

Don't wait to Grow in Your Faith

Growing in Faith - The New York diakonia Program fulfills Martin Luther's desire that all people study their Christian faith.

Participants want to deepen their life of faith. Many students find that through their coursework they become more interested in serving the Church in a variety of ways: teaching, administration, liturgical leadership, action for social justice, evangelism, visitation of the sick, community organization, youth work, ministry among the elderly, and the like.

Although this course of study is used by students who wish to continue on to become a Rostered Deacon in our synod, it is not a requirement of the classes to go on to serve in this way. (In fact, the majority of graduates do not go on to become Deacons)



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www.mnys.org/ministries2/diakonia
and the National Diakonia website
www.diakoniaus.org

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What is diakonia?

diakonia is a national program of education for people in the Lutheran church. It was developed by a Lutheran pastor to help develop dynamic disciples. While the program is designed to be completed in two years, some students take more time.

Is this for me?

If growing in your faith sounds exciting to you - then YES diakonia is for you.

This program is for anyone interested in furthering their knowledge of the Lutheran faith and learning other ways to use their skills for service to God and their community of faith.

Look inside for our locations and speak to one of our location managers about how this program might work for you.

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The New York diakonia Program

A recent graduate says:

"Now I know why Lutherans do what we do in our worship and in the world. I understand the Bible and its history more deeply, and can talk more comfortably about my faith.

This experience provides a background and foundation for following God's call to "go out" It strengthens you for weekly worship and your Monday through Saturday walk. The energy and enthusiasm from fellow Christians is contagious!"

What is Growing in Faith?

Growing in Faith is a two year process of spiritual formation and theological education also known as The diakonia Program.

New York Locations

Brooklyn Saturdays 9am - 12pm
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
2806 Newkirk Ave
Deacon Jasmine Downer
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Long Island Latino
Saturdays 9am - 12pm
Ascension Lutheran Church
33 Bayshore Road, Deer Park
Rev. Patty Avila eveleppe@gmail.com

Manhattan English
Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:30pm
Gustavus Adolphus Church
155 East 22nd Street
Deacon Camille Holman
917.862.5881 camicap@aol.com

Manhattan Latino
Saturdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
619 Lexington Avenue
Ms. Marta Serur 917.670.0126

Nassau Saturdays 9am - 12pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
99 Central Park Road, Plainview
Deacon Donna-Marie Fieldsa
917.270.5152 dmff@optonline.net

Peconic Thursdays 7 - 10pm
Hope Lutheran Church
46 Dare Road, Seldon
Ms. Liz Hoffmann
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Queens Saturdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
31-18 37th Street, LI City
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Southern Westchester
Mondays 7 - 10pm
Emanuel Lutheran Church
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The program provides education and spiritual growth through worship, retreats, and a supportive community of fellow students, mentors, and instructors. It includes twelve courses, six per academic year. Each course is 5 sessions in length, and meets weekly for one 3 hour session. Assignments and reading reflect the twin purposes of relating subject matter to the students' context of life and ministry (family, parish, neighborhood area of ministry), and giving a solid background to the topic.

Topics include: Old and New Testament studies, Church History, Christian Ethics, Worship, Visitation, Spirituality and Church Doctrine.

Students work at their own level, and assignments reflect the understanding that students are already busy in their families, jobs, and parish. Typically, students average approximately two to four hours of studies per week in addition to class time.