

January Interim 2017 – Opportunities as of 13 September 2016

Wartburg Theological Seminary

This is the growing list of opportunities. More will be added as they become known.

I. CROSS CULTURAL COURSES

The following courses all meet the M.Div./M.A. cross-cultural degree requirement when completed as a cohort, including pre- and post-January meetings. The faculty person named is the local contact for the course, and in most cases the person you will work with in completing the pre- and post-trip requirements for the cross-cultural requirement, as well as sign off on the final grade. Please see that person for more information about the specific trip or course. All courses numbered MN 399W unless noted otherwise.

The number in parentheses is the number of cross-cultural travel subsidies available for that course as made available through Wartburg's original program, which can be used by students completing their first cross-cultural experience as required for their degree program. Do keep in mind that there are additional travel subsidies potentially available for students, underwritten by the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, for completing a second cross-cultural experience as an elective. (See Amy Current, Dean for Vocation, for details on how these cross-cultural travel subsidies work and your eligibility.)

See more complete descriptions for many of these courses starting on Page 3 of this document.

2017 International Cross-Cultural:

Africa:

- **Tanzania**—Fritschel (8)

Europe:

- **Germany** —Nessan (8)

Central/South America/Caribbean:

- **Guyana**, Pastoral Practicum in ELCG parishes—W. Persaud (4)

2017 Domestic Cross-Cultural:

- **Issues of Domestic Violence Against Women and Children** —Sayler (10)
- **Pine Ridge Indian Reservation**—Faculty advisor TBD (4)
- **Texas/Mexico Borderlands**—LSPS & Troftgruben (4)

II. Other J-Term Courses (that are either elective or meet requirements other than the cross-cultural requirement):

MN 103W **Pastoral Practicum** (arranged between you and a pastor/church, with a faculty member's oversight). Student completes an independent study form as part of the registration process in order to outline the goals of their practicum.

MN 397W **Rural Ministry – Shalom Hill Farm & North Dakota** – Visit and reflect on two rural areas, starting with the Shalom Hill Farm of Windom, Minnesota. Then travel to northwestern North Dakota as guests of the churches in Stanley and surrounding communities; limited enrollment; meets WTS MDiv rural ministry requirement; train travel to and from North Dakota is by Amtrak train, paid for by your hosts in North Dakota; additional coursework on the Wartburg campus. Mark Yackel-Juleen

MN 399W **Holden Village** Winter Sojourn and Reading Seminar. Contact Dr. Nathan Frambach for more details. Involves travel to Holden Village in Washington.

HT 399W **Reformation 500: Harvesting Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue (USA) for Evangelical Witness Today** – Dr. Winston Persaud. Wartburg Seminary's offering to the ELCA seminary course exchange. See the course details as listed under the ELCA descriptions at the end of this document.

III. ELCA Seminary Exchange Courses

See the complete list and descriptions for the shared ELCA courses towards the end of this document (beginning on page 12).

For several years now, the ELCA seminaries have joined together to share J-Term courses. A WTS student electing this option would still pay Wartburg's January Interim tuition, plus be responsible for all travel and other costs associated with the course(s). **Please note the specific deadlines that several of these ELCA seminary courses will have for signing up and paying deposits.** Just telling the WTS Registrar that you desire to be in one of these courses is not necessarily sufficient in getting into the course unless you also personally follow through in contacting the other institution by needed deadlines and pay any necessary deposits.

IV. INDEPENDENT STUDY or PASTORAL PRACTICUM

For those students who do not complete one of the cross-cultural courses or specified organized activity listed above, your remaining option is to complete an independent study or a pastoral practicum. All J-Term courses/independent studies are expected to meet the requirements for a 3-credit course (a minimum of 135-140 hours of work). There is an Independent Study Contract Form to be completed in conjunction with the faculty member who will oversee your independent study or pastoral practicum, and by your faculty advisor. These contracts should be finalized ideally by the December registration week.

J-TERM 2017 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
(Not all courses may have further description;
See the Registrar or the faculty contact person for more details)

(The following is an adaptation of a previous year's description, subject to change)

MN 285W Guyana (Pastoral Practicum)

Experience hope and zest for life in an English-speaking two-thirds world setting. In this three-week pastoral practicum, students travel to Guyana without faculty escort, are hosted by pastors and their families / local families in the congregations, and serve hands-on with the clergy and laity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana – teaching, preaching, leading worship in both homes and churches, working with youth as well as men's and women's groups, visiting church members, etc. Since January 1983, over 60 Wartburg Seminary students have met their cross-cultural requirement through this life-transforming immersion experience. Now, most are graduates serving in parishes, and they continue to speak of the value of this experience to their on-going ministries.

Contact person: Winston D. Persaud

Meets the Cross-Cultural Requirement

Cost: passport, air fare, immunizations, minimal out-of-pocket expenses

Specific travels days still to be determined.

(The following is an adaptation of a previous year's description, subject to change)

MN 397T Rural Ministry – Shalom Hill Farm & North Dakota –

Instructor: Mark Yackel-Juleen

Visit and reflect on two rural areas, starting with the Shalom Hill Farm of Windom, Minnesota. Then travel to northwestern North Dakota as guests of the churches in Stanley and surrounding communities; limited enrollment; meets WTS MDiv rural ministry requirement; in the past, travel to and from North Dakota has been by Amtrak train, paid for by your hosts in North Dakota; additional coursework on the Wartburg campus.

Evaluation: Participation, reading, a project or paper.

Bibliography: To be Announced

Travel dates: **Specific dates to be announced**; additional coursework on the Wartburg campus before and/or after the trip

(The following is an adaptation of a previous year's description, subject to change)

MN 399W RESPONDING TO ISSUES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Gwen Sayler, instructor

Dates: On-campus course with some travel, specific class meeting days to be determined. Class usually meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except on travel days for fieldtrips

May be taken for cross-cultural credit

Others by permission of the instructor. Limited to 10 for cross-cultural requirement.

In addition to the on-campus class meetings, usually fieldtrips are incorporated into the course - one 2 night immersion trip in Chicago; plus several day trips in Wisconsin and Iowa

DESCRIPTION: This interim experience gives students an opportunity to think theologically and pastorally/diaconally about issues of violence, especially as they impact women and children. The format is a mixture of discussion, local speakers (e.g., police officer, judge, lawyer), local field trips (e.g. Lantern Center, Maria House, Riverview Assault Counseling), private reflection times, and cross-cultural out-of-town immersions (eg Rainbow Shelter, Genesis House for recovering prostitutes, Apna Ghar services to Islamic and Hindu victims of violence; WAVE, ELCA headquarters, Dane County Rape Center, Briarpatch Homeless Teens Centers, Watertown Women's Center, etc.).

GOALS: This interim experience will give students an opportunity: 1) to think theologically about issues of transition and violence as they impact women/children in US cultural contexts; 2) to gain cross-cultural exposure to creative efforts to respond to violence in a variety of geographical, economic, religious, and social contexts; and 3) to develop practical resources that to identify and respond to these issues as rostered leaders in ministry.

REQUIREMENTS:

Selected readings (time allowed for reading in course of the day's schedule)

Daily journaling (for student's own use)

Participation in Group Project

***some requirements adaptable, depending on whether or not student is using course to fulfill cross-cultural requirement

(The following is an adaptation of a previous year's description, subject to change. **The dates for Pine Ridge are now 2017 dates, although the money amounts mentioned are still for the 2016, and therefore still subject to change.**)

MN 399W Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Instructor: The current local faculty contact is still being determined; Both Craig Nesson and Nate Frambach have been involved with this immersion in the past and can answer most questions.

Dates: January 2-13, 2017.

The course will be discussing the role of Christianity in the past and the responsibilities we carry as a result of earlier engagements between American Indians and non-natives, particularly Christians. Specifically, the Doctrine of Discovery and what it means to repudiate it. The desire is that students can leave with some practical, concrete understanding about how the poverty became a reality here on Pine Ridge, but also the role we play (unknowingly) in keeping the cycle of poverty in place.

The Center has four sleeping rooms, four bathrooms with showers, a large well-equipped kitchen, wireless access, recreation area and lounge. Bedding and towels are provided. Groups pool money to purchase groceries to prepare meals at the center. We recommend \$75/student. Students may also wish to purchase some of the artwork and crafts created by local artisans. The program fee for January 2016 is \$600/student for those who need to be picked up at the airport, or \$550 for those who provide their own transportation that they can use to travel to scheduled events.

We look forward to hosting students this coming January and look forward to hearing from you.

Blessings,

Pastor Kay Ressel, Director, Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center

MN 399W Tanzania

Ann Fritschel, Instructor

A cross-cultural immersion course that will explore the people and ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. We will be located primarily in the Meru Diocese. Topics that will be explored include mission, leadership and Gospel proclamation in a religiously pluralistic and constantly changing context. We will also explore the synod companion program and the theology of accompaniment and reflect upon what we learn for mission and ministry in the United States context. We will see the installation of only the diocese's second bishop. The trip will be approximately 16 days and will cost between \$2500-3000. For further information, contact the instructor.

(The following is an adaptation of a previous year's description, subject to change)

MN 399W The Borderlands: Mission in Latino Contexts

Instructor: Dr. Javier Alanís

Contact Person: Troy Troftgruben, Wartburg Seminary

Dates – still to be determined

First-year students will spend up to three weeks in the January term observing, participating in, and considering the church in mission along the Texas/Mexico border and in various Spanish-speaking contexts throughout Texas. Experiential learning occurs with trips to the Texas/Mexico border and in Latino/a congregations throughout Texas. Students learn about the history, culture and contemporary realities of Latinos/as to gain skills in intercultural dialogue and ministry that they can transpose to other cultural settings. Course hosted by the Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest in conjunction with the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

MN 399W 2017 Holden Village Winter Sojourn & Reading Seminar

Instructor, Nate Frambach

Enjoy an opportunity to spend one full week (7 days, Friday to Friday) “in” at Holden Village for a winter spiritual sojourn. We will join the Holden winter community in this beautiful and rugged setting in the Cascade Mountains of Washington state. The rhythm of daily life will mirror the rhythm of the Holden community, including worship, prayer, reading, conversation, work, play, and table fellowship. The focus for our reading will be determined by those who will be participating in conjunction with the Instructor.

The group will travel together by train* with the following general itinerary: departing from Lacrosse, WI on a Tuesday evening (Jan. 10th), arriving into Wenatchee early Thursday morning (Jan 12th), spend the day and overnight in Wenatchee, take the boat up Lake Chelan to Holden Friday morning (Jan 13th), arriving at Holden Village mid-day on Friday; leaving Holden mid-day on the following Friday (Jan 20th), arriving back into Wenatchee Friday afternoon, boarding the train Friday evening (Jan. 20th) for the return trip, arriving into Lacrosse, WI on Sunday morning (Jan. 22nd). Twelve (12) days total; dates for this J-term offering are January 10th—22nd, 2017. *

Holden faculty: Nathan Frambach and Holden Village staff

Wartburg Faculty Advisor: Professor Nathan Frambach (3 credit hours)

Dates: dates at this point are January 10th—22nd (inclusive of travel).

Cost: Estimated total cost of \$700.00--\$1,000.00 based on the following breakdown (all costs approximate at this point):

1. **Train** (round trip): \$300.00 per person in Coach; rooms incur added cost per person in Superliner Roomette (2 persons, meals included in Dining Car, access to shower on board). Check Amtrack.com for current fare & room rates
2. **Holden Village:** \$250.00 for the week (could be slightly less if we choose to work some while there)
3. **Lady of the Lake** (Lake Chelan boat/ferry): \$36.00 round trip
4. **Wenatchee, WA:** one night hotel (shared) and meals; approx. \$100.00
5. **Miscellaneous:** you will need money for food/drinks on the train (or the drive?) if you do not have a sleeper (sleepers are nice and include meals, but they can get pricey); you can also bring food & drinks (within reason, and no alcohol unless you are in a sleeper) on board the train; and they do have a store at Holden Village with all sorts of stuff for purchase—from candy bars to books to music to apparel.

*Please note that it is possible, *but not likely*, that this group may travel by van to Wenatchee, depending on the train situation on this Amtrak route. Due to a significant increase in freight trains and a lack of infrastructure to meet the demand, passenger trains (specifically Amtrak’s the Empire Builder) have experienced significant delays for the past few years. If this continues to be an issue by the time we need to make reservations next fall (of 2016) we may consider traveling to Wenatchee by van. IF we end up traveling by van, then it’s likely we will leave DBQ on Wednesday the 11th and return home late evening of the 21st.

**MN 399W Luther, Pietism, and Bonhoeffer: Germany Study Tour
January 4-25, 2017**

Led by the Rev. Dr. Craig L. Nesson
Academic Dean and Professor of Contextual Theology and Ethics
Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa

You are invited to participate January 4-25, 2017 in a study tour to Germany, focused on *sites related to the legacy of Martin Luther, German Pietism, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. In the year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this immersion will trace these three key threads of the Reformation heritage in relationship to their significance to present day realities in church and society.

Travel will include sites and encounters related to Luther (Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, and the Wartburg Castle), German Pietism (Herrnhut, Halle, and Neuendettelsau), Bach (Eisenach and Leipzig), and Bonhoeffer (Berlin, Buchenwald, and Flossenbürg).

The tour is being organized in partnership with Christian Tours Europe (contact: Christian Eggert). The complete itinerary of and conditions related to the tour is attached.

Costs are as follows:

- 1. Airfare round trip Chicago to Berlin (local transport to and from Chicago to be arranged by participants): \$1100** (**subject to change based on fuel costs). We have 20 tickets reserved at this price. The first 20 participants will receive these seats.

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- 2. Trip costs:
 - with 15 – 19 paying participants \$2,700.00 per person
 - with 20 – 24 paying participants \$2,400.00 per person
 - with 25 – 29 paying participants \$2,300.00 per person

Rates: The net rates per paid participant for the land arrangement are based on double occupancy.

Additional cost for single room \$650.00 per person

Included:

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director where necessary.
- Transportation by private bus, scheduled trains (2nd class), taxi or public transportation.
- Accommodation in German twin bedded rooms.
- All taxes, tourist fees, parking and road fees.
- Guided tours in Wittenberg, Leipzig, Eisleben, Torgau, Herrnhut, Flossenbürg, Munich, Eisenach, Erfurt, Buchenwald and Berlin.
- Admission and private guided tours of both churches, Luther House and Melanchthon House in Wittenberg, Luther’s Birth and Death House Museums, as well St. Peter and Paul as St. Andrews Churches in Eisleben, Castle Church and St. Mary’s Church in Torgau, sites in Herrnhut, White Rose center in Munich, sites in Neuendettelsau, Nazi Documentation Center in Nuremberg, Bach House and Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt, Francke Foundations and Market Church in Halle, Matthews Church and Resistance Museum in Berlin.
- Presentation of the Luther Garden, a project of the LWF including coffee and cake.
- Lectures in Wittenberg.
- Admission to Motette in Leipzig.
- Presentation on Peaceful Revolution in Leipzig.

- Donation to Herrnhut congregation; Gifts for presenters and room rentals in Neuendettelsau.
- 42 meals: 20 buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches and 20 dinners (beverages and drinks are not included with lunch and dinners).
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen, dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and the customary gratuity to drivers, tour director and step-on guides are included.
- Information folder for all participants including town and country brochures, information on Germany and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Berlin.

Not included:

Airfare, expenses for passports, visas, bar bills, additional beverages, telephone calls, laundry or items of a personal nature, baggage or other insurance and meals other than those included in the itinerary.

Members of the group may decide to purchase group travel insurance by mutual agreement.

Deposit of \$1500 due upon registration by October 1 and the remainder by November 1, 2017.

Reservation information (*including participant name, address, phone number, birthdate, and email address*) and payments by check (*made out to Wartburg Seminary*) should be sent to:

Dr. Craig Nesson
Wartburg Theological Seminary
333 Wartburg Place
Dubuque, IA 52003

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A VALID PASSPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL!
PASSPORTS MUST HAVE 6 MONTHS VALIDITY BEYOND OUR RETURN DATE!!!
United States passports do not require a visa for travel in Germany.**

Please send Dr. Nesson *your full name as in Passport, your birthdate, your Passport Number, and your Passport Expiration Date ASAP.*

This immersion is *available for academic credit* at ELCA theological seminaries for students completing all required work and paying tuition to the home seminary.

Wartburg Theological Seminary students may meet their Cross-Cultural requirement by completing the requirements of this course.

Reading List (required for those seeking academic credit):

Charles Marsh, *Strange Glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. New York: Vintage, 2014.

Heiko Obermann, *Luther: Man Between God and Devil*. Yale University Press, 2006.

Roger E. Olson and Christian T. Collins Winn, *Reclaiming Pietism: Retrieving an Evangelical Tradition*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015.

“Wilhelm Loehe and His Legacy,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 33 (April 2006) [available from WTS for \$5].

Recommended Readings (for all participants, in addition to the above):

Erika Geiger, *Wilhelm Loehe 1808-1872*. St. Louis: Concordia, 2010.

Geffrey B. Kelly and F. Burton Nelson, Editors. *A Testament to Freedom: The Essential Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. HarperOne, 1995.

Timothy F. Lull and William R. Russell, Editors. *Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings*. Third Edition. Fortress Press, 2012. [or an earlier edition].

For more information, contact Prof. Craig Nesson:

cnessan@wartburgseminary.edu

Itinerary

Day 1, Wednesday, January 4, 2017: Your Journey Begins

Depart the US, transatlantic overnight flight to Berlin.

Day 2, Thursday, January 5, 2015: Herzlich Willkommen!

Arrive in Berlin, transfer to Wittenberg. Check in at Colleg Wittenberg for the next two weeks. After dinner, a welcome and orientation meeting will get you off to an excellent start (11 overnights in Wittenberg). D

Day 3, Friday, January 6, 2017: Wittenberg through

Day 12, Sunday, January 15, 2017: Wittenberg

(breakfast and dinner daily)

From January 7 to January 10 some participants will join a congress, for others, there is free time, and a visit to the Cranach House as well s Luther 1517 panorama will be scheduled.

In Wittenberg, the following tours and lectures are planned:

- Guided tour of Wittenberg, which includes the Castle Church and Town Church, as well as the Luther House and Melanchthon House Museums.
- Coffee and cake and a presentation of the Luther Garden, a project of the LWF that will culminate in the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.
- Sunday worship service with local church members.
- English Stammtisch (has to be on a Thursday evening).
- Meeting with vicars and professors of the Preacher's Seminary in Wittenberg.
- Meeting with Protestant sisters of a convent in Wittenberg.
- Lecture on church life in East and West Germany (before and after the re-unification of Germany).

- Day trip to Leipzig

Enjoy a full day in Leipzig. In May 1989, the people of Leipzig first organized the demonstrations that brought hundreds of thousands into the streets for the "Peaceful Revolution." We will visit their rendezvous point at the Gothic St. Nicholas Church, built in 1165. After time and lunch on your own (we suggest to go for lunch at the historic Auerbachs Keller, where, in a scene made famous in Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's *Faust*, Faust and Mephistopheles drank with the local students before flying away on a barrel). We meet for a presentation by a participant in the Peaceful Revolution. Later on, we will enjoy the Motet with the famous St. Thomas Boys Choir at the 14th century St. Thomas Church, where Luther preached and where Bach served as cantor and choir master for 25 years.

- Day trip to Eisleben

We visit Eisleben. Luther's birth and death occurred here, in his "Bethlehem" and "Jerusalem." His home is typical of the Middle Ages. An exhibition interprets the spiritual environment of Luther's childhood. Our tour includes a stop at St. Andrews, where Luther gave his last four sermons.

- Half-day trip to Torgau

In 1544, Martin Luther consecrated the Castle Church at Schloss Hartenfels as the prototypical Protestant worship space. We will visit this perfectly preserved Renaissance castle and its "Beautiful Oriel" chapel. Explore the cantilevered spiral staircase. We continue to nearby St. Mary's Church, where Katharina von Bora, Luther's lively wife "Katie," is buried.

Day 13, Monday, January 16, 2017: Herrnhut

We say good-bye to Wittenberg and travel to Herrnhut, town of the hymn writer Nicolaus von Zinzendorf, center of the Moravian settlement and home of the *Daily Texts*, Bible readings used devotionally worldwide since the early 18th century. Visit the congregational building, local history museum and the factory, where the Moravian stars are made, hear a presentation on "The Daily Texts: Scripture in Christian Spirituality" or "Life and Work of Count Zinzendorf". Check in, dinner and overnight at the Retreat Center Herrnhut. BD

Day 14, Tuesday, January 17, 2017: Flossenbürg

We continue our journey and head south for Neuendettelsau. On our way, we will have a guided tour of the former concentration camp Flossenbürg, where Dietrich Bonhoeffer was imprisoned and died. Continue to Neuendettelsau, check in and dinner at the Dialog Hotel BD

Day 15, Wednesday, January 18, 2017: Neuendettelsau

In Neuendettelsau, we will hear from a local scholar, on "Loehe and Mission: A Global Perspective," and "Lutheranism's Pathway to Iowa," followed by a visit to the Loehe Museum. This will be a day to think about our roots and how the church and the Reformation movement have branched out over the years into the whole world. In the afternoon, meet a diaconal sister who will talk to us about their life, mission and work. She will show us around their facilities. Possible meeting with professors and students of the Augustana Hochschule. BD

Day 16, Thursday, January 19, 2017: Munich

Today we visit Munich. A tour will introduce us to the sights of Bavaria's capital, the Nymphenburg Palace, Marienplatz, Frauenkirche and the Olympic Stadium. The tour will also include a visit and presentation of the White Rose documentation center at the Munich University. Back to Neuendettelsau for dinner and overnight. BD

Day 17, Friday, January 20, 2017: Nuremberg

We travel to Nuremberg to visit the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds. After a guided tour and some free time for lunch in the old town, continue north to Lutherland again. Check in at Hotel Hainstein in Eisenach. BD

Day 18, Saturday, January 21, 2017: Eisenach and Wartburg Castle

First on our list this morning is a visit the Wartburg Castle, where Luther disguised himself as a squire named "Junker Jorg" and hid away after he was declared an outlaw at the Diet of Worms in 1521. Here, at the Wartburg Castle, he created one of his most important works — the translation of the New Testament into German. On our guided tour of the castle, we will also see the room where Luther lived and worked on his translation. In the afternoon, we visit the Bach House to experience, what a typical home looked like in the 18th century, see an interesting collection of antique instruments and enjoy a musical presentation using a variety of these period pieces. A walking tour of Eisenach will bring us to St. George's school, which Luther attended from 1498 to 1501, to the market square and St. George's Church, where Johann Sebastian Bach was baptized and Martin Luther sang in the boys' choir. BD

Day 19, Sunday, January 22, 2017: Erfurt and Buchenwald

We visit Erfurt today, where we will join worship service at the former Augustinian Monastery. Afterwards, take a city tour in the footsteps of Martin Luther. We will see the university district, where Luther studied, and visit St. Mary's Cathedral, where he was ordained. After some free time for lunch, continue to the former concentration camp Buchenwald, where a quarter million people were imprisoned between 1937 and 1945. All of them suffered and 50,000 of them died. Among the prisoners were Lutheran pastors Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Paul Schneider, outspoken opponents of National Socialism. A private guided tour will allow us time for reflection and a service of reconciliation. Back to Eisenach for dinner and overnight. BD

Day 20, Monday, January 23, 2017: Halle

We continue our journey and travel to Halle. Visit the Market Church, where we will 'see' George Frederick Händel who composed "The Messiah." Martin Luther's body rested here overnight en route to Wittenberg. A chamber is devoted to his death mask. Our visit includes the Francke Foundations, a center of Pietist practice, from where Henry Melchior Muhlenberg began his 1742 journey to organize the Lutheran Church in North America. Continue to Berlin. Hotel check in, dinner and overnight. BD

Day 21, Tuesday, January 24, 2017: Berlin

Today we become familiar with the vibrant city of Berlin on a city tour including its major religious and historical sites. Your local tour guide will show you sites, such as the 1905 neo-Baroque Berlin Cathedral, the bomb-damaged tower of Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, the "Unter den Linden" government district, and remains of the Berlin Wall. This afternoon we will visit the German Resistance Museum. On our way back to the hotel, visit St. Matthews Church where Bonhoeffer was ordained. Farewell dinner. BD

Day 22, Wednesday, January 25, 2017: Auf Wiedersehen!

It is time to say goodbye. A morning transfer will bring you to Berlin's airport for your homebound flight. B

Proposed accommodation:

Wittenberg	11 nights	Colleg Wittenberg
Herrnhut	1 night	Retreat Center Herrnhut
Neuendettelsau	3 nights	Dialog Hotel
Eisenach	3 nights	Haus Hainstein
Berlin	2 night	Maritim Hotel

Payment, cancellation, terms and conditions:

- Airfares are not included.
- Booking party is responsible for all visa, health and passport regulations.
- Participants are encouraged to purchase trip insurance to cover health, trip cancellation or delay, and loss of baggage.
- Participants should be able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance and to walk at a modest pace for a mile at a time.
- Notification of double/single occupancy and the names of the participants should be received ten weeks in advance.
- The travel group is responsible for the payment of any single room supplements required due to an odd number of participants of either gender requesting double occupancy.
- All rates are net without commission and in US Dollars.
- Rates are applicable for 2017. Due to currency fluctuations, we reserve the right to adjust prices after renegotiation with the booking party.
- In the event that any dispute arises on which any party has a right to assert a civil claim related to this tour agreement, the exclusive jurisdiction for that claim shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction, located in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany.

I look forward to welcoming you and your group here in Germany. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have further questions.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Christian Eggert, Christian Tours Europe

ELCA COURSE OFFERINGS JANUARY-TERM 2017

A cross-registration agreement is in effect for the courses listed below for January-term 2017. Students register for the course using the ELCA Cross-Registration form, with the tuition paid being for one's home seminary.

Housing is probably available at each host school. Contact information is listed below the course description, if available. Scholarships may be available to help offset travel costs.

Luther Seminary [St. Paul, MN]

Family, Childhood, and the Church

January 9-12 (Jan 9-10, 8-4; Jan 11, 8-8, Jan 12, 8-Noon) A theological framework for home and congregation ministry will be developed in this course followed by practical ministry strategies to provide effective ministries across the generations. Students will gain an understanding of the importance of different family forms, the cultural impact on the conception of family/childhood, and move toward inter-generational approaches for ministry.

Andrew Root (aroot@luthersem.edu)

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) [Chicago, IL]

Reading the Bible from Multicultural Perspectives

January 4-25

The class will examine John 4:1-30 using a variety of contextual hermeneutical methodologies and lenses/reading sites. Learners will begin the life-long process of reading scripture in a manner that engages a contextual interpretive hermeneutic from a culture that is different than one's culture of origin.

Cheryl Pero

Assistant to the Dean: Cheryl Hoth (choth@lstc.edu)

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP)

Exploring and Examining Global Christianity

January 23-27

"This course will offer a broad overview of the emergence and growth, as well as the challenges and conflicts, which characterize Christianity in Africa, Asia, Latin and Central America, and Oceania. Using source material as well as general histories, this course will survey the complex ways in which Christianity spread 'to the ends of the earth' and the impact that it has and continues to have on the peoples who inhabit these geographical areas."

Jayakiran Sebastian (jsebastian@Ltsp.edu)

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) [Columbia, SC]

Ministry in the City

January 5-13

This course addresses Christian mission and ministry in the city. Noting variety among denominational, theological and cultural traditions, the course will take an ecumenical approach rooted by an affirmation of the hermeneutic centrality of Scripture. Participants will gain an increased awareness of the on-going realities of racism, classism, sexism and heterosexism in American Society via institutional, personal and cultural dimensions. Topics include food and hunger issues, criminal justice in the city, incarceration, community mapping, urban schools, housing, and youth in the city. The course also introduces participants to some of

the socio-cultural dynamics of a Southern city (Columbia, SC) that shape life, inform theology, and challenge ministry.

James Thomas (james.thomas@lr.edu)

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) [Berkeley, CA]

An Interdisciplinary course on “Death”

January 17-20; 23-27

Recognizing that ministry in times of dying and death is not compartmentalized into traditional theological disciplines and its multiple sub-disciplines, this course utilize an intentionally interdisciplinary pedagogy in order to assist students in reflecting on death theologically, biblically, and ethically by engaging in a variety of ministry practices around dying and death (e.g., pastoral care, funeral planning, and funeral preaching). The intensive course requires pre- and post-intensive work and is co-taught by faculty whose expertise reflects a variety of theological disciplines.

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Reformation 500: Harvesting Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue (USA) for Evangelical Witness Today

January 11-20

In this year of the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this course will involve a critical, contemplative, and meditative reading of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (JDDJ) between Lutherans and Roman Catholics (31 October 1999), and vol. IX and selected pars. of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue USA. It is expected that students will become (more) familiar with the various texts and gain a deep appreciation of how they reflect a sustained commitment to the unity of the church and tangibly demonstrate the church’s witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the diverse, globalized world in which we live and seek to participate in God’s mission. In their reading of the texts, the students will be expected to keep five primary questions in mind:

- How is Scripture used and interpreted in JDDJ, the L-RC Dialogue USA, and Growth in Agreement?
- How do the texts define the Gospel?
- What role do Luther’s theology and Lutheran Confessions play in the texts?
- How is the decisive role of the doctrine of justification sola gratia, sola fide, and solus Christus described in each text?
- How do the texts define and emphasize the one Gospel of Jesus and the common witness Christians have to the one Lord Jesus Christ?

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