

LAP's Purpose

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

LAP pursues its purpose by:

- Equipping the priesthood for outreach and the constant strengthening of the Body,
- Embracing partnerships with individuals, groups, organizations within the LCMS and the church at large whose purpose and values mesh with LAP's,
- Being accessible to people of all needs, all abilities, and all means.

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Leadership Advancement Process

Training leaders to lead the lost to the Lord!

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.

LAP Ten Courses

Lay Assistant/Licensed Deacon ten course training for men or women is available either on-line or through your local pastor. Certain on-line courses may also be taken to meet the prerequisites for entry into the Distance Education Leading to Ordination (DELTO) program at CTS, Ft. Wayne or the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program at CTS, St. Louis. The LAP Ten Courses may be taken on a 'no college credit' or 'college credit' basis. The LAP Ten Courses are:

- Old Testament Bible
- New Testament Bible
- Interpreting the Scripture
- Christian Doctrine Summary (Christian Faith)
- Mission Outreach in Context (Leadership in a Missionary Age)
- 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.

New Leadership Training

- ◆ The Entrepreneurial Congregation Workshop
- ◆ Developing an Effective Leadership Team Workshop
- ◆ Personal Witness Course
- ◆ Practicing our Faith Course
- ◆ Identifying and Pursuing Ethnic Ministries Workshop
- ◆ 'Enfranchising' our Youth Workshop
- ◆ Identifying Cross Cultural Opportunities Course/Seminar
- ◆ Harnessing the Wisdom Workshop
- ◆ Discerning the Spirit's Movement in Worship Workshop

New for Professional Church Workers

- ◆ The Pastor/Elder Dynamic Workshop
- ◆ Mobilizing the Gifted Workshop
- ◆ The Blessing of Disagreement Workshop
- ◆ Pursuing Purpose Workshop

For more information or to bring a workshop to your area! Contact:
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What students are saying about LAP courses!

"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. 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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