

LCMC SEMINARY INFORMATION

LCMC does not have any seminaries of their own, but lists working relationships with the following:*

1. Bethel Seminary is located in St. Paul, MN. The school is a Baptist institution and is affiliated with and supported by the congregations of the Baptist General Conference. Bethel Seminary St. Paul is a private, not-for-profit school. The school offers degrees up to the Doctoral degree. Additional information may be found at www.bethel.edu.
2. The Master's Institute Seminary is located in St. Paul, MN. Their statement of faith is evangelical, creedal, and sacramental. Being Lutheran is an issue of substance rather than style, of theology rather than methodology. They are Lutheran in their understanding of the authority of Scripture and the centrality of grace and faith. The MI approach is three-fold: Biblical teaching is one-third of the program, character formation and hands-on leadership training are the other two-thirds. The Master's Institute takes a leading approach to accreditation and appears to not be accredited. Additional information may be found at www.themastersinstitute.org.
3. Sioux Falls Seminary (formerly North American Baptist Seminary) is located in Sioux Falls, SD. Sioux Falls Seminary, is the main seminary of the North American Baptist Conference. Formed as an association of ethnic German Baptist churches, it was founded in 1858 in Rochester, NY, and relocated to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 1949 in order to be more centrally located to its constituents. Additional information may be found at www.sfsseminary.edu.
4. Institute of Lutheran Theology is located in Brookings, SD. The Institute of Lutheran Theology is an independent, pan-Lutheran** theological education project that works with all who share our conviction that God is at work in the world bringing sinners to repentance and new life in Jesus the Christ. Through Internet-based courses and work in a sponsoring congregation, students integrate theological education with pastoral practice. With a variety of programs, from Pastoral Certification to the more traditional Master of Divinity, ILT seeks to prepare faithful proclaimers of the good news. Additional information may be found at www.ilt.org.
5. Faith Evangelical Seminary is located in Tacoma, WA. Faith Evangelical Seminary is an evangelical Christian seminary that aims to build a community of teachers and students who seek to strengthen their Christian beliefs by interpreting Scripture, who uphold the form of doctrine expressed in the historic creeds and confessions of orthodox Christianity. It provides instructors and facilities for undergraduate and graduate Christian education. Faith Seminary is an interdenominational, nonprofit, religious, and educational institution with a Lutheran heritage that respects the right of students to affiliate with the evangelical denomination or synod of their choice. Additional information may be found at www.faithseminary.edu.
6. Fuller Seminary is located in Pasadena, CA. Fuller Theological Seminary is the largest multi-denominational Christian seminary in the world. Fuller Theological Seminary, embracing the School of Theology, School of Psychology, and School of Intercultural Studies, is an evangelical, multidenominational, international, and multiethnic community dedicated to the equipping of men and women for the manifold ministries of Christ and his Church. Additional information may be found at www.fuller.edu.
7. Luther Seminary is located in St. Paul, MN. The college is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Luther Seminary is the largest seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). Luther Seminary's mission is to prepare students for service in rostered ministry and leadership positions within the ELCA and its ecumenical partners. Additional information may be found at www.luther.edu.
8. Ashland Theological Seminary is located in Ashland, OH. Ashland Theological Seminary (ATS) is an evangelical seminary located in Ashland, Ohio, with extension campuses in Cleveland, and Columbus, Ohio and Detroit, MI. A graduate division of Ashland University, ATS was founded in 1906 by The Brethren Church, and is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Additional information may be found at www.seminary.ashland.edu.

9. Trinity Theological Seminary is located in Newburgh, Indiana. Trinity is an evangelical Christian institution that affirms the articles of faith found in three historic creeds of the early Church: *The Apostles' Creed*, *The Nicene Creed*, and *The Athanasian Creed*. Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary, also known as Trinity College of the Bible; is a nondenominational Bible college and seminary. Trinity is listed as an applicant for initial accreditation with the Distance Education Training Council (DETC), which is CHEA and the USDE approved, but is not a regional accrediting body. Additional information may be found at www.trinitysem.com.
10. Trinity Southwest University is located in Albuquerque, MN. TSU offers a Judeo-Christian education that recognizes Holy Scripture, namely, the Bible, as consisting of both the Old Testament and New Testament, as the basis of all learning, whether biblical, religious, ministerial, professional, denominational or evangelical. TSU also recognizes legitimate life-experience credits, or portfolio credits, for professional, ministry, work and life experience. Although Trinity does not choose to be accredited by associations recognized by the United States Department of Education, all TSU programs, are internally reviewed for quality in educational concepts in both nontraditional campus-based programs, and nontraditional distance learning programs. Trinity Southwest University is a trans-denominational institution in the evangelical mainstream of the historic Christian Faith. Additional information may be found at www.trinitysouthwest.com.

Training Options

1. Beyond the River Academy is located in Elkhorn, IA. They believe that the Augsburg Confession is an accurate and faithful witness to the scriptures. They believe that "...no one should publicly teach in the Church or administer the sacraments unless he be regularly called." Notice that this statement does NOT say, "...no one should publicly teach... unless he has an MD." It is the congregation's responsibility to call their minister. That minister does NOT need an MDiv. They believe that each pastor should desire to have the best education possible. It is the congregation's responsibility to make sure their (servant) leader is well educated. The situation in small rural parishes has changed in the last 20 years. Often times these congregations can no longer support an MDiv. student straight out of seminary. Many of these congregations are raising up faithful leaders from within their own ranks. These leaders already have careers. They have their own jobs and their own lives and do not have the time, energy or money to be able to afford an eight year degree. What is the congregation supposed to do in the meantime? By the same token MDiv students are not able to meet their burdensome financial needs by serving these small congregations. Additional information may be found at www.beyondtheriveracademy.org.
2. Heartland District House of Studies is located in Omaha, NE. The members of Heartland affirm the priesthood of all believers. Heartland commits itself in function and structure to the equipping and supporting of all members of its congregations for their ministries within and outside of the household of faith. It is within and from this context of ministry that they declare that God calls some to the public ministry of Word and Sacrament and other specific ministries. At the same time, all baptized members of our congregations are priests called by God to ministries in their daily lives. This is the District Office headquarters. Additional information may be found at www.churchofthemaster.com.

*We are in the process of verifying the recognition of LCMC's working relationship with the various seminaries.

**Organizations that define themselves as "pan-Lutheran" have alliances and recognition from more than one Lutheran Church Body.