



# MISSIONAL SPEAKING PARISH LIFE COURSES *by the* COLLABORATIVE MISSION CENTER

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*Together in partnership, we invite your participation...*



The Stevenson  
School for Ministry



Lower Susquehanna Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

*The Collaborative Mission Center* is a resource to support your mission and ministry. Courses are offered in either five- or ten-week sessions for lay and clergy team ministry. The purpose of these courses is to strengthen leadership and develop capacities that work in common mission, and to provide small group opportunities to engage in new creative mission models.

## NEW EVANGELISM CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

As the church, we often talk about Evangelism, and yet, for many of us, evangelizing does not come natural to us. Within a safe learning community that supports you, we invite you to learn simple practices and behaviors that will help you to practice gospel hospitality, share your story and listen to the stories of others, and most importantly, do what matters most to God.

**COURSES ON BACK...**

# Instructors: Deacon Marsha Roscoe and Pastor Richard Jorgensen

## ■ WAYS TO SHARE OUR STORY (offered November 2019) (5-week course)

This course explores how to seek, name and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people. Students engage scripture and prayer practices that help us identify and name our own encounters with Jesus, and seek and sense of Jesus in our communities and neighborhoods. Registration Cost \$75.00 per individual and \$150.00 for two or more from the same congregation.

- *More fully understand our own faith story and how to best articulate it to others.*
- *Encouraged to respectfully hear the faith stories of others.*
- *Develop a more intentional practice of noticing God's presence in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our lives.*
- *Read scripture with greater awareness of the ways that God shapes and renews the faith of God's people.*
- *Understand the parallels between scripture and their own lives.*

## ■ FOUNDATIONS FOR EVANGELISM: DOING WHAT MATTERS TO GOD (offered Spring 2020) (5-week course)

This course uses Mark's gospel to explore the critical questions of "who?" and "why?" (more than "how?" and "what?") to better understand what it looks like to follow Jesus. Registration Cost \$150.00.

- *Articulate a biblical understanding of what Evangelism is and why it matters to God.*
- *Develop spiritual practices which deepen the faith of participants and also allow them to reflect on how their faith and life matters to God.*
- *Cultivate beginning skills for everyday evangelism and invitation.*

## ■ COMMUNITY LISTENING AS EVANGELISM (offered Spring 2020) (5-week course)

This course explores the importance of understanding your community before implementing any evangelism strategies. Students will learn how to map their service/ministry area and neighborhood, and learn how to and practice engaging community listening. Registration Cost \$150.00

- *Develop skills for focused listening to community leaders and assess needs and possibilities for mission.*
- *Develop strategies to identify potential partners in ministry on behalf of the community*
- *Equip participants to map their immediate mission E.eld and to identify individuals and organizations with whom they might be in relationship. This course also allows participants to reclaim classic understanding of how a parish is intimately connected with the community.*
- *Help participants move beyond a patronage understanding of church mission to one of collaboration.*



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### ■ GOSPEL HOSPITALITY (offered Fall of 2020) (5-week course)

This course teaches the basics of gospel hospitality: from signage, to a welcoming space, to what happens when someone visits a church for the first time. Students will learn how to examine their current context for intentional and unintentional gospel practices and inconsistencies. Registration Cost \$150.00

- *Develop a biblical understanding and theology of gospel hospitality.*

- *Participants review their ministries' use of digital resources, including websites, various social media sites, etc.*
- *Develop a greater understanding of how to appropriately receive and welcome guests into one's ministry.*
- *Develop a strategy to look at how worship services and other ministries may be used as part of an overall strategy of hospitality and evangelism.*

### ■ THE MESSAGE OF MISSION (offered twice per year) (10-week course)

This course explores how the heart of the church's ministry and mission is rooted in the apostolic witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Reflecting on scripture and God's call for us, we use the Book of Acts as a model for contemporary ministry in the communities in which God has planted us. Registration Cost \$300.00

- *Develop an understanding that the heart of the church's ministry and mission is rooted in the apostolic witness to the gospel.*

- *Recognize how the New Testament book of Acts continues to inform the shape and direction for the church's ministry today.*
- *Develop practices of listening to God, your faith community and your neighborhood, in order to respond faithfully to God's ongoing call into mission.*
- *Understand how the marks of the church as represented in the Book of Acts are embodied in the lives of their local context.*

In the Baptismal Covenant, we promise to

"proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ" and

"seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself"

(Book of Common Prayer, 305)

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