



2020 in the **Trimester Design**, also included a summer term out of need for courses:

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| Spring Term | February 21- May 2, 2020 | 74 students enrolled |
| Summer Term | June 1 st - August 10,2020 | 154 Students enrolled |
| Fall Term | August 24-October 30, 2020 | 117 Students enrolled |
| Winter Term | November 9, 2020-February 6, 2021 (Winter term break December 23 – January 4) | |

Cohort enrollment for 2020-2021 Academic term fall term 2020---Present enrollment including

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| LTS Anglican Studies cohort 2020-2021 | 6 students, 2 from the Diocese of Central PA |
| SSFM Discernment: | 11 students |
| Certificate for the ministry of deacon: | 3 students (2 from Pittsburgh, 1 from Diocese of Bethlehem) |
| Certificate for the ministry of Priest: | 13 students (3 from Diocese of Bethlehem) |
| Lay Worship Leader | 3 Students |
| Continuing education | 25 students |
| Field Placements | 6 students; two are Lay Pastors (for 2019-2020) |
| Collaborative Mission Center | 75 students |

Anglican Studies Joint Certificate Program with Lancaster Theological Seminary A gathered celebration resulted in a continuation of the Anglican Studies MOU with SSFM being the 6 Anglican Studies Courses. We had 3 graduates in May 2020 who received the new Anglican Studies Certificate. All three are continuing to serve in the Diocese of Central PA.

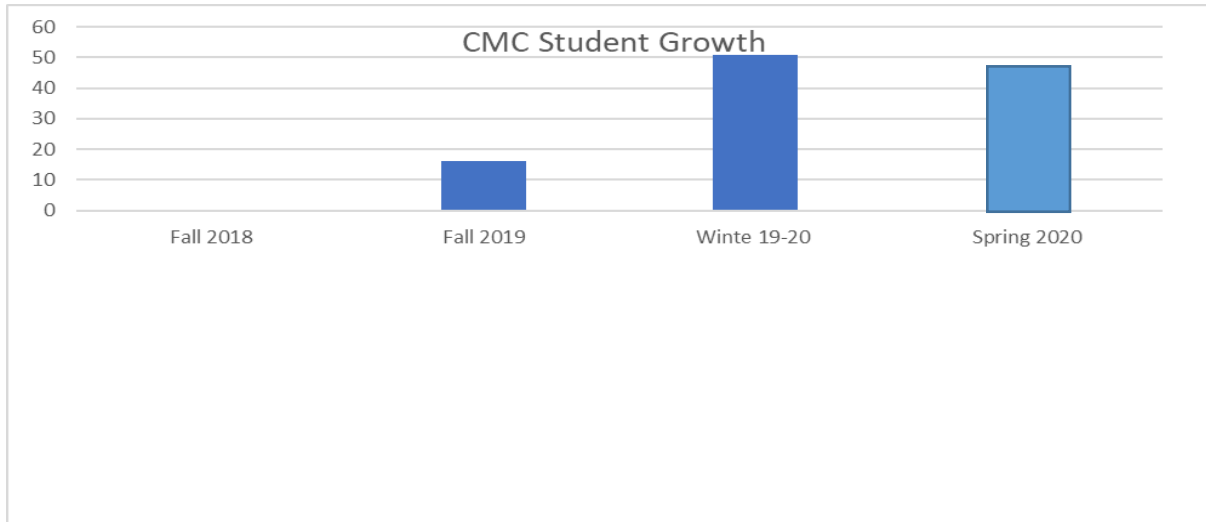
New Collaborative Mission Center for Lay Ministry

Shaped by Faith formation courses, with vouchers for the Diocese of Central PA for congregations to take courses at no cost that are needed for parish life: Discovery of Gifts, Ways to Pray, Ways to tell our Story, Stewardship, Evangelism, Prayer Practices, Ministry in Smaller Congregations, Celtic Spirituality, Vestry leadership, and Parish Administration, Creative use of Space and others designated for each term. Shaped by Faith Basics was a foundational course as well.

Participation Episcopal/Lutheran

| Collaborative Mission Center | Central PA | LSS | Total |
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| Fall Term 2019 | 13 | 4 | (17) |
| Winter Term 2019 - 2020 | 31 | 20 | (51) |
| Spring 2020 | 18 | 4 | (22) |
| Summer 2020 | 126 | 14 | (140) |

Missional preaching certificate completion: 22 Lutheran and 3 Episcopal Students in 2020



To support and enhance the continuing education needs of clergy and laity, we are launching new certificate programs in specific ministry competency areas such as: Missional Preaching, Evangelism, and Spiritual Leadership. Course offerings from the Collaborative Mission Center; LSS and SSFM included:

1- Certificate programs for:

- a. Lay Worship Leader
- b. Lay Preacher
- c. Lay Catechist

2- *New Evangelism Certificate and Missional Preaching Certificate* developed through collaboration with Lower Susquehanna Synod Staff: Deacon Marsha Roscoe and The Rev. Richard Jorgensen.

The CMC is operational thanks to the partnership of the Lower Susquehanna Synod that contributes \$15,000.00 per year to SSFM and whose faculty asked not to receive a stipend, and a Roanridge Grant of \$15,000.00 for the year August 2019- August 2020 and The Bonham fund grant was \$3,500.00 for VELI

Events: Learning Weekends:

- ❖ **February:** We pivoted to do two webinars and three podcasts with the Rev. Dr. Gina Campbell – Practicing Forward and moving through lament during a time of pandemic
- ❖ **May:** Second webinar with The Rev. Dr. Gina Campbell
- ❖ **September:** Fund raising during a time of Pandemic, led by Lori Jacobwith, at no cost to the diocese
- ❖ **October:** Living Evangelism, The Rev. Matthew Best, Sr. Ingrid Andersen with special guest Jerusalem Greer

Fall of 2020 updates:

The Rev. Marsha Roscoe, who has accepted the position as SSFM part time (12 hours per week) Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and has been with us for one year, brings creativity, knowledge of technical systems, and her pastoral relationship with students which has been amazing in growth producing students,



creating student handbook and faculty handbook. Her role has expanded to include a multi-dimensional use of our learning platform.

Vital and Effective Leadership Institute for newly ordained and new clergy to the diocese We are expanding the Vital and Effective Leadership Institute to foster collaborative learning and missional development for Lutheran-Episcopal and other newly ordained clergy beginning their cure. The Rev. Canon David Lovelace coordinates the VELI program and mentoring through this program. Presently there are 8 participants for this two-year opportunity for continuing education. This colleague and learning cohort are offered at no cost to the clergy .

SSFM Advisory Board: We held three Stevenson School for Ministry Board Meetings, with The Rev. Canon David Lovelace as Chair.

The Stevenson School for Ministry Advisory Board continues to work with a strategic plan developed by an initial task force chaired by The Rev. Canon David Lovelace, that places intentionality upon the need for formational growth in parish life and for financial growth for the school as well as. We focus on four teams: Financial, Marketing, Curriculum and Cross Generational. This year the Advisory Board completed the competencies for lay ministry certificates and the development of a new volunteer position, Director of Formation in order to integrate spiritual formation throughout all aspects of the life of SSFM. The Board participated in three retreats with the Commission on Ministry, The Standing Committee, The Bishop and Diocesan Staff. The Board is also looking at ways to communicate our “Shaped by Faith Courses” and on boarding all the formation opportunities for SSFM. The Cross Generational Team will be included in a separate report.

Mr. Rob Box, Treasurer for SSFM, has continued to engage us in financial development as he works with the Diocesan finance committee and our Canon for Finance Chad Linder to develop a budget and budget trajectory to stabilize SSFM.

Financial highlights:

- ❖ Vocational course offerings/expenses have remained relatively consistent for at least 3 years.
- ❖ Vocational/ continuing education enrollment is up year over year, by over 15%.
- ❖ In 2020, we saw a first-ever 40+% new to SSFM student enrollment increase (becoming the beloved community course); we are working now to retain those students and invite into future opportunities.
- ❖ Our learning weekends pivoted to free online learning webinars, resulting in over a 200% increase in participation (we more than doubled in student size from an average of 15 to nearly 40 students).
- ❖ Additionally, 13% of the new webinar participants registered for at least one (several students have registered for more than one) future class as a paying student (non-voucher or scholarship).
- ❖ In the past 3 months, over a dozen Lutheran clergy have inquired about continuing education at the SSFM. Several have already signed up for courses.



| Grant in Pipeline | Use/Courses Covered | Comment | Status | \$ Sought |
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| Lilly Grant (through LSS) | CMC Potential to cover all instructional & admin cost for CMC | Director of CMC and assistant, 4 courses per term. | Pending In third vetting process | \$ Portion applicable to SSFM /CMC |
| United Thank Offering (UTO) | Spiritual formation courses in vocational courses. Would pay for portion of Learning Weekends, webinars, retreats, group spirituality. | Integrative student seminars, PT Director of formation | Submitted Aug 2020 | \$10K |
| Episcopal Church Center | All Eliminating Racism Courses i.e. Becoming the Beloved | No cost courses to CPA. To cover instructional costs for a year of programming | Submitted Aug 2020 | \$10K |
| Bonham | VELI | Participation in VELI is 11 Episcopal Clergy/Congregations + approx. 20 Lutheran Clergy | Due November Received \$3.5K in 2019, invited to reapply in 2020 | \$3.5K |

Fall Term- Winter 2020 Term preparation includes

1. SSFM lectionary podcast series continues to support those who are preaching, teaching, and engaging in formation through study of the lectionary.
2. Collaboration with Dr. Joshua Davis, Dean of the diocesan school for ministry in the Diocese of Alabama continues as we seek to have parallel tracks and requirements for formation of our students. Presently we have 8 students who are engaged in our courses, and includes students from the Virgin Islands.
3. SSFM works with Alexis Guszick and Faith Neice as a part of a communication and marketing team with Deacon Marsha Roscoe to brand all new SSFM materials and publicize on social media.

Check out our web page for more information www.diocesecpa.org

Respectfully Submitted,

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