



The 29th 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 Lutheran 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 28, 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 annual Tuesday night Party in the dorm will take place after worship—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.upstatenysynod.org.

Faculty

Lynn Ash. BA, Syracuse University; MLS, Rutgers University; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Before ordination worked as registered nurse.

Leslie Bauer. Minister of Music, Atonement Lutheran Church, Oneonta; BM, Texas Christian University; American Guild of Organists.

Carol Bonnewell. Worship and liturgy and youth ministry leader in Genesee Finger Lakes conference of the Upstate New York Synod. Nationally certified health information systems technician.

Michael Dahulich. Archbishop of New York and New Jersey, Orthodox Church in America; Rector of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, South Canaan, PA; PhD, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.

Vasil Dubee. Priest, Saint Innocents Orthodox Church, Oneonta; St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, South Canaan, PA.

Sherrie Gillette. MA, Administration, over forty years in behavioral health.

Rahel Lidda C. Hahn. Pastor, Zion St. John, Seward. BA, University of Toronto; MA, PhD, Cornell University; MDiv, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Brad Hales. MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; Pastor, Reformation Lutheran Church, Culpeper, VA; Director, Domestic Mission (NALC).

Tom Henry. BA, Comprehensive Social Studies; MS, History and Education, doctoral work, American History. Teaches at Oasis of Syracuse, senior education and living program. Master Teacher Emeritus, Colonial Williamsburg.

Gary Herion. BA, University of North Carolina; PhD, University of Michigan. Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Hartwick College; Associate Editor, *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. Theologian-in-Residence.

Daniel Hoffman, sts. Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, East Amherst; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg; DMin, Graduate Theological Foundation, Bristol, IN.

Lori Kochanski. Assistant to the Bishop for Faith Formation, Upstate New York Synod. BA, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA; MDiv, Yale Divinity School.

Cindy Korb. Retired teacher; MA, Emporia State University.

Paul Messner, sts. Pastor, Otsego County Lutheran Parish; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg; Administrator, HSIT.

David Mickiewicz. Pastor, Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Oneonta; MA, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; MDiv, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah, NJ; MA, Theology, Saint Bernard's Institute, Rochester.

Joseph Perdue. Pastor, First Baptist Church of Cooperstown; MDiv, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond; served as Food Justice Coordinator and Pastoral Resident at Metro Baptist Church/Rauschenbush Metro Ministries in New York City.

Carl Roemer, sts. Retired pastor. MDiv, Concordia Seminary; University of Erlangen, Germany; ThD, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Served as director of Pastoral Care at Greater Binghamton Health Center.

Sandy Shear. Deacon, Otsego County Lutheran Parish; BS, Cornell University; MA, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

Flavia Skilbred. BS, Nyack College; MDiv, General Theological Seminary/Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia; DMin, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN; member, NYS Association of Fire Chaplains, Federation of Fire Chaplains, NYS Fireman's Association.

Kenneth Simurro. Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville, NY; BA, New York University; MDiv, DMin, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; high school and college science instructor.

Carmel Ann Sperti. Director, Initiation and Pastoral Care, Church of Saint Mary, Oneonta; MA and DMin, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception.

Fran Rossi Szpylczyn. Writer focusing on intersection of faith and life. Pastoral Associate at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Glenville.

Randy Velez. Ordained Deacon, St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Cherry Valley; BBusAdmin, Manhattan College; JD, Fordham University.

Cynthia Walton-Leavitt. Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church, Oneonta; MDiv Yale Divinity School; DMin, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond.

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

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

* Core courses required for Lutheran congregational deacon candidates.

Others may enroll.

† Roman Catholic lay training seminars.

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All classes meet in Clark Hall unless otherwise noted. 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*.

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.

515 Visiting the Sick and Dying

Diane Wheatley. What to expect when ministering to people who are sick or dying and some encouragements and caveats around common situations.

770 It's All about Discipleship

Brad Hales. Before his ascension, Jesus tells us to “go make disciples.” Examine characteristics of biblical discipleship and the imperative to make disciples today.

10:00 am

150 New Testament Survey*

Rahel Hahn. Survey of the New Testament documents, exploring historical and theological themes.

410 Intermediate Preaching

Gail Wolling. From scripture to proclamation. Finding a message of good news in each Gospel lesson and crafting a sermon. Bring a study Bible.

775 How Not to Save the Church

Daniel Hoffman. What is the church's mission and ministry in the contemporary world? Survey current models, challenge some fatal assumptions, and critically examine perspectives on how we can become the church God is calling us to be.

11:15 am

110 Wise and Wonderful Women of the Old Testament

Mary Wolf. We hear about the patriarchs. Learn about the matriarchs—Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel (Bilhah and Zilpah), Miriam, Deborah, Naomi and Ruth.

157 The Parables as You've Never Heard Them

Carl Roemer. Each evangelist used Jesus' parables for their own purposes and their communities' needs. Learn how these stories were heard by their audiences.

220 Lutheran Identity*

Daniel Hoffman. An overview of the Lutheran confessional documents, their history, and how they still shape us today for the Christian life.

317 Sacred Spaces into the Future

David Mickiewicz. What is the purpose and meaning of a Christian church? What activities are carried out in a church and how do we decide how to configure the space? Final class is a tour of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Oneonta.

1:15pm

111 Five Great Bible Stories You've Probably Never Heard

Gary Herion. The Old Testament writers, understanding that far too many people in the world place faith in power politics, preserved some great short stories illustrating the futility of such faith. These provocative stories were not included in the church's lectionary and so remain largely unknown.

159 The Gospel of John and Encounters with Jesus

Lynn Ash. John's Gospel describes the meetings of various people and the impact these meetups have on their faith—or lack of it. How and when do we meet our Lord, and how does our faith respond?

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*.

780 Fish Don't Eat Peanut Butter Sandwiches

Diane Wheatley. Using fishing images to form basic principles for evangelism.

2:30pm / Mon–Fri

152 Introduction to New Testament Greek

Carl Roemer. Become familiar with the Greek alphabet, spelling, basic grammar, and begin reading some New Testament literature in the original language.

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

S199 The Books of the Apocrypha

Randy Velez. What do we know and understand about these ancient Jewish texts, from bird poop to disemboweled elephants to the less interesting stuff in between. And are these books part of the biblical record?

S305 Scripture in Song

Mary Wolf. What is an Ebenezer, and why are we like faithful Aaron? Bring a Bible and a hymnal (LBW) to explore the origin of such references and what they mean.

S421 Preaching on the Healing Miracles

Flavia Skilbred. Throughout time, people have asked God to relieve their suffering or the suffering of others. What does it mean when God says no? Recommended reading: *When God Says No: The Mystery of Suffering and the Dynamics of Prayer*, Daniel Lanahan.

Monday / 6:30 pm

S201 What Is the Orthodox Church

Vasil Dubea. Explore Orthodox perspectives on theology, the history of this great tradition, and what's happening in the Orthodox Church today.

S510 Once Upon a Time We Had a Pastor: When Crisis Becomes Gift

Rahel Hahn. Analyze common challenges faced by small congregations such as declines in membership, pastor shortages, inadequate buildings, and lack of funds. Looking beyond survival “solutions,” we explore creative new ways forward, including possibilities to reorganize and re-envision according to our baptismal call.

S785 Where Is God in This?

Cindy Korb. Spiritual direction is an ancient Christian way of spiritually walking with someone, providing another pair of ears to listen intently to what God is saying to a person seeking a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

S790 Biblical Church Planting

Brad Hales. Examine how churches were planted throughout Christian history, with emphasis on the urgency of developing missional communities today.

Tuesday / 2:30 pm

S069 GQ and the Bible

Lynn Ash. When a widely read monthly magazine puts the Bible on its “Don’t Have to Read” list, how might faithful, intelligent Christians respond? A discussion with references to scripture.

S197 Et Incarnatus Est

David Mickiewicz. How do you look at your physical body? What messages have we each been given about our bodies? What do the scriptures and Christian tradition say? Explore the body as the locus of our encounter with God and each other.

S245 Sinning Like a Christian

Cynthia Walton-Leavitt and Sherrie Gillette. A new look at the seven deadly sins. A discussion of the meaning and substance of sin in our contemporary societies. Read *Sinning Like a Christian* by William H. Willimon before the seminar.

S605 Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Kenneth Simurro. Examine the details of researching, planning, advertising, funding, staffing, and implementing an afterschool tutorial program in a religious institution.

Tuesday / 6:30 pm

S071 A Divine Comedy: Studying Humor in the Bible

Joseph Perdue. The scriptural tradition is full of poignant humor, much of it still relevant to navigating the good, bad, and ugly of today’s world.

S121 The Gospel according to Ruth

Gary Herion. This beloved Bible story contains numerous references to archaic customs that can confuse readers. A careful examination of these elements reveals the dynamic way human compassion becomes a vehicle for divine grace.

S415 Storytelling in Preaching

Lori Kochanski. Explore ways to tell the stories of scripture and how to appropriately include our own stories as witness to God’s work in the world. At the end of the seminar you will have skills in storytelling and an outline for a future sermon.

Wednesday / 2:30 pm

S333 The Lord’s Prayer

Diane Wheatley. A deeper look at the Lord’s Prayer, and a forty-day study guide you can use for Lent in 2020.

S380 Spiritual Fruit, Spiritual Gifts

Sandy Shear. What are the differences between fruits and gifts of the Spirit? Learn how to conduct a spiritual-gifts survey to help your community discover its gifts.

S976 Christian Imagination in the World of Harry Potter

Carmel Ann Sperti. Tucked into the delightful narrative of a boy who learns he is a wizard are images and motifs taken from Abrahamic history and scripture, especially classic struggles between forces of good and evil, light and darkness.

Holy Eucharist — Shineman Chapel 7:30pm

Thursday / 2:30pm

S315 Altar Guild: What and Why Is It?

Carol Bonnewell. Ever wonder why certain colors are used on the altar or what a particular symbol means? Discuss past, present, and future of the altar guild and the traditional responsibilities of this ministry.

S343 Spirituality along the Way

Fran Rossi Szpylczyn. Explore and learn daily spiritual devotional practices.

S610 Show Me a Story

Sharon Rankins-Burd. Understanding multiple learning styles to reach and teach kids (and adults).

Thursday / 6:30pm

S135 Wisdom from the Book of Psalms

Michael Dahulich. The psalms were composed centuries ago in contexts much different than ours in many ways. Yet the wisdom these songs contain for our spiritual lives remains invaluable.

S312 Creative Spirit-Filled Worship

Gail Wolling. Faithful, joyful, creative worship is more than hymn choices. Expand how you think about your time of worship—from greeting to dismissal—and how you plan robust, engaging, life-giving worship for the entire gathered community.

S815 A Brief History of Race and Racism in the US

Tom Henry. Examine the concept of race and the origins of race-based slavery and briefly explore how Reconstruction shaped modern racial attitudes.

Retreats

Lutheran Deacon Candidate Retreats

Saint Margaret's House
New Hartford, New York
November 1–2, 2019
January 31–February 1, 2020

Continuing Education/ Commissioned Deacon Retreat

Saint Margaret's House
New Hartford, New York
May 1–2, 2020

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 for 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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