

# January Interim 2022 – Opportunities as of 19 November 2021

Wartburg Theological Seminary

NOTE: As you should expect, with the pandemic still not over and concerns over world safety on heightened alert in places like the Middle East, the planning for January Interim 2022 is still in a state of flux. All courses that involve travel, but especially the international trips or that involve travel across the Mexico border, must be deemed tentative until confirmation either way is determined later this fall.

This particular document is still a work in progress, to be updated as new information becomes known. Please contact the faculty leader/advisor listed for each J-Term opportunity for more information about that particular J-Term course, including questions of tentative dates and anticipated costs.

See the summary list below (Part B, starting on Page 2) for courses planned for this coming January (or arranged to have travel or be taught in May or August, but still registered for in January). Please follow all e-mailed instructions from the WTS Registrar on submitting the needed preference form to express a request for your interested J-Term course(s). January courses can normally be taken by all Masters students (both degree students and Discovery non-degree students), as well in the case of some travel courses sometimes including spouses or guests of students or the seminary.

For more detailed information on courses, as it becomes available, see Part C of this document.

## PART A – J-TERM REQUIREMENT

**The January Interim Requirement:** All WTS degree students must complete one or more January Interim (aka “J-Term”) courses, one for each year of primary coursework as defined for their program. Master of Divinity degree students currently must complete three (3) J-Term courses. Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree students currently must complete two (2) J-Term courses. Students in the earlier two-year Master of Arts degree (prior to Fall Semester 2019) must complete two (2) J-Term courses, whereas students in the new one-year Master of Arts degree program (Fall 2019 and following) need to complete one (1) J-Term course.

**The Cross-Cultural “January” Requirement:** For students in the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree programs, as well as students in the older two-year Master of Arts degree program (but not students in the new one-year degree program), one of your J-Terms currently must be reserved for completing the Cross-Cultural requirement. Normally the means of fulfilling the cross-cultural requirement is by completing a designated course that is designed as a group-based course that involves immersion activities (and often travel of some form). Most of these eligible cross-cultural courses are January courses. Independent studies are normally not allowed for meeting the cross-cultural requirement except in situations approved ahead of time by the Academic Dean upon petition.

**J-Term Course Grading:** All J-Term courses are graded with Credit/No-Credit grading only.

**Limits to January Registration** – One “J-Term” Course Per Year. Due to financial aid restrictions (by the U.S. Department of Education and their Title IV program), only one course per year can be registered for in each January Interim. This includes courses where travel occurs outside of January (such as in August or May) if they are considered meeting the January course requirement and/or the cross-cultural requirement. This restriction includes independent studies. January courses have their own tuition fee.

## PART B – COURSE OFFERINGS

### I. CROSS CULTURAL COURSES

The following courses all meet the MDiv/MADM (and older MA degree) 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 cross-cultural courses are usually numbered MN 398W unless noted otherwise.

These cross-cultural courses will have some number of cross-cultural travel subsidies available for that course as provided through Wartburg’s Financial Aid Office, which can be used by students completing their first cross-cultural experience as required for their degree program to offset some of their travel expenses. (See Barb Roling, Financial Aid Office, for details on how these cross-cultural travel subsidies work and your eligibility.) The number of these travel subsidies is currently left unspecified, to allow for some flexibility in reassigning monies to a different trip if one is over- or under-subscribed as compared to another.

#### **2022 International Cross-Cultural Travel Trips (travel and course in January):**

- **Germany** - led by Martin Lohrmann, and takes place along with participants from Luther Seminary. [Open to 20-25 Wartburg students and spouses/guests.] *See Part C below for more details.* **THIS COURSE IS FULL.**
- **Holy Land**—led by Troy Troftgruben, [ttroftgruben@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:ttroftgruben@wartburgseminary.edu) [Open to approx. 25 WTS students and spouses/guests.] *See Part C below for more details.* **OCTOBER 22 UPDATE – THE HOLY LAND TRIP HAS UNFORTUNATELY BEEN CANCELLED FOR JANUARY 2022. WATCH FOR IT TO AGAIN BE AN OFFERING IN JANUARY 2023.**
- **Taize (France) and Geneva (Switzerland)** – led by Nathan Frambach (Open to 6-8 students) **THIS COURSE IS FULL.**

#### **2022 Domestic Cross-Cultural Courses (Travel and Course in January):**

- **Indigenous People’s Immersion (previously known as the Pine Ridge course, as sponsored by the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota)**—Contact either Kevin Anderson (Registrar) or Craig Nesson (Academic Dean) for more information about this J-Term. This is a course annually taught by the staff of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center (PRRC) and is a multi-seminary offering. Usually meets

during the first half of the month for 10 to 14 days, and normally is an on-site-only course, with a total enrollment of 24 students from all seminaries involved (which in the past has usually meant up to about 8-10 students possible from WTS). **THERE APPEARS TO STILL ROOM AVAILABLE IN THIS COURSE.** As of September 9, this course has been announced by the PRRC to be taught now only as an **ONLINE SYNCHRONOUS COURSE** for January 2022 via Zoom or a similar web conferencing platform. See more details on cost & schedule on Page 10 in Part C. A separate application form (available from the Registrar) needs to be submitted directly to the PRRC to be guaranteed a spot in the course.

- **Texas/Mexico Borderlands (Cultural Encuentro)**—To be led by the Rev. Dr. Javier (Jay) Alanis, this course will take place in El Paso, Texas, in partnership with local congregations and ministry leaders along the Borderlands. A minimum of 10 students is needed for this course to happen, with an upper limit of 13 students. All students will need to be fully vaccinated, as the group will travel at least twice across the border into Mexico, and reentry into the U.S. currently requires a complete vaccination status. Costs beyond tuition and student travel to El Paso are estimated at \$1,400, plus some additional meals. Takes place on-site from January 5-18. *See more details later in Part C of this catalog.* **AS OF NOVEMBER 17, THIS COURSE STILL HAS ONLY 8 STUDENTS. WE WILL STILL RUN THE COURSE WITH THIS FEW STUDENTS, BUT WE CANNOT LOSE ANY MORE, AND WE WOULD PREFER TO BE AT 10 TO 13 STUDENTS (WHERE 13 IS THE UPPER-MOST LIMIT).**
- **Islam in the United States**—course taught on-campus in Dubuque by Prof. Ann Fritschel, with short-term travel necessary to visit mosques in the region. (Zoom interaction is possible for the classroom-only portions of the course, but the student must be able to complete all travel to the sites of the mosques that are visited on the days/times arranged.) **THERE IS ROOM FOR MORE STUDENTS IN THIS COURSE (up to a maximum of 18 to 20).**

## II. Other January-Held Courses that can meet other degree (or concentration) requirements:

- **MN 397W Rural Ministry Immersion – Western Iowa, Shalom Hill Farm, & North Dakota** – led by Mark Yackel-Juleen. Visit and reflect on two rural areas, starting with the Shalom Hill Farm of Windom, Minnesota. Then, in week two, students will travel to either Western Iowa, to North Dakota, or remain in southwestern Minnesota as guests of the churches in surrounding communities; also may include students from other ELCA seminaries; Enrollment 12-15 students; meets WTS MDiv rural ministry requirement the MDiv degree program. **AS OF 17 NOVEMBER, WE HAVE 9 STUDENTS AND THERE IS STILL ROOM AVAILABLE FOR MORE STUDENTS (up to a limit of 15).**

### III. ELECTIVE J-TERM COURSES

#### A. Elective Courses Held during January

- **Resiliency & Renewal for Pastoral/Diaconal Leadership: Developing Positive Practices for Holistic Ministry** (Now renumbered to MN 396W)  
**ASYNCHRONOUS COURSE**, January 3-24. Taught by Pr. DeWayne Teig. See Page 11 in Part C for further course details.
- **Eco-Justice: Theological, Ethical, and Scientific Perspectives** (MN 396W)—**SYNCHRONOUS ZOOM COURSE ONLY**. A J-Term opportunity in conjunction with Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center in Arizona to provide a pastoral practicum/spiritual development opportunity, with a specific focus on eco-spirituality. Meets January 10-13, with both pre- and post-work required. For up to 12 students. Contact Prof. Craig Nesson for more details. *See more information in Part C below.* **AS OF 9 NOVEMBER, WE ARE 8 STUDENTS, AND CAN STILL TAKE SOME MORE (up to a limit of 12).**
- **Community Organizing Training** (MN 396W)—led by Kelly Marciales, ELCA Community Organizing Program Coordinator and Director of the Organizing for Mission Network, and Prof. Jan Schnell of WTS, along with other specialized trainers. The five-day training will teach organizing skills and the organizing cycle with a racial equity and economic justice lens. Students can be present on campus or on zoom. Excellent readings will proceed in the week, and a self-selected project follows the week. Email Jan Schnell ([jrippentrop-schnell@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:jrippentrop-schnell@wartburgseminary.edu)) for a look at the syllabus! **THERE IS STILL ROOM AVAILABLE IN THIS COURSE.**
- **Evolving Diaconal Ministry** (MN 396W)—**SYNCHRONOUS ZOOM COURSE**. Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson. Open for all. 2 Credits; letter grade or credit/no credit. This intensive course will be held on the Zoom platform January 18-21, 2022, the students having read the required texts beforehand. A summative/constructive paper will be required from students after our formal class sessions. **THERE IS STILL ROOM AVAILABLE IN THIS COURSE.**

Background: In 1993 the ELCA created diaconal ministry as an official denominational lay ministry, alongside two other rostered lay ministries of the church. In 2017 the three lay ministries were combined into one Roster of Ministers of Word and Service, and in 2020 The Rite of Ordination was authorized as the entrance rite to this roster. In the meantime, the theology of the role of “Deacon” in the denomination has evolved. What were the plans and hopes for ELCA Diaconal Ministry at its beginning? What does it look like now and what should it look like in the future? What theological and practical ministry fundamentals should now guide this ministry? With this course we review diaconal ministry’s origin in the ELCA, including its catalyzing aspirations, and compare them with the order’s current actualization theologically and “on the ground.” We also together will imagine future prospects. The course will include guest lectures with ecumenical and global perspectives, including perspectives from current practicing deacons, as well as presentation/discussion with the instructor

(himself one of the primary theological writers for the origination of ELCA Diaconal Ministry).

- **MN 103W Pastoral Practicum** (arranged between you and a pastor/church, with a faculty member's oversight). A specialized independent study whereby the student focuses on ministry in a church setting (e.g., "shadowing" a pastor, or completing a specialized ministry project, etc.) Student must complete an independent study form as part of the registration process in order to outline the goals of their practicum. See the section below on independent studies for more information on the amount of work that needs to be arranged for.

**B. Elective Courses that Actually Meet July-August (Summer 2021), before January, and can be registered for as your one "J-Term" option for the 2021-2022 Academic Year**

- **CLOSED, AS THE COURSE INSTRUCTION HAS ALREADY HAPPENED IN 203E Islam: An Introduction to its History and Theology** (2 cr. hrs.; 12 July – 3 Sept. 2021) — Gulsum Gurbuz (Note: this is different than the 1-credit IN 203E course listed for Fall Semester 2021).

**C. Elective Courses that Actually Meet in May-June (Summer 2022), after January, and can be registered for as your one "J-Term" option for the 2021-2022 Academic Year**

- **Ministry For and With People with Disabilities** (MN 387W) – tentatively May 2022—coordinated by Craig Nesson. An immersion in Omaha and Eastern Nebraska in conjunction with MOSAIC. In partnership with LSTC and the staff of MOSAIC. Takes place in late-May/very early-June.
- **Practicum for Mission Development/Redevelopment** (MN 283W) Contact Kristine Stache for details.

**IV. Known J-Term Opportunities that are offered by/through another ELCA seminary:**

Each year there are courses are shared between the ELCA seminaries. Often times courses are shared through a long-standing cross-registration agreement between these seminaries that the student normally pays their home seminary the expected J-Term tuition fee, and then the student only pays the other host seminary any additional expenses needed for their local onsite participation.

**AS OF November 9, THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE CURRENTLY KNOWN, although at this time we don't have all the details yet:**

**Through LTSC (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago):**

- ML 421 Christian Practices for the Anthropocene: Holden Village Travel Seminar, Ben Stewart, in-person; no dates or cost information given.
- RHS 418 Biblical Greek II, Eunyoung Lim, synchronous by Zoom; looks to be from January 3-21, MTWRF 9:00 am - 2:00 pm; 3 credits

- RHS 421 The David Narratives (Hebrew Exegesis), Klaus Peter Adam, in-person and synchronous by Zoom; looks to be from January 3-21, MTWRF 9:00 am - 2:00 pm; 3 credits

**Through the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS, see Part C, page 12, for more extended descriptions of each of these courses):**

- RSFT-1300 INTRO FTH-ROOTED SOC TRANSFORM (01/10/2022-01/22/2022)
- RSFT-2300 FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING (01/24/2022-01/28/2022)
- RSFT-9100 EVANGELISM & JUSTICE FNDTNS (01/10/2022-01/14/2022)
- RSFT-9200 EVANGELISM (01/10/2022-01/14/2022)

#### **V. Known January opportunities that are not part of the ELCA cross-registration program**

**J-Term HSP Offering.** See Part C (page 14) for a course offering offered as part of the Hispanic Ministry Summer Program (HSP), a multi-seminary consortium that WTS has participated in through LSPS. This particular J-Term offering is not part of the ELCA cross-registration program, but may be of interest to you, especially if you are completing our Hispanic Ministry Concentration. You would need to independently arrange for transfer credits back to WTS in order to count as a J-Term course.

#### **VI. INDEPENDENT STUDY or PASTORAL PRACTICUM**

For those students who do not complete one of the cross-cultural courses or specified organized activity courses listed above, your remaining option is to complete an independent study or a pastoral practicum. *For students in the new curriculum (Fall 2016 and newer) MDiv, MA, and MA in Diaconal Ministry degree programs, all J-Term independent studies are expected to meet the requirements for a 2-credit course (which equates to a minimum of 90 to 95 hours of work). For any remaining students in the legacy degree programs (pre-Fall 2016 MDiv, MA, or MA in Diaconal Ministry), a J-Term course/independent study is a 3-credit course (which equates to a minimum of 135-145 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 the form is also signed by your faculty advisor. These contracts need to be finalized by the December registration week.

## PART C

### J-TERM 2022 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**(Not all courses may have further detailed description available at this time;  
See the Registrar or the faculty contact person/instructor for more details)**

#### **TEXAS-MEXICO BORDERLANDS -- Engaging Borders: Encuentro: Mission among and with Borderland Latinx Communities in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, México**

**Instructor:** Jay Alanís , [revjay3@gmail.com](mailto:revjay3@gmail.com)

**Dates:** On-site January 5-18, with travel to El Paso needing to be accomplished before and after those dates.

#### **Course Description**

This immersion offers students the opportunity to engage orders of politics and culture. Students participate in experiential learning through an immersion trip to the US/Mexico border (El Paso, Tx and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico) and visits to borderland ministries. During their time at the border, students encounter the church's witness at the intersection of multiple cultures, legal jurisdictions, and socioeconomic situations, and they listen to the people who live, work, and gather there. Students are invited into a learning space characterized by generosity, receptivity, and compassionate presence to one another and those they meet. During Encuentro, students will have ample opportunity to practice their spiritual practices that are part of their formation at Wartburg Seminary.

#### **Objectives:**

1. (Knowing) recognize and describe issues relevant to ministry in Latinx contexts in the Southwest, as well as political, socio-demographic, and pastoral issues associated with immigration to the United States, especially from Mexico and Central America.
2. (Doing) summarize clearly and generously at least three key characteristics of pastoral ministry in In Latinx contexts, as well as migration ministry.
3. (Being) cultivate pastoral dispositions of self-awareness, empathy, courage, and justice.

#### **Procedure:**

The course/immersion meets for two weeks in El Paso, Texas from January 5 to 18, 2022. Lodging and most meals will be provided at Cristo Rey Lutheran Church under the guidance and direction of Pastor Rose Mary Sanchez-Guzman. The immersion will include cultural competency and sensitivity training and theological preparation, experiential, with on-site exploration of life on the U.S. - Mexico border including two visits to asylum ministries across the border in Ciudad Juarez, México. The format includes reading, daily journal reflections and a final reflection paper that will be due on January 25. The cost, including room and board apart from breakfast and four meals is \$1400.00. Students should bring their passports and be vaccinated with the Covid-19 vaccine.

#### **Evaluation:**

1. Class preparation and participation in the daily encuentro.
2. A daily journal that critically explores the questions that arise from the encounter with the borderland people in ministry and a final critical reflection paper that captures the learning and insights from the experience with specific reference to the three objectives of the course.

## **Bibliography:**

1. Bouman, Stephen and Ralston Deffenbaugh. *They are Us: Lutherans and immigration*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.
2. ELCA Latino Ministry Strategy Plan English.pdf at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)
3. ELCA Social Statement on Immigration, Declaration of Sanctuary Denomination and AMMPARO Resources on Sanctuary Overview and Basic Steps for ELCA Congregations to Observe the Sanctuary memorial at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)
4. Talmage, Stephen. "We Are All Cousins: A Biblical Mandate." In *Bishops on the Border: Pastoral Responses to Immigration*, by Mark Adams, Minerva G. Carcano, Gerald Kicanas, Kirk Smith, and Stephen Talmage.
5. Students may opt to watch the film *The River and the Wall* prior to the beginning of the J-term, which can be rented with an Amazon subscription for less than \$5.

## **GERMANY IMMERSION, January 2022 – Syllabus THIS COURSE IS FULL**

*See the actual travel itinerary and details found on pages later in this catalog.*

*Contact Prof. Martin Lohrmann directly ([mlohrmann@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:mlohrmann@wartburgseminary.edu)), as well as submit the J-Term Preference Form to the Registrar, if interested.*

*There is an October 1 deadline of participants needing to commit to the trip by paying the necessary deposit – See below.*

Instructor: Dr. Martin Lohrmann

2 credit hours; fulfills cross-cultural J-term requirement; credit/no credit only

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In this immersive travel trip, participants will explore German history and culture through visits to historical sites (medieval, Reformation, and modern) and careful study of cross-cultural issues like religious identity, immigration, and political extremism in Germany.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To grow in faith and knowledge by stepping into history and considering past and present relationships between faith, culture, and human thriving.
2. To deepen understandings of religious identity, political extremism, and immigrant experiences in modern Germany.
3. To consider Christian responses to challenges facing the global church by learning from German history and people living there today.

*These course objectives reflect and serve the values of the "12 Pastoral-Diaconal Practices of Wartburg Theological Seminary," especially the Practice of Complex Analysis (5), the Practice of Immersion in the Context (11), and the Practice of Cross-Cultural and Global Dimensions (12).*

### **PROCEDURE**

The group will visit Germany from January 2-14, 2022. Participants will travel as a tour group, spending time visiting historical sites, learning from guest speakers, and reflecting upon the people and places we encounter.

Participants will be responsible for making travel arrangements to and from Berlin and for having necessary passports and COVID-19 vaccination requirements for travel to Germany. Full payment is due to Wartburg's business office on October 1, 2021.



**REQUIRED READING** – *to be completed before the trip*  
*Go, Went, Gone* by Jenny Erpenbeck  
*A Mighty Fortress: A New History of the German People* by Steven Ozment

**REQUIRED VIEWING** – *to be completed before the trip*  
*Bonhoeffer* (directed by Martin Doblmeier, 2003)  
*Rick Steves' Europe: The Story of Fascism in Europe* (2018)  
*Welcome to Germany!* (*Willkommen bei den Hartmanns*, directed by Simon Verhoeven, 2016)

**PROPOSED ITINERARY** – *see the attached document from Christian Tours Europe*

### **EVALUATION**

Learning will be evaluated through active participation, conversations about readings and experiences, and a journal that contains observations about the assigned books and films and reflections about the travel experiences. All Wartburg students will contribute to a presentation of our learning on Monday, January 31, 2022.

### **HOLY LAND**            **THIS COURSE HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

*See the actual travel itinerary and details found on pages later in this catalog.*  
*Contact Prof. Troy Troftgruben directly ([ttroftgruben@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:ttroftgruben@wartburgseminary.edu)), as well as submit the J-Term Preference Form to the Registrar, if interested.*

### **MN 396W ECOJUSTICE: THEOLOGICAL, ETHICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVES**

**Instructors:** Craig L. Nesson, Lisa Dahill, Larry Rasmussen

The course is limited to 12. The course will now be offered entirely synchronously by Zoom.

2 Credits; letter grade or credit/no credit

**SUBJECT:** This course explores biblical, theological, ethical, and scientific perspectives that inform and analyze the contemporary crisis in creation, including the urgency of rectifying climate change. The course will include lectures by the instructors, the use of video materials, and presentation/discussion with the instructor(s).

**PROCEDURE:** The course will meet from January 10-13, 2022.

The course requires readings to be completed prior to the intensive and a class presentation during the intensive. Teaching and learning methods will include lectures, interactive discussion, video materials, student presentations, and group discussion.

**EVALUATION:** Evaluation is based on 1) Demonstrated preparation in one's class participation based on readings (30%), 2) Informed participation in all intensive activities (30%), and 3) Class presentation (40%).

**AS OF OCTOBER 18, THIS IS NOW A SYNCHRONOUS-ZOOM COURSE ONLY (no travel or extra expenses).**



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### Online J-Term Session: January 3-14, 2022; **ZOOM COURSE**

The ministry of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center is to foster mutual trust, respect and understanding while addressing the poverty that exists on the reservation. This J-term course seeks to offer a cross-cultural opportunity for seminary students that will shed light on the role the Christian Church has played in the development of our shared story with the Lakota people both for harm and for healing. This will help students to explore their calling in ministry in this age of racial and spiritual reckoning.

**PROGRAM FEE:** \$600.00 per student. Half the fees are due December 1, 2021, with the remaining \$300 due the first day of class. (For WTS, this payment is usually coordinated by the Business Office and paid through your student account, with a full payment made to the PRRC on your behalf.)

**SCHEDULE:** Each day will consist of 2-3 presentations/activities and conclude with a talking circle. Students will be expected to be live for the presentations and talking circle times as these will not be recorded, while other activities will be completed in small groups or individually. A more detailed schedule for the course will be provided as the dates get closer.

Presenters will share their experiences of life on the Reservation, hopes and views about economic and housing issues, the impact of the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890 and generational trauma. Activities will include virtual visits to local historical sites and ministries as well as conversations around video clips and articles including topics of boarding schools, accompaniment and advocacy.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Fill out and return the application form (AVAILABLE FROM THE REGISTRAR) to the email above to receive the list of the required readings and be invited to the online course. This course is based primarily on participation in cultural guide presentations and group discussions with some reading/video requirements and a couple reflection papers.

## **MN 396W Resiliency & Renewal for Pastoral/Diaconal Leadership: Developing Positive Practices for Holistic Ministry** (previously numbered as IN 399W)

Instructor: DeWayne Teig

**Asynchronous Online Course:** Elective course only; Credit/No-Credit Grading

Dates: January 3-24, 2022.

### **COURSE OVERVIEW:**

The practice of professional ministry is one that is both rewarding and challenging. Making a positive difference in people's lives through interactions within worship, pastoral care, administration, service and other forms of leadership ripple out into communities, adding to the common good. Unhealthy ways of relating with others has its own impact when ministry leaders don't care for themselves in ways that are life-giving and self-compassionate. This course will explore ways in which leaders can develop healthy practices – emotional, physical, and spiritual – which will help them thrive in ministry by cultivating resiliencies that can renew and sustain them through demanding times. (2 credit hours, Credit/No Credit)

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Develop an appreciation for Emotional Intelligence (EQ) and explore the ways in which self-discovery can lead to deeper forms of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management.
2. Review the negative impacts that multiple & accumulating losses have upon us individually & collectively, and develop strategies for recognizing, monitoring, and mitigating ambiguous loss in order to increase sustainable levels of resiliency and healthy renewal within one's various ministry contexts.
3. Recognize the challenge that large and small traumas pose for ministry leaders and fashion a personal wellness plan for countering the cumulative effects of trauma exposure.

### **EVALUATION:**

- Initiate a leadership conversation with a rostered leader that explores their resiliencies and ways of thriving within their various roles of leadership and submit a three-page report analyzing your findings – **due by January 14<sup>th</sup>**.
- Identify and post online a minimum of five insights you gain through your reading/research and respond to five other people's postings with your own assessment/conclusion/reflection – **due by January 21<sup>st</sup>**.
- Submit a final reflection (six to eight pages) that formulates a positive integrative approach for your own future ministry in leadership by developing a plan of action (*stewardship*) utilizing concepts about resiliency & renewal learned through this course – **due by January 28<sup>th</sup>**.

### **REQUIRED READING:**

- Pauline Boss. *The Myth of Closure: Ambiguous Loss in a Time of Pandemic and Change*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company, 2021.
- Richard Rohr. *The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder*. Cincinnati, OH: Franciscan Media, 2020.
- Laura van Dernoot Lipsky with Connie Burk. *Trauma Stewardship: An Everyday Guide to Caring for Self While Caring for Others*. San Francisco, California: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., 2009.
- John Lee West, Roy M. Oswald, & Guzman Nadyne. *Emotional Intelligence for Religious Leaders*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2018. **OR**  
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## **COURSES OFFERED THROUGH THE PACIFIC LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (PLTS):**

### **INTRO FTH-ROOTED SOC TRANSFORM (RSFT-1300)**

(01/10/2022-01/22/2022)

#### **Course Memo**

This course will introduce the arts and theology of social transformation where it is rooted in and guided by practices and beliefs of Christian faith traditions, critically and constructively engaged. Students will explore and develop beginning competencies (spiritual, theological, social theoretical, and strategic) for social transformation ministry as it involves faith communities “gathered” for worship and “sent” into the world. Emphasis will be on theologies, analysis, and action at the race-class-gender-earth nexus. For PLTS students, an emphasis will be on resources of Lutheranism, including the ELCA and the global Lutheran communion. This course is offered as a two-week intensive starting on 10 January 2022 and ending on 22 January 2022, 1:10 - 5:40 pm. [30 max enrollment]

### **FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING (RSFT-2300)**

(01/24/2022-01/28/2022)

#### **Course Memo**

In this course participants will explore the basic arts and tools of faith-based community organizing from a biblical and faith-tradition perspective, through a racial equity lens. The course will deal with attitudes and behaviors around building and exercising public power, cultivating justice-centered relationships, developing leaders, working with interfaith and non-faith-based partners, taking public action, and changing public policy and institutional and corporate practices to reflect the just and beloved community God intends. The course will draw upon and integrate students’ knowledge gained in previous courses in theology, ethics, Bible, and practical theological disciplines. This course prepares participants to lead ministries that work for justice using the disciplines of community organizing. This course is offered as a one-week intensive the week of 24-28 January 2022. Meets Monday- Friday 8:00am-5:00pm at PLTS 208. [30 max enrollment]

### **EVANGELISM & JUSTICE FNDTNS (RSFT-9100)**

(01/10/2022-01/14/2022)

#### **Course Memo**

This class will be focused on the role of a church leader in equipping the saints for the ministries of evangelism and justice. Students will explore the theological and ministry connections of justification and justice as a seamless dynamic of the work that is God's, yet, in and through our hands and lives. This interactive class will put forth biblical principles, theological tools, congregational research results, ministry practices and tested resources that can assist church leaders to increase congregational capacity for evangelical outreach and justice ministries in the public arena. Through classroom interaction, readings, one on one interviews and review of current example in the ELCA and ecumenical partners, students will enhance their articulation of a theology of mission that will equip them for leadership and service in diverse contexts and settings. This course is offered as a one-week intensive the week of 10 January 2022. Meets Monday-Friday 1:10-5:40pm. [30 max enrollment]

### **EVANGELISM (RSFT-9200)**

(01/10/2022-01/14/2022)

Course Memo

This course uses lecture/discussion to explore the following aspects of evangelism: Biblical basis, conceptual models based on differing theological approaches, practical models (e.g., community organizing), role of prayer, models for spiritual renewal, relationship with justice, assessment and critique of historic and new tools, and cultural sensitivity and appropriateness. This course is offered as a one-week intensive the week of 10 January 2022. Meets Monday-Friday 8:10am-12:40pm. [30 max enrollment]

## **J-TERM OFFERING IN THE HISPANIC MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAM (HSP)**

(Note: The following is NOT part of the ELCA cross-registration agreement, but may still be of interest to you as a substitute J-Term option that can be transferred back to WTS; also expenses would need to be your own. Follow the links embedded in the notice on how to apply.)



*Applications are now open for the [HSP J-Term!](#)*

In order to expand the curricular offerings for our Sponsoring Schools, the HSP will now host a fully online, synchronous J-Term intensive focusing on Latinx theology, history, sociology, and/or ministry.

Our first J-Term course will be taught by Dr. Jorge Juan Rodriguez V who holds a Ph.D. in History from Union Theological Seminary and currently serves as Associate Director for Strategic Programming at the HSP.

His J-Term course is entitled:

### **Latinx Religious Activism in the 20th Century**



This J-Term intensive will explore Latinx Religious Activism in the 20th Century with a focus on the 1950s through 1980s. Students will explore how religion shaped various social movements in the period including the Farm Workers Movement led by Cesar Chaves and Dolores Huerta, the Land Rights Movement led by Reies Lopez Tijerina, various church occupations in the period including actions by Católicos Por La Raza and the Young Lords Organization, the Sanctuary Movement of the 1970s and 1980s, and more. In each, students will use historical methods to contextualize these movements within a broader history, making note of how shifting contexts forced shifting tactics and analyses from Latinx activists. At the conclusion of the course students will be asked to draw lessons from this history for a modern audience.

The J-Term intensive will take place from January 5 to January 19, 2022 (no class on January 17). Credits will be granted through our host institution, Union Theological Seminary.

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Applications are live from November 1 through December 1, 2021.

**ALL APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2021.**

Admissions decisions will be offered by December 6, 2021.

To apply for admission into this J-Term intensive please [visit our website](#) or click the button below.

[Apply Here](#)



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Lutherstadt Wittenberg, May 14, 2021

### **Proposal**

Wartburg Seminary / Luther Seminary  
January Program 2022  
January 1 – 14, 2022

Dear Martin, Dear Mark,

I wish to thank you very much for choosing us again to provide you with a proposal for your travel needs in January 2022. Please find listed below a proposal based on our correspondence, along with the rates, terms and conditions, as well as the list of proposed accommodation.

### **Day 1, Saturday, January 1, 2022: Your Journey Begins**

Depart the US, transatlantic overnight flight to Berlin.

### **Day 2, Sunday, January 2, 2022: Herzlich Willkommen!**

On arrival in Berlin we meet our tour manager. After everything is settled we have a first orientation drive through Berlin. We check-in at Maritim proArte Hotel for the next two nights. Welcome dinner. D

### **Day 3, Monday, January 3, 2022: Berlin**

Today we have a guided city tour of Berlin. The tour includes stops at the Berlin Cathedral, the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, and the Topography of Terror. Our tour ends at Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church which was bombed during World War II leaving only the west tower standing. In the afternoon we hear a lecture by a former church leader, Ph.D. Lorenz Wilkens (tbc), titled "Personal Reflections on Berlin, the Third Reich, and the German Church Today." In the evening we meet for dinner at a local restaurant. BD

### **Day 4, Tuesday, January 4, 2022: Wittenberg**

We say goodbye to Berlin and drive through picturesque landscapes to Lutherstadt Wittenberg. Upon arrival, we have a guided city tour of the town where Martin



Luther lived and taught for 36 years. The tour includes the Melanchthon House, where Philip Melanchthon lived with his family and the Lutherhaus, where Martin und Katharina lived with their children. Check-in at the Colleg Wittenberg for the next three nights. In the afternoon, we continue our city tour of Wittenberg by visiting the Castle church, where Luther nailed his 95 Theses in 1517, and the Town Church where he preached. Dinner at the Colleg. BD

**Day 5, Wednesday, January 05, 2022: Wittenberg**

In the morning, meet with Talahat Awadallah and other Syrian refugees about their former life in Syria, their escape and their life in Germany. In the afternoon, there is the opportunity to discuss populism and political extremism with Tobias Thiel from the Evangelical Academy in Wittenberg (tbc) BD

**Day 6, Thursday, January 06, 2022: Torgau, Epiphany**

This morning join the Wittenberg congregation for Epiphany service. Afterwards, we will depart for a daytrip to Torgau. Take a tour of the city where, in 1544, the first palace and church were specifically built and consecrated under the auspices of a Protestant Prince. We will see this perfectly preserved Renaissance castle, its chapel and a special feat of engineering - the cantilevered spiral staircase. We continue to nearby St. Mary's Church, where Katharina von Bora, Luther's lively wife "Katie," is buried as well as Katies death house museum. Back to Wittenberg for some time to rest, dinner and overnight. BD

**Day 7, Friday, January 07, 2022: Weimar / Buchenwald**

We leave Wittenberg and enter the city of Weimar for a visit to the Herder Church, which is famous for its three-part altarpiece. In 1552/53 Lucas Cranach the Elder started the painting and after his death, his son Lucas Cranach the Younger completed it in 1555. Lunch on our own before we travel to Buchenwald, the former concentration camp. A quarter of a million people were imprisoned here 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. Then our journey continues as we drive on to Erfurt and check-in at Hotel Radisson BLU, enjoy dinner at the hotel. BD

**Day 8, Saturday, January 08, 2022: Erfurt**

Visit Erfurt, where our guided city tour will follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther, visiting the university district where he studied and St. Mary's Cathedral where he was ordained. On top of that, we also have a private guided tour of the Augustinian Monastery. The afternoon and evening offers free time in Erfurt. No group dinner tonight. B

**Day 9, Sunday, January 9, 2022: Wartburg Castle and Eisenach**

After Sunday worship at the Augustinian Monastery, 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 get to see the room where Luther lived and worked on his translation. After some time for lunch on your own in Eisenach, a guided walking tour of the city will bring us to St. George's School, which Luther attended from 1498 to 1501, the marketsquare,

and St. George's Church, where Martin Luther sang in the boys' choir and later where Johann Sebastian Bach was baptized. Then we visit the Bach House to experience what a typical home looked like in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, see an interesting collection of antique instruments, and enjoy a musical presentation using a variety of these period pieces. Return to Erfurt for dinner at a local restaurant and overnight. BD

**Day 10, Monday, January 10, 2022: Leipzig**

Leave Erfurt and head to Leipzig. A local guide is waiting to show you the city. 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. Afterwards, time and lunch on your own, we meet for a presentation by a former pastor from Leipzig who was a participant in the Peaceful Revolution. Next on our list is a visit to the Stasi Museum before we check into our hotel for the next three nights. Dinner and overnight. BD

**Day 11, Tuesday, January 11, 2022: Eisleben and Halle.**

Today we visit Eisleben. Luther's birth and death occurred here, in his "Bethlehem" and "Jerusalem." The home where he was born is typical of the Middle Ages and an exhibition inside interprets the spiritual environment of Luther's childhood. Our guided tour will also include the St. Peter and Paul Church where Martin Luther was baptized, the St. Andrew's Church where Luther gave his last four sermons, as well as the late medieval residence where Luther died. Then some free time for lunch on your own before continue our journey and travel to Halle. Visit the Market Church. Martin Luther's body rested here overnight en route to Wittenberg, so there is even a chamber devoted to his death mask. Afterwards, we visit the Francke Foundations, a center of Pietistic practice, from where Henry Melchior Muhlenberg began his 1742 journey to organize the Lutheran Church in North America. Back to Leipzig. Dinner tonight is planned at historic Auerbachs Keller restaurant, 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 BD

**Day 12, Wednesday, January 12, 2022: Dresden and Meissen**

A local guide will show you Dresden, the so-called "Florence at the Elbe-River." It was badly damaged by Allied bombing in February, 1945. Since the reunification of Germany in 1990, the city has been restored back to its beautiful Baroque splendour. See the famous Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), the magnificent architecture of the Semperoper opera house, and the Zwinger Palace, learning more about WWII along the way. After enjoying lunch on our own, we will continue to Meissen for a quick visit, before we return to Leipzig. Free evening, no dinner tonight. B

**Day 13, Thursday, January 13, 2022: Berlin**

We return to Berlin for a visit of the German resistance museum and St. Matthews church, where Dietrich Bonhoeffer was vicar. Farewell dinner tonight. BD

**Day 14, Friday, January 14, 2022: Auf Wiedersehen!**

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

**Proposed accommodations:**

Berlin	2 nights	Maritim proArte Hotel
Wittenberg	3 nights	Colleg Wittenberg
Erfurt	3 nights	Radisson BLU
Leipzig	3 nights	Vienna Townhouse Bach
Berlin	1 night	Maritim proArte Hotel

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

with 15 – 19 paying participants	US\$ 2,530.00	per person
with 20 – 24 paying participants	US\$ 2,230.00	per person
with 25 – 35 paying participants	US\$ 2,050.00	per person
Single room supplement	US\$ 500.00	per person

**Included:**

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director where necessary.
- Transportation by private bus, scheduled trains (2<sup>nd</sup> class), taxi, or public transportation.
- Accommodation in German twin bedded rooms.
- All taxes, tourist fees, parking, and road fees.
- Guided tours in Berlin, Wittenberg, Torgau, Buchenwald, Erfurt, Eisenach, Leipzig, Eisleben and Dresden.
- Lecture in Berlin on Berlin, Third Reich and German Church today.
- Admission and private guided tours of both churches, Luther House and Melancthon House in Wittenberg, Castle Church and St. Mary's Church in Torgau, Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt, Wartburg Castle and Bach House in Eisenach, Luther's Birth and Death House Museums, St. Peter and Paul Church, as well as St. Andrew's Church in Eisleben, and Market Church and Francke Foundations in Halle.
- Meeting with Syrian Refugees.
- FAQ meeting about populism and political extremism.
- Presentation on Peaceful Revolution in Leipzig.
- 22 meals, 12 breakfasts and 10 dinners (beverages and drinks are not included with dinners).
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen, and 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.
- Two group leaders travel free including flights. All accommodations, meals, and attractions offered to the group as part of the land package will be complimented.

**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.

**Payment, cancellation, terms and conditions:**

- Full payment is due ten weeks prior to the program. No deposit requested. Payment can be made either in cash, with check, or wire transfer.
- The entire tour, a portion of it, or individual tour members may be cancelled without a fee up to ten weeks prior to departure. A 20% fee is required for cancellation made ten to eight weeks prior to departure, a 40% fee is required for cancellation made eight to four weeks prior to departure. A 70% fee is required for cancellation made less than four weeks to one week prior to departure. No refund for cancellation made less than one week prior to departure or no-show. Group rates are subject to change if size of group varies due to cancellation.
- 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 2022. 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 again. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have further questions.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Christian Eggert  
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