The 24th Annual

Hartwick Seminary
Summer Institute of Theology

at
Hartwick College
Oneonta, New York
27 July–1 August 2014

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 from the Foothills Conference

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 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.

An Invitation

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 Foothills Conference Deacon Program.
**Who Can Be a 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.

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**Required Candidate Retreats**
Saint Margaret’s House
New Hartford, New York
24–25 October 2014
30–31 January 2015

**Commissioned Deacon**
Continuing Education Retreat
Saint Margaret’s House
New Hartford, New York
17–18 April 2015

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**Institute Staff**

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607.431.4599

Campus Switchboard (always available)  
607.431.4000
Check-In and Room Assignment

Sunday, July 27, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Hilltop House Dormitory (near the back of campus)
Sign-up to carpool for daily rides to classes.

**Important:** Check for signs and directions. Campus traffic patterns may change from one year to the next.

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**Required for those staying overnight in the dorms:**
- bed linens (twin-long) or sleeping bag (no rental linens)
- towels
- toiletries

*We encourage casual clothing, comfortable shoes, sweaters, and so on for upstate New York summers: warm or hot days, cool nights.*

**Recommended**
- lamp, fan, garbage bags, window screen, and other creature comforts. This is college dormitory living.

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**Name badges** must be worn at all times for classes and meals.

**Arriving later in the week?**
Please report to the Institute office, Clark Hall room 244, for badge and packet.

**Deacon candidate orientation**
Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Shineman Chapel

**Welcoming reception** (for all participants)
Sunday, 8:30 p.m., Shineman Chapel

**Institute choir** organizes after Sunday evening worship.

**Smoking** is not allowed inside any Hartwick College building.

**Meals** are served in Dewar Hall Commons Cafeteria.
Breakfast 7:30—9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30—6:30 p.m.
**Weekly** overnight and commuter registrants use a meal card.
**Daily** registrants must pay cash for each meal.
Worship services are held in Shineman Chapel.
Mornings 7:30 a.m.
Evenings 9:15 p.m. (Sun./Mon./Tues./Thurs.)

Holy Eucharist
Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Pre-service music at 7:15 p.m. An offering for the Institute and a ministry of the church will be received.

Individual confession and forgiveness offered daily
Times, place, and Confessor will be announced and posted each day.

Tuesday night fellowship – Party time at the dormitory. Bring snacks to share, instruments to play, voices to sing, and stories to tell. (Some limited refrigerator space available.)

Resources
Ecumenical Book Service—our own Institute bookstore
Augsburg Fortress 800-328-4648
Christian Book Distributors 978-977-5000
Cokesbury Books 800-672-1789
Concordia Pub. 800-325-3040
Eerdmans’s Books 800-243-7521
LTS Gettysburg 800-668-8437
Amazon.com, abebooks.com, alibris.com, your local bookstore

Ecumenical Book Service and Theology Institute items will be in the Clark Hall office. Buy used books for your personal and church libraries and Theology Institute souvenirs. The Barnes and Noble campus store is in Dewar Hall for Hartwick items and personal needs.


**FACULTY**

**David Almleaf** — Pastor, Grace Lutheran, Johnstown-Gloversville; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.

**Leslie Bauer** — American Guild of Organists; BM, Organ Performance, Texas Christian University; Minister of Music at Atonement Lutheran Church, Oneonta.

**M. Elaine Berg** — MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg; Dean Foothills Conference, Upstate New York Synod.

**Ken Dingman** — Interim Pastor, Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church, Richmondville; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.

**Paul Herpich** — Pastor, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Liverpool; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; DMin, Congregational Mission and Leadership, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul.

**William Hodgetts** — Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Amsterdam; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

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

**Joseph McGarry** — Pastor, Faith Lutheran, Gardner, MA; BA Concordia University, Saint Paul, MN; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

**John Medwid** — Roman Catholic Priest, Amsterdam; BS Mathematics and BA Religious Studies, Saint John Fisher College, Rochester; STB (Pontifical degree), Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

**Paul Messner, sts** — Pastor, Otsego County Lutheran Parish; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg; Administrator, HSIT.
Allison Zbicz Michael — Pastor, Zion Saint John Lutheran Church, Seward/Sharon Springs; BA, Duke University; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.

Mark Michael — Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Cooperstown, NY; AB, Duke University; BTh Oxford University.

David Miskiewicz — Pastor, Saint Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, Oneonta, NY; BS College of Saint Rose, Albany; MA, Liturgical Music, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; MDiv, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah, NJ; MA, Theology, Saint Bernard’s Institute, Rochester.

Kyle Murray — Senior, Hartwick College; organist, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary; accompanist for daily prayer services at the Institute.

Carl Onofrio — Pastor (ret.), Niagara Falls, Ontario; degrees from Hartwick College; Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, University of Iowa, University of Western Ontario, and Graduate Theological Foundation. Former church administrator, university chaplain. Proprietor of Ecumenical Book Store at the Institute.

Judith van Osdol — Director of Evangelical Mission, Upstate New York Synod, ELCA; BS, Cornell University; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

John Priest, sTs — Pastor, Immanuel-Delhi; MDiv, Christ Seminary-Seminex, Saint Louis.

Roberta Rowland Raybold — Summer organist, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary; composer, recitalist, and organ instructor; BM, Organ Performance and Sacred Music, Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH; Colleague Certification, American Guild of Organists.

Donald Roberts — Rabbi, Temple Beth El of Oneonta; BSM and honorary doctorate, Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion; Rabbinical Studies, T’fereth Yisrael Rabbinical Seminary, Sayville.
Kelly Segit — BS, Health Science; Ministry Assistant, Christ Church Cooperstown; preparing for long-term mission assignment in Madagascar.

Michael Senft — Deacon, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Endwell; member of Christian praise band Cross Fire

Sandy Shear — Associate in Ministry, Otsego County Lutheran Parish; BS, Cornell University; MA, Ministerial Studies/Christian Education, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.

Carmel Ann Sperti — Director, Faith Formation, Church of Saint Mary, Oneonta; MA and DMin, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington.

Emrys Tyler — Pastor, Nineveh Presbyterian Church, Nineveh; MDiv, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA;

Randy Velez — Ordained Deacon, Saint Joseph the Worker Roman Catholic Church, Richfield Springs, and Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church, West Winfield; BBusAdmin, Manhattan College; JD, Fordham University.

James Walck — Pastor, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Endwell; MDiv, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH.

Cynthia Walton-Leavitt — Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church, Oneonta; MDiv, Yale Divinity School; DMin, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA; Chair, Committee on Lay Preaching, Presbytery of the Susquehanna Valley.

Paul Westermeyer — Professor of Church Music and Cantor Emeritus, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, MN; Ordained pastor, ELCA; MSM, Union Theological Seminary; MA and PhD, University of Chicago.

Diane Wheatley — Pastor, Saint Paul’s Lutheran Church, Liverpool; MDiv, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.

Gail Wolling — Pastor, Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, North Syracuse; MDiv, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.
Curriculum

Two formats are offered.

Seminars

two and a half hours
afternoon or evening
Monday–Thursday

Courses

one hour a day
Monday–Friday
or Monday–Thursday

Core courses are required for deacon candidates. They are marked with an asterisk*. Others may enroll in these courses.

_all classes meet in Clark Hall unless otherwise noted_

Register for any and all classes by completing and returning the registration form in this brochure by July 15 to guarantee your selection. You can register for one class or seminar or for the entire week. Deacon candidates need a Study Bible and a copy of _The Book of Concord_. These may be borrowed from your church or pastor, purchased on your own, or purchased from the Institute office at cost ($40).

Courses | Monday—Friday

8:45 A.M.

100 Old Testament Survey*
Ken Dingman
Survey of the Old Testament’s major categories—Torah, Historical Books, Writings, and Prophets, with reference to apocryphal and deuterocanonical books

185 Blessed by the Best
Joseph McGarry
Being blessed by God, participants are empowered to see and claim their blessings through their baptismal covenant, using scriptural passages.

287 What Do I Stand For?
Judith van Osdol
Explore creating and living into your own personal mission statement. Applicable to creating a congregational mission statement.
760  Modern Martyrs
   Sandy Shear
Learn about modern witnesses to Christian faith: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Oscar Romero, Richard Wurmbrand, and others.

402  Preaching 201
   Gail Wolling
For those already practicing the art and call to preach. Includes conversation around upcoming texts.

10:00 A.M.

150  New Testament Survey
   David Almleaf*

90   Healing and the Bible
   Gail Wolling
Looking at five characters in the Bible who experienced healing, what can we learn today about the process of being healed?

330  Music in Christian Worship
   Paul Westermeyer—2014 Thrivent Financial Theologian in Residence

788  Missional Leadership for the Twenty-First Century
   Judith van Osdol and Joseph McGarry
What is God’s missional imagination? How do we live into our call as leaders in the emerging church?

11:15 A.M.

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.
161 Magnificat
John Medwid
Mary’s song is a volatile and dynamic expression of an untamed God. Can we embrace this radical vision? Based on Luther’s commentary.

314 Praying through the Church Year
David Almleaf
Using the Advent and Pentecost seasons as a guide for personal devotion, inner reflection and spiritual discernment.

732 Grief and Hope in Times of Transition
Diane Wheatley

932 Progress in Judaeo-Christian Relations
Donald Roberts
How relations between church and synagogue have evolved since Vatican II.

1:15 P.M.

193 The Principalities and Powers
William Hodgetts
American Christians hold diverse views regarding angels and demons that mix the biblical and superstitious. What do scripture and the Great Tradition say about these beings?

300 Corporate Worship and Spiritual Formation*
Paul Westermeyer—2014 Thrivent Financial Theologian in Residence

708 From Luther to the Third Millenium
Daniel Hoffman
Overview of church history from the Reformation to the modern church. Text: Justo Gonzalez, The Story of Christianity.

937 Creating a “Platform” for Your Congregation
Joseph McGarry
Every congregation needs a platform and the know-how to best make use of it. Learn a five-step process to build a platform and increase visibility in the community. Texts: Michael Hyatt, Platform; Seth Godin, Tribes.
2:30 P.M. (Mon–Thurs only)

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, Barbara Brown Taylor.

3:45 P.M. (Mon–Thurs only)

500 Introduction to Deacon Ministry*
Paul Messner
An overview of the Upstate New York Synod deacon handbook and deacon practices and skills. Includes introduction to boundary awareness.

5:30 P.M. Mon–Wed

301 Institute Choir
Roberta Rowland Raybold and Leslie Bauer
Music selection and rehearsal for Wednesday evening holy communion.

SEMINARS

Monday / 2:30 P.M.

105 Who Ate Lunch with Abraham?
John Priest
A look at how the New Testament is prefigured in the Old. Bring your Bibles and your wits.

257 Martin Luther Had a Wife
Carl Onofrio
Meet Katie Luther.

267 A Curse on My Peace: John Calvin’s Call
Emrys Tyler
The historical circumstances around Calvin’s call to serve as pastor in Geneva, Switzerland, and what his call can teach us about ours.
325 Paths of Christian Music Yesterday and Today
Roberta Rowland Raybold

**MONDAY / 6:30 P.M.**

330 Pray, Practice, Proclaim
Carmel Ann Sperti
Practical seminar for worship leaders, including praying with the Sunday readings, practicing diction, cadence and volume, proclaiming with appropriate dramatic effect.

338 Planning a Hymn Festival at Your Church
Rowland Raybold
A hands-on approach to organizing a hymn festival in your church and community. Three types of festivals will be discussed.

700 Making Your Confession
Mark Michael

789 Navigating a Good Church Fight
Daniel Hoffman
All church bodies experience conflict and crisis. Learn from Luther and the controversies in Wittenberg in 1522 what is at stake in a variety of arguments, including the opportunity to bear witness to the gospel. Text: Martin Luther, “Invocavit Sermons,” Luther’s Works 51.

**TUESDAY / 2:30 P.M.**

143 The Sermon on the Mount: Did Jesus Preach Works Righteousness?
Paul Herpich
351  **Children’s Time during Worship**  
*Cynthia Walton-Leavitt*  
What do you do with children during worship? Share experiences of including children as part of the worshipping community.

511  **Boundaries 2**  
*Diane Wheatley*  
Using new materials from a national training seminar and case studies. Prerequisite: initial boundary training.

740  **Pope Francis: A Personal View of Christian Life**  
*Randy Velez*  
At the start of his papacy, Pope Francis appears to be a strong catalyst for change in the Roman Catholic Church. Explore the man and his message.

**TUESDAY / 6:30 P.M.**

10  **“What Do We Talk about When We Talk about God?”**  
*Paul Herpich*  
Rob Bell’s new book of this title helps to focus on our “God talk” with family, friends, and anyone else we communicate with.

219  **Perfect as Your Heavenly Father Is Perfect: Atonement and Christian Ethics**  
*Emrys Tyler*  
Engage in imaginative inquiry about the impact of theories of the atonement on Christian ethics. Survey the historical theories of atonement and how each one shapes practical conduct in Christian life.

260  **Farming, Fasting, Feasting: Theologies of Food**  
*Allison Michael*  
From the first chapters of Genesis humans have had an uneasy relationship with food. Explore the significance of food in both the scriptures and other Church writings, with particular attention to the ways food (and the way we use it) shapes our relationship with one another and with God.

314  **Into the Woods**  
*David Miskiewicz*  
Woods are wondrous places but are also dark and dangerous places that reflect the recesses of the heart. Explore some of the stories that define our culture and our Christian faith.
Creating a Successful Coffee House Ministry
James Walck and Michael Senft
Samson’s Coffee House began in 1998 in Endwell and now ministers to over seventy regular attendees each month. The coffee house band, Cross Fire, will lead worship this evening and play after worship concludes.

WEDNESDAY / 2:30 P.M.

Understanding Eastern Christianity
Carl Onofrio
The Orthodox churches are the second largest group of Christians in the world, but many in the West know little about their history, traditions, liturgy, and culture.

Apologetics: Defending the Faith
Sandy Shear
How can we give an answer about and defend the faith we confess, telling about Jesus in a pluralistic and growing secular environment?

The Shack: A Conversation about the Trinity
Cynthia Walton-Leavitt
The novel by William P. Young tells the story of a troubled man invited to spend a weekend with God. His notions about the Trinity and preconceptions about Christianity are challenged, and healing begins to take place. Read the book before the class.

Making a Place at Table
David Miskiewicz
With whom did Jesus eat and in what situations did he share meals? What are the implications for how we approach the Sunday Eucharist? How might Jesus’ example challenge us for present eucharistic hospitality, intercommunion, and the role of liturgical ministers?

Affirmations
Diane Wheatley
Learn how to affirm others and build relationships.

– HOLY EUCHARIST –
7:30pm | 7:15pm Pre-Service Music
Shineman Chapel
**Thursday / 2:30 p.m.**

193  **Called, Gathered, Sent**  
*Judith van Osdol*
Reread the New Testament through a missional lens and unpack biblical texts along with our expectations of the proclamation of scripture.

309  **The Geography of Spiritual Life**  
*David Almleaf*
Learn how to see geographical locations as sources of inspiration for personal prayer and spiritual understanding.

565  **Receptive Leadership**  
*Joseph McGarry*
“Receptive leadership” is a way to be an effective servant-leader, a style of leadership that connects us with God and others.

793  **Following Jesus**  
*Kelly Segit*
The Western church in many ways has minimized the majesty of Christ and diluted what it means to be a disciple of Christ in the world. What does it look like to take up the cross and follow Jesus?
Thursday / 6:30 p.m.

225 The Augsburg Confession
Gail Wolling
If you know the questions behind the Augsburg Confession, then it all makes more sense: Who is God? Who is Jesus? What is the Church?

287 “God Isn’t Dead”
Paul Messner
Atheism and “decision” theology are twin poles of un-faith. How do we hold on to faith and let God be God? See the movie of the seminar title. Texts: Romans 5 and 9–ll; Rob Bell, Love Wins; Leslie Weatherhead, The Will of God.

333 Is Being Too Busy a Spiritual Issue?
Elaine Berg
God told the Israelites “above all keep my Sabbath, the sign between me and you, generation after generation” (Exodus 31:12).

332 Christian Hymnody
Paul Westermeyer—2014 Thrivent Financial Theologian in Residence
The nature of the church’s hymnody (background, uses, theology) with details about specific hymns. Hymns are a major part of Christian worship. Discuss their uses with one of America’s leading church musicians.
HELPFUL HINTS AND REQUESTS

Please 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 in Clark Hall room 244 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 to purchase at the Institute office in Clark Hall for $40.00 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.

IMPORTANT

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