on the patio of Shine-man Chapel. Those interested in singing with the Institute Choir will meet after evening worship Sunday night.

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 Lutheran 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.upstatensynod.org.

Faculty

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Eileen Bryant. Deacon, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Clifton Park, retired New York State Assistant Attorney General.

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Diane Wheatley. Retired pastor; MDiv, Fuller Theological Seminary.

Gail Wolling. Retired pastor; MDiv, STM, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg;. Dean, Central Crossroads Conference, Upstate New York Synod, ELCA.



Curriculum

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

All classes meet in Clark Hall unless otherwise noted.

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

Register for classes by completing and returning the registration form in this brochure by **Tuesday, July 10** 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*.

* 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.

Courses | Monday—Friday

8:45 am

100 Old Testament Survey*

Gary Herion. Survey of major Old Testament categories—Torah, Historical Books, Writings, and Prophets, with reference to apocryphal and deuterocanonical books.

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?

405 Coffee and Scripture

Gail Wolling. Informal text study for all types of preachers.

10:00 am

012 Even the Stones Cry Out

Dan Hoffman. An overview of Biblical archaeology and its effects on New Testament interpretation.

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.

150 New Testament Survey*

David Almleaf. Survey of the New Testament documents, exploring historical and theological themes.

815 Where Is God When It Hurts?

Diane Wheatley. Explore attitudes and perspectives on pain and suffering using Philip Yancey’s *The Question That Never Goes Away*, scripture, and experience.

11:15 am

198 The Monotheisms and Their Scriptures

Gary Herion. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are called “monotheistic” religions because they proclaim the existence of only one God. But how important is this doctrine of monotheism? Examine various scriptures that encourage us to consider from these different faiths that encourage us to seriously consider the reality and the existence of other gods.

204 The First Seven Ecumenical Councils of the Church

William Hodgetts. History of the ecumenical councils of the ancient church, the results of which are accepted by Orthodox, Roman Catholics, and Lutherans. Why were these councils called and what issues were debated and decided?

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.

1:15pm

168 Will the Real St. Paul Please Stand Up

John Medwid. Who was this persecutor turned preacher? Which writings attributed to him are really his? How have the church fathers and the Reformation influenced our understanding of his message? Can we see and hear the authentic Paul?

202 The Nicene Christianity of the Orthodox Church

Vasil Dubee. Learn of the events leading up to the Council of Nicaea, called by the Emperor Constantine, and the formulation of the Nicene Creed, the profession of Christian faith in the face of the Arian heresy.

300 Corporate Worship and Spiritual Formation*

Paul Messner. Overview of the history, theology, and practice of Christian worship, with emphasis on the Western tradition. Bring your congregation's worship book, a Bible, and *The Book of Concord*.

317 Sacred Spaces Into the Future†

David Mickiewicz. Explore the sacred spaces Christians have worshiped in. What is the purpose and meaning of a Christian church? What are the activities carried out in a church? How do they determine what spaces are required and how they might be configured? Final session is a walk-through of the recently renovated Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Oneonta.

2:30pm / 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

225 A Little Luther—Part 1

Rahel Hahn. A look at some of Luther's shorter writings, especially "A Brief Instruction on What to Look For and Expect in the Gospels" (1521).

344 Pilgrim People, Moving in Prayer†

Fran Szpylczyn. How do prayer and movement bring us closer to God? How do we make our way toward Christ from a chair or a pew? Explore the movement of prayer in our lives as we struggle to keep up with Christ.

912 Grassroots Ecumenism

Randy Velez. What is ecumenism? Why is it important? A look at the history and current emphases of the movement. How can Christians come together to work on issues of faith and justice?

Monday / 6:30 pm

139 Old Testament Imagery and Christian Baptism

Diane Wheatley. Examine ancient Hebrew images that shed light on our own baptismal covenant with God—creation, Noah, the Red Sea, Joshua and the Jordan, Elijah and the Jordan.

226 A Little Luther—Part 2

Rahel Hahn. Application of Luther's methods to how we read stories from the New Testament. Taking part 1 is recommended but not required.

325 Hymns for Worship

Paul Messner. "And they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives." Christians and Jews have been singing the faith for millenia. Why and how? "Singing is praying twice," said Augustine. Come to sing and pray—bring your hymnal.

Tuesday / 2:30 pm

113 The Faith/lessness of Samson

Gary Herion. Read the story of Samson (Judges 13–16), examining what it might tell us about the quality of Samson’s devotion to God and about the ability of God to work through a person such as him.

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.

832 Faith and Politics: How Faith Informs Our Views and Shapes Our Responses

Jeff Silvernail and Eileen Bryant. A look at the current state of politics in our nation and how we got here, with biblical, confessional, and theological insights. How have people of faith effected change in the past?

Tuesday / 6:30 pm

422 Helping People Talk Their Faith

Diane Wheatley. Practical ideas to help people talk about their faith in worship, class settings, and personal conversations.

744 Leading through Change

Norma Malfatti. Is the church changing? Culture, communities, technology, and our own families certainly are. Explore the role of leadership in changing and often anxious times and how you can help your congregation navigate the wilderness of change. Read *Our Iceberg Is Melting* by John Koster

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Daniel Hoffman. A review of a month-long teaching mission

Wednesday / 2:30 pm

407 How People Learn and Implications for Preaching

Diane Wheatley. Explore five principles of learning, including gates to learning, the role of repetition and paraphrase, and theories of motivation.

810 Abortion: Most of Us Are in the Middle

Cynthia Walton-Leavitt. Are “pro-life” and “pro-choice” the only alternatives? Are there other perspectives? Read Kira Schlesinger’s “Pro-Choice and Christian: Reconciling Faith, Politics, and Justice” at thethoughtfulchristian.com.

975 “It’s Love, Harry!”†

Carmel Ann Sperti. Revisit characters, situations, and plotlines in J. K. Rowling’s books and films and how they are built on Christian gospel values. A working knowledge of the series is helpful.

Holy Eucharist — Shineman Chapel 7:30pm

Thursday / 2:30pm

050 All about the Bible

Sandy Shear. How we got it, what’s it all about, what’s in it, and why. Look at different translations—which one is best for different people and circumstances.

199 The Physicality of Life in the World to Come

William Hodgetts. Many picture the “new heaven and new earth” as some kind of spirit-world devoid of any physicality and perhaps of anything but human and angelic beings. What does the Bible indicate?

413 Sermon Preparation for Procrastinators

David Almleaf. The most intimidating thing about sermon preparation is the blank sheet of paper. Learn tips for getting started. Emphasis on the mechanics of sermon preparation, not the content.

Thursday / 6:30pm

155 The Gospel and the Gospels

Michael Dahulich. The gospel we preach is the good news experienced by the saints, and the Gospels are four icons of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

322 Iona: An Island and a Pilgrimage

Cynthia Walton-Leavitt. Iona, a small island in the Inner Hebrides, is the “cradle of Scottish Christianity”. Learn about Iona Abbey and the ecumenical Iona Community, founded in 1938 by George MacLeod

349 Let Us Pray

Gail Wolling. An invitation to go deeper and wider in our practice of prayer, exploring approaches to personal prayer and leading prayer for the assembly.

777 Proclaiming Christ in a Culture that Doesn’t Really Care

Gary Herion. What challenges confront Christian evangelism in the midst of tribalized American culture? How might one provide a faithful Christian witness in a culture marked by increasing vulgarity and incivility? How can we offer our best Christian witness in this culture?

Retreats

Lutheran Deacon Candidate Retreats

Saint Margaret's House
New Hartford, New York
October 19–20, 2018
January 25–26, 2019

Lutheran Commissioned Deacon/ Continuing Education Retreat

Saint Margaret's House
New Hartford, New York
April 26–27, 2019



Helpful Hints & Requests

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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