

Who Should Prayerfully Consider this Program?

- Anyone who desires to grow in their knowledge of the Christian faith.
- Anyone who desires to grow in their abilities to serve Christ in His mission to reach those still outside fellowship with our Heavenly Father and His Church.
- Anyone who is considering becoming a Deacon or Ministry Assistant in the Michigan District (LCMS) to work alongside their Pastor and congregation with ministry responsibilities.
- Anyone who may be considering going on to one of our LCMS seminaries toward ordination (pastor) or commissioning (deaconess) and serve as such either full-time or part-time.
- Pastors or commissioned church workers who desire continuing education and specialization in a particular area of ministry (especially: evangelism, pastoral care, and community engagement)

“The future effectiveness of our LCMS is related directly to equipping, motivating, and deploying the entire priesthood of ALL believers; and engaging them in meaningful ways in God’s mission. We are not seeking an ‘information dump.’ No, we’re seeking ‘formation’ of the person by the Holy Spirit through His Word.”

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Where do I Start?

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Michigan School for Missional Formation

*Deacon Training (men)
Ministry Assistant Training
(women)
Pre-Specialized Ministry Pastor
(SMP) Introduction*

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Prepared for greater service in God's mission through His Church in His world.

The School of Missional Formation is:

- A fully accredited Master of Arts program;
- In association with Sioux Falls Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD and their Kairos Project;
- Uniquely Lutheran and under the ecclesiastical supervision of the Michigan District President (LCMS);
- Taught by LCMS instructors exclusively;
- Completely accessible online;
- Affordable.

Costs of the Master of Arts – Missional Formation:

- \$300 per month payable to Sioux Falls Seminary.
- Students may work at their personal pace and take as many courses as they wish at any time.
- It is estimated that an intentional student could complete the program in 13 months for a total cost of \$3,900. The range will be somewhere between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

How can I Pay for this Excellent Education?

- Students are encouraged to garner support from their home congregation where they will be serving.
- Some students may qualify for government education grants or loans.
- Students may qualify for a tax credit for education.
- Some students may qualify for a grant from the Michigan District's Deacon Training as monies are made available.

Requirements for admission:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited university of college.
 - Sioux Falls Seminary is able to grant some "life experience" credit for students without an undergraduate degree.
- Complete application submission.
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Biographical essay inclusive of the student's Christian faith journey
- Documented support of the student's home congregation and supervising pastor

Successful Completion of the Master of Arts – Missional Formation Will:

- Prepare men and women for greater service in God's mission through His Church in His world.
- Meet the education requirement as a Credentialed or Licensed Deacon in the Michigan District.
- Meet the education requirement as a Ministry Assistant in the Michigan District.
- Provide a substantial portfolio and a recognized education degree for men applying to our LCMS seminaries toward ordination as a Specialized Ministry Pastor, Alternate Route, or full-time residential student (M.Div).
- Provide a substantial portfolio and a recognized education degree for women applying to our LCMS seminaries toward commissioning as Deaconesses.

Online Instruction at Your Pace

