

At some point in a congregation's efforts to recruit for the public ministry, it will be useful to make contact with one or more of the schools operated by the Wisconsin Synod for the purpose of training candidates for the ministry. The synod currently supports four such schools. They are:

On the high school level: Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin

and

Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan

On the college level: Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota

On the post-graduate level: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin

Each of these schools maintains a recruitment office staffed by full or part-time personnel. These recruitment offices can supply a broad assortment of support services that may be of use to you and your congregation in encouraging prospects for the ministry. On the pages that follow are listing of the services available through the recruitment officers of each ministerial education.

When you identify ministry prospects in your congregation or area, please make a connection with the appropriate school(s). Allow them to work with you cooperatively on encouraging, supporting, and guiding each prospect.



What the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Recruitment Office Can Do:

- ✓ Offer contact, counsel, and support for prospective students who may wish to continue their training on the post-graduate level for the pastoral ministry of the Wisconsin Synod
- ✓ Provide printed support materials: brochures, catalogs, informational materials, financial assistance materials
- ✓ Supply photographs and other materials for bulletin board displays
- ✓ Arrange guest preachers for Recruitment, Education, or Mission Festival Sundays or other special occasions
- ✓ Assist in arranging appearances of the WLS Male Chorus for regular or special worship services of concerts
- ✓ Supply student or faculty speakers for Sunday School/Bible Class hours or for church or school organizational gatherings

- ✓ Arrange campus visits and tours for individuals, families, or church and school groups
- ✓ Offer reports to pastor and teacher conferences, as requested

To arrange for any of these services or to inquire about other matters, please contact:

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Recruitment Office 11831 North Seminary Drive, Mequon, WI, 53092 Ph: (414) 242-7200; Fax: (414) 242-7255; E-mail: brennerj@wls.wels.net

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What the Martin Luther College Recruitment Office Can Do:

- ✓ Accommodate contact, counseling, and encouragement for prospective students interested in training for the WELS pastoral, teaching, or staff ministry
- ✓ Place prospective high school students on the MLC mailing list
- ✓ Provide recruitment literature for churches, schools, and individual use
- ✓ Supply the MLC video tape *There Is A Place* (1997) available for loan free of charge, or for purchase at a cost of \$10
- ✓ Arrange for presentations and guest speakers
- ✓ Arrange campus visits to Martin Luther College for prospects, families, or groups; for example, MLC's Family Open House which encourages parents and prospects to visit campus together
- ✓ Arrange for a prospect to participate in MLC's Focus on the Ministry program to gain further insight into the work of the public ministry
- ✓ Offer reports or topical presentations for pastor and teacher conferences and for other church and school organizations
- ✓ Provide admissions forms and information for prospective students
- ✓ Provide special counsel and information for prospective transfer and second-career students
- ✓ Provide MLC athletic and activity calendars for churches and schools upon request
- ✓ Supply bulletin board display materials, photographs, and posters

To arrange for any of these services or to inquire about other requests, please contact:

Office of Admissions, Martin Luther College 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN, 56073

Ph: (507) 354-8221; Fax: (507) 354-8225; E-mail: mlcadmit@mlc-wels.edu

What the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Recruitment Office Can Do:

- ✓ Provide admissions and financial assistance information as requested
- ✓ Arrange personal meetings with prospective students and/or their parents, either at MLS or in their homes, to discuss MLS
- ✓ Offer additional information and personal contact via the MLS Internet website, which may be accessed at: www.mlsem.org
- ✓ Provide printed support materials: brochures, catalogs, activity calendars, informational materials
- ✓ Supply bulletin board display materials, photographs, and posters
- ✓ Offer A/V materials: MLS filmstrip All the Beautiful Young Lives (1976) MLS video MLS: The Seed Is the Word (1990)
- ✓ Arrange guest preachers for Recruitment, Education, and Mission Festival Sundays or other special occasions
- ✓ Assist in arranging MLS Concert Choir appearances for regular or special worship services or concerts
- ✓ Supply speakers from the MLS faculty or presentations by the MLS V.I.P.s* for Sunday School/ Bible Class hours or for church or school organization gatherings
- ✓ Arrange student entertainment, featuring the MLS Show Group, Jazz Band, Brass Choir, or other student talent, for church or school occasions.
- ✓ Arrange campus visits (including campus tours, recruitment presentations, meals, and passes to MLS activities) for prospects, families, or church and school groups
- ✓ Assist with travel expenses for genuine prospects wishing to visit MLS from far-distant locales
- ✓ Offer mailings of *The Cardinal's Call* newsletter, the *Red'n'White* school newspaper, and other materials to prospective students
- ✓ Arrange for MLS V.I.P. Correspondents* to write personally to prospect students via post or e-mail
- ✓ Coordinate your congregation's hosting of an MLS student for a *Taste of Ministry* weekend
- ✓ Offer progress reports to pastor and teacher conferences

To arrange for any of these services or to request further information about MLS, please contact:

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Recruitment Office 2777 Hardin Street, Saginaw, MI, 48602

Ph: (517) 793-1041; Fax: (517) 793-4213; E-mail: info@mlsem.org

^{*} The MLS V.I.P. Committee is an organization of MLS student volunteers who assist the MLS Recruitment Office in the areas of <u>Visitation</u>, <u>Information</u>, and <u>Promotion</u>. They assist in hosting campus visitors and represent MLS in those situations where a student can be our most effective spokesperson.

What the Luther Preparatory School Recruitment Office Can Do:

- ✓ Provide printed support materials: applications, brochures, catalogs, bulletin inserts, informational materials, financial assistance materials
- ✓ Offer additional information and personal contact via the LPS Internet website, which may be accessed at: www.lps.wels.net
- ✓ Supply bulletin board display materials and/or a display itself for conferences, workshops etc.
- ✓ Send mailings of LPS's *PrepTalk* newsletter and other materials to prospective students
- ✓ Arrange campus visits for church and school groups (may include campus tour, cafeteria meals, miniclasses, LPS activity)
- ✓ Arrange campus visits for prospects (may include overnight dormitory stay, class visits, campus tour, cafeteria meal tickets, LPS activity pass)
- ✓ Meet personally with prospective students and/or their parents at LPS or in their homes
- ✓ Arrange guest preachers for Recruitment, Christian Education or Mission Festival Sundays, or other special occasions as requested
- ✓ Arrange for chapel speakers and/or classroom presentations for Lutheran elementary schools
- ✓ Make presentations for Sunday School/Bible Class hours or for church or school organizations
- ✓ Arrange for LPS students to write personally to prospective students via post or e-mail
- ✓ Offer LPS reports to pastor and teacher conferences
- ✓ Direct inquiries about any of the following:
 - ➤ Project Timothy speakers (*Project Timothy* sends students to WELS missions in foreign/cross cultural settings for two weeks of hands-on mission experience.)
 - Coordinate your congregation's hosting of an LPS student for Taste of Ministry
 - ➤ Prep Singers or Handbell Choir appearances for regular or special worship services
 - ➤ Jazz Band or String Ensemble appearances for church and school organizations

For assistance with the above services, please contact:

Luther Preparatory School Recruitment Office 1300 Western Avenue, Watertown, WI 53094

Ph: (920) 261-4352; Fax: (920) 262-8118; E-mail: info@lps.wels.net