

J-Term & Continuing Ed Course

Diaconal Ministry: Discernment, History and Formation

Course Description: The course is designed to provide a place of study and discernment of vocation for those interested in learning more about Deaconesses and Diaconal Ministry in the ELCA/ELCIC. The course covers the history of diakonia through the centuries, its present expressions, and its future possibilities. The course will allow students time to examine and discern their calls to ministry, as well as provide opportunity for individual and communal spiritual formation. Students will explore the meaning of spirituality and spiritual discipline as they apply to all Christians and especially to rostered leaders in Lutheran church bodies. The course is offered for three credit hours of academic credit.

Dates and Location: The course will run **January 11-20, 2011** (excluding the weekend). Classes will meet mornings and afternoons and on MLK, Jr. Day on the campus of **Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary** in Columbia, South Carolina. Students will have some written work to do before the course begins and after the course concludes.

Tuition: Tuition for all participants will be paid by the Deaconess Community of the ELCA. The cost of all books is the responsibility of each student.

Housing: Limited Housing is available on campus for a cost of \$325. Early registration is advised.

Registration: For further info, please contact Dr. Ginger Barfield at gbarfield@ltss.edu or 803-461-3253.



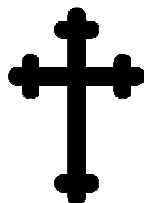
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