

Purpose of LAP

LAP's purpose is to equip the priesthood of believers for active ministry.

LAP pursues its purpose by:

- Equipping the priesthood of all believers for outreach and the constant strengthening of the Body of Christ,
- Embracing partnerships with individuals, groups, organizations within the LCMS and the church at large who embrace LAP's commitment to Christian growth and witness,
- Being accessible to people of all needs, all abilities, and all means.

Leadership Advancement Process



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A ministry of the Northwest District in partnership with the Office of Expanding Ministries, Concordia University Portland, the Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership and the Mission Training Center.

Training For Your Ministry

Lay Assistant/Licensed Deacon training for men and women is available either on-line or locally by arrangement. Many of these courses meet the prerequisites for admission into the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program (a new alternative route to ordination). The LAP Ten Courses may be taken for personal spiritual growth, with or without college credit.

The LAP Ten Courses are:

- Old Testament Bible
- New Testament Bible
- Interpreting the Scripture
- Christian Doctrine Summary (Christian Faith)
- Mission Outreach in Context (Missions and Evangelism)
- Basic Preaching (Proclaiming the Faith)
- Fundamental Pastoral Care
- Lutheran Worship I (Leading Worship)
- Teaching the Faith
- Church History I (Christ to 1500 AD)

All ten courses are offered on-line throughout the year in partnership with Mission Training Center, Bronxville, NY.

To register for any of these courses go to www.cu-portland.edu/lap and click "LAP On-line Course Enrollment Form" on the right.

Take one, two or more!

Other LAP Training

In addition to Lay Assistant and Licensed Deacon training, LAP is deeply committed to helping every disciple of Christ mature in their relationship with God as they live out their special ministry identity. From personal witnessing and spiritual gifting to growing as a disciple, LAP has developed user friendly self-study materials that help every disciple ask and answer important questions about their relationship with God. For congregations and professional church workers, LAP is equally committed to assisting in such areas as youth/young family retention, cross-cultural opportunities, entrepreneurial ministries, establishing and pursuing purpose, effective leadership teams and more. For more information on the NO FRILLS self-study series or to bring a workshop to your area, please contact Steve Henderson, LAP Director (503-288-8383 or steveh@nowlcms.org).

What students are saying about LAP:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and all involved with LAP for two years of wonderfully presented, intellectually stimulating and inspirational teaching. Through the instructors dedicated service, the material was presented in such a way that it was as if we were in intimate classroom surroundings, not connected by wires and satellites over hundreds

of miles. I also believe that relationships have been fostered with many of the instructors, which are every bit as personally formative as being on campus together."

Henry Albrechtsen, student 2005-07

"This was my first LAP course. It (Lutheran Worship I) was the perfect one to begin with, as it addressed some foundational issues that are front and center in my future ministry endeavors. It was also just very encouraging and supportive in nature. I felt like I was not just prepared for future ministry, but ministered to in the process. Not only made gains in IQ, but also in EQ and SQ."

Ken Greimann

"Thanks to the instructor and the LAP program for meeting a huge need in our church to develop leaders to minister in many different ways using our individual gifts to the Glory of God!"

Tom Hurley

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