



**Michigan School of
Missional Formation
Classic Plus Program**

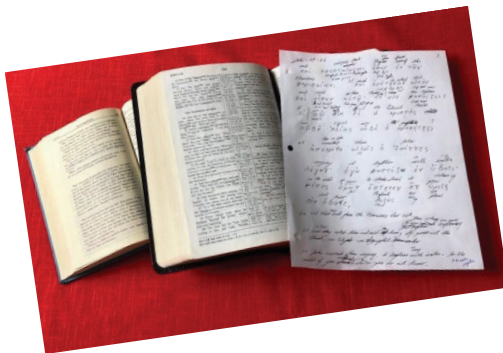
**Welcome
Guide**

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A WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Ken Huner, Dean of Instruction

I personally wish to welcome you to the Michigan School of Missional Formation – Classic Plus Program. This program offers certification in the Michigan District, LCMS for laity so that they can serve more effectively in a ministry setting under the supervision of an ordained Pastor.

I wish to congratulate you because you have been accepted into the Classic Plus program. You either have or will soon receive information from the Registrar, Deacon Al Renard, letting you know the availability of classes and how to sign up for them.

The Michigan School of Missional Formation has developed a curriculum of 14 courses to fulfill its unique mission of training lay leaders for certification to serve as Deacons and Ministry Assistants in the Michigan District, LCMS and to begin the path to Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP). The purpose of this Welcome Guide is to help you understand and navigate the unique requirements of the Michigan School of Missional Formation.

May our Lord richly and abundantly bless your studies at this opportune time.

GETTING ON BOARD

Deacon Al Renard, Registrar

Welcome to the Michigan School of Missional Formation – Classic Plus Program. You will soon begin growing in ways you may not have anticipated. My mission is to help you walk through this new and engaging experience.

It is my hope that this Welcome Guide will help you focus on your studies. May God enable you to discern His will and, at every step of the way, in bold humility, prepare yourself for service in His name.



Guided
Study Path

School
Directed

Cohorts

DEACON / MINISTRY ASSISTANT / PRE-SMP

REQUIRED COURSES

Deacon

Educational Requirements to be Credentialed in the Michigan District, LCMS

- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Leadership
- Teaching the Faith
- Doctrine I
- Doctrine II
- Proclaiming the Word (Homiletics)
- Biblical Greek I
- Biblical Greek II
- Lutheran Worship
- Christian Caregiving
- Office of the Ministry
- Church History, from the time of Christ to the LCMS of today
- Outreach: Reaching the Not-yet Christian

Ministry Assistant

Educational Requirements to be Certified in the Michigan District, LCMS

- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Doctrine I
- Doctrine II
- Office of the Ministry
- Christian Caregiving
- Church History, from the time of Christ to the LCMS today

Electives (select three)

- Lutheran Worship
- Teaching the Faith
- Leadership
- Outreach: Reaching the Not-yet Christian
- Biblical Greek I
- Biblical Greek II

Pre-SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor)

Educational Requirements

- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Teaching the Faith
- Doctrine I
- Doctrine II
- Proclaiming the Word (Homiletics)
- Lutheran Worship
- Church History, from the time of Christ to the LCMS of today
- Outreach: Reaching the Not-yet Christian

The Commission on Deacon Qualifications (CDQ) encourages Pre-SMP students to also take the other seminars for the Deacon Training Program.



TUITION AND REGISTRATION

Tuition

Tuition per class: \$350 to be paid as follows:

At registration: \$100

Amount due at first seminar: \$250

Make checks payable to: “Michigan District, LCMS”

Registering for a Class

To register for a class, fill out the “**Michigan School of Missional Formation Classic Plus Course Registration Form**” and mail, along with the \$100 course registration fee, or the full tuition of \$350 to:

Deacon Al Renard
38339 S Rickham Ct
Westland, MI 48186

Or e-mail the registration form to al.renard@michigandistrict.org and mail the \$100 course registration fee/\$350 full tuition fee to Al Renard at the above address. The registration form is e-mailed to you with the announcement of a new class and/or at the request of a person showing interest.

COURSE GRADING AND TRANSCRIPTS

Grading

The grading standards for each course are shown in the respective course’s syllabus.

Course Transcript

When you complete one of the courses for your program (Deacon, MA, Pre-SMP), your instructor will notify the registrar and he will record your grade on your official Michigan School of Missional Formation transcript. Your transcript will be available upon request to the registrar.

COURSE CADENCE / PACING YOUR STUDIES

Typically, two courses are offered per quarter and their meeting times are staggered so that you can take both courses in the quarter. It is estimated that an intentional student could complete the Classic Plus Program in 24 months.

IN-PERSON MEETINGS

Most of the classes will have two in-person sessions, one at the beginning of a course and one at the end. Most of these sessions will be held at:

Trinity Lutheran Church
706 W. Flint St.
Davison, MI 48423

The in-person sessions may be supplemented by online meetings (Zoom sessions) as determined by the instructor.

The times and dates for all sessions in-person or online will be announced by the registrar and/or the instructors.

A lunch will be available at most in-person sessions for a donation of \$10.

GATHERINGS

To help you build relationships with other students, instructors, and mentors from the Michigan School of Missional Formation, the Kairos Program holds several gatherings a year. In these gatherings, such topics as case studies, Greek studies, and other special learning opportunities are offered. Even though attending these gatherings is not a requirement of the Classic Plus Program, you are welcome to attend.

TIPS, NOTES, AND IMPORTANT CONTACTS

As you go on your Classic Plus journey, you'll discover ways to make things easier for yourself and others. Also, you'll want to be sure to have a list of your important contacts handy. So here is a little space to fill in some things that you have discovered along the way.

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