

Mission Training Center & L.A.P. have Merged!

For the last decade Mission Training Center [www.missiontrainingcenter.com] and L.A.P. worked together in an operational partnership that shared resources, administrators, and instructors. To meet our mission to equip Jesus' apprentices for active ministry in the field, as of May, 2011, we are now a single non profit organization incorporated in Washington state.

Our Core Values Say It All! — Action Verbs

LEAD — a prayer

+++Christ, our living leader, is our definition of leadership (and therefore, discipleship); and the lens through Whom we view all content development.
+++Christ's leadership allows us to follow Him in making Mission Training Center/L.A.P. accessible to disciples of all needs, all abilities, and all means; and actively pursue working relationships with a 'constellation of partners' whose Polaris is Christ.

ADVANCE — an attitude

+++We advance apprentices in the Christ-like growth process using advanced instructional practices and cutting-edge technology.
+++We advance a Lutheran perspective for living, learning, and loving God and neighbor.

PROCESS — an approach

+++We help students process their learning using instructors and mentors whose primary focus is to equip students for active ministry in the field.

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Mission Training Center/L.A.P.
Is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Washington under the name "Leadership Advancement Process"
Mission Training Center/L.A.P. works in partner ministry with the Congregations, Districts, and Leaders of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, and with the Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership at Concordia University — Portland, Oregon.

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What is Mission Training Center?

[www.missiontrainingcenter.com]

Mission Training Center/L.A.P. is an independent Lutheran organization in close partnership with the NOW District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, governed by its own Board of Directors, incorporated in the state of Washington, and celebrating the 29th anniversary of its mission: *equipping apprentices of Jesus — both men and women — for active ministry in the field.*

CORE CERTIFICATE COURSES:

Mission Training Center/L.A.P.'s core equipping system rests on the following ten certificate courses:

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

Through Mission Training Center/L.A.P. **287** men and women apprentices have enrolled in the courses in the last five years, and serve as lay assistants and leaders in their faith communities and vocations. Of those, **60** men are serving as licensed word and sacrament deacons (certified by the office of the district president) in the NOW district (<http://www.nowlcms.org/>) **many** men have gone on to ongoing academic training at a seminary.

Seven of these courses also serve as prerequisites for men entering the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program, the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod's alternate route toward ordination (<http://www.csl.edu/admissions/academics/altrt/specific-ministry-pastor-smp-pastor/>) Three of these courses also serve as prerequisites for men and women entering the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (<http://www.csl.edu/admissions/academics/altrt/ethnic-immigrant-institute-of-theology/>).

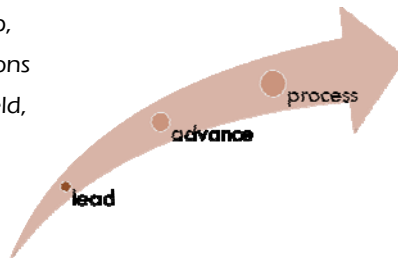
Ways to Be Equipped

Internet courses — cutting edge educational technology meets you in your home or office to offer real-time instruction by leaders in the field: find us at www.missiontrainingcenter.com.

Localized courses — local pastors and theological educators use our curricula and equipping process to enhance instruction and mentoring.

Sunday's Sermon — weekly online preaching resource facilitated by Professor Phil Brandt, chair of Division of Theology at Concordia University, Portland. Sunday's Sermon uses internet and "GoToMeeting" technology to aid the Pauline task of equipping preachers right where they are — "in the trenches."

Fall Conference — annual conference in the Northwest focused on leadership, apprenticeship, missions and ministry in the field, community building, and face-to-face networking.



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Emerging Courses & Training Events — Mission Training Center/L.A.P. fits training to 'on the ground' needs. *We are currently conducting a full-scale curricula systems review.* Your feedback is critical — help Mission Training Center/L.A.P. stay relevant to ministry in the field.

Note: With an operating budget in 2011 of \$77,000, student fees will meet only half of the budget. Gifts are tax deductible under our 501(c)(3) status. Mission Training Center/L.A.P. would not exist without your persistent prayers and support.

Some Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Q.'s):

What does it cost for an internet course? Registration cost per course is \$225/student (75% of actual cost). We ask that you prayerfully consider paying the full cost (\$300). Any funds beyond full cost are used solely for the Student Financial Aid Fund. *Your support (donate at www.missiontrainingcenter.com) always helps others learn!*

What does it cost for a localized course? Costs are designated on a congregation-by-congregation basis. The goal for Mission Training Center/L.A.P. is for students and instructors to see their localized courses as part of a greater mission to equip leaders. *We'd rather the Spirit guide the dollar amount through prayer and participation!*

What are the benefits of this training for a Christian Faith Community? Congregations and faith communities experience three primary benefits in supporting an apprentice through Mission Training Center/L.A.P.'s system:

1. **Strengthened mission** focused on Ephesians 4: 12ff.
2. **Connection to a network** of ever-growing mission & leader resources, relationships, and events.
3. **Leadership in the 'open source' feedback loop** that draws on field experience from faith communities and apprentices to refine the training of Jesus' apprentices around the globe.

In Case You Missed It! *Since 2002 L.A.P. has worked together with Mission Training Center, its East Coast counter part. Students were served throughout the United States, Canada and beyond. In 2011 the training programs merged as a 501(c)(3) to become Mission Training Center/L.A.P.*

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