

# 2007-2008 Catalog

## Ministry Training Institute

**A Ministry of the Association Free Lutheran Bible School**



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### Third-Year Bible School Training Format

Fall Semester: Classes on AFLBS campus

Monday nights: St Paul's Lutheran, Minneapolis

January Term: Classes at AFLBS campus

Spring Semester: February through April: Practical Field Study.

May Term: Classes on AFLBS campus

### Purposes

1. To train believers for the mission of furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ by serving in free and living congregations or as a missionary in another culture or place.
2. To equip Christians to serve and love the people to whom God sends them.
3. To teach sacrifice and service in the context of a practical work experience on location.
4. To experience the dynamic process of mentorship under experienced trained leaders.

### Goal

To be a Biblical training center for the fulfillment of the great commission as given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore into all the world..."

### Admission Requirements

1. Testimony of personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.
  2. Demonstrated maturity and stability as a disciple of Christ.
  3. Servant's heart with a passion for Jesus, and a compassion to reach souls with the Gospel.
  4. Humble willingness to be disciplined by a mentor in their field of service.
  5. Two-year diploma from AFLBS or its equivalent.
  6. Completed application.
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### Student Costs

Full-Time Tuition (30 credits)	\$4,000/year
Part-Time Tuition	\$165/credit
Room and Board (Sept.-Jan, May)	\$460/month
Deposit for student residents	\$120
Fall Student body fee	\$135
Insurance	\$60
<b>Approximate school costs for the year</b>	<b>\$6845.00</b>

Approximate costs during field study (Costs may vary for each student)

Suggested funds to raise for personal expenses	\$500/month
Approximate travel costs	\$1,250

- MTI staff will provide training to help students raise costs for field experience
- Mission Aviation Training: Flight training costs are extra



## Schedule 2007-2008

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September 2	Residence Halls open
September 3-4	Orientation
September 5	Classes Begin
September	Urban Ministry classes begin
October 19-21	Campus Days
November 22-25	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Parents Day
December 8-9	Christmas Concerts
December 17-19	Final Exams (Wednesday and Thursday only)
Dec 20 - Jan 2	Christmas Break
January 3-24	January Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spiritual Warfare/Gifts</li> <li>• Biblical Elective</li> <li>• Missions III</li> </ul>
January 6-10	Mission Conference, 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Required)
January 24	Final Exams, January Term
January 31	<b>Practical Field Study</b>
May	May Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dynamics of Ministry (2 credits)</li> </ul>
May 15	Final Exam, May Term
May 17	Graduation

*Schedule Subject To Change*



## Course Objectives

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### Mission/Cross-Cultural Training

- A. To provide a biblical basis for a cross-cultural ministry.
- B. To give opportunity for a cross-cultural internship experience so students can consider God's call for their lives.
- C. To prepare prospective missionary candidates for cross-cultural ministry.
- D. **Courses:**

**HM 301: Introduction to Cross-Cultural Ministry**

**HM 302: Dynamics of Cross-Cultural Ministry**

**HM 305: School of Urban Ministry**

**HM 321: Missions III**

**HM 322, 315: Introduction to Ministry**

**BS 300 or 310: Bible Elective**

**PS 301, 303, 304: Language Acquisition Skills/Language Study**

**PS 305: Practical Field Study**

**PS 310: Mentorship I: Personal Growth**

**PS 320: Mentorship II**

**PS 311: Physical and Survival Training**

### Youth Ministry Training

- A. To study the ministry of Christ applying it to the context of contemporary ministry.
- B. To observe and participate in youth programs in the context of local congregations.
- C. To prepare students to enter into a youth ministry on a local or para-church level.
- D. **Courses:**

**HM 305: School of Urban Ministry**

**HM 322, 315: Introduction to Ministry**

**BS 300 or 310: Bible Elective**

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**PS 305: Practical Field Study in Youth Ministry**

**PS 306: Introduction to Youth Ministry**

**PS 310: Mentorship I: Personal Growth**

**PS 311: Physical and Survival Training**

**PS 320: Mentorship II**

**PS 377: Advanced One/Training Observation and Harmony of the Gospels**

### Mission Aviation Ministry Training

- A. To provide an overview of mission aviation from its beginning to the present time.
- B. To introduce the student to the world of flight.
- C. To help students determine whether mission aviation is God's plan for his/her future.
- D. To orient the student to career options and opportunities in mission aviation.
- E. To provide initial training for mission aviation at various levels in a non-complex environment during the fall semester.
- F. To complete the training requirements for a private pilot's certificate.
- G. Courses:

**HM 305: School of Urban Ministry**

**HM 322, 315: Introduction to Ministry**

**BS 300 or 310: Bible Elective**

**PS 308: Ground School Training**

**PS 309: Flight School Training**

**PS 310: Mentorship I: Personal Growth**

**PS 320: Mentorship II**

**PS 311: Physical and Survival Training**

### Congregational Ministry Requirement

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## Class Schedules

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### Fall Semester

Courses pertaining to your emphasis	6 credits
Introduction to Ministry	5 credits
Mentorship I: Personal Growth	2 credits
School of Urban Ministry	3 credits
Biblical Elective (Required)	2 credits
Physical Training Elective	2 credits

### January Term

Missions III (Required)	1 credit
Biblical Elective	1 credit
Spiritual Warfare/Gifts (Required)	1 credit

### Spring Semester

Practical Field Study	12 credits
Mentorship II	4 credits

### May Term

Dynamics of Ministry	2 credits
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*Total Required to Graduate* *36 credits*

### Daily Schedule

7:45 a.m.	Morning Devotions
8-8:50 a.m.	First Hour Class
9-9:50 a.m.	Second Hour Class
10:10-11 a.m.	Third Hour Class
11:10-Noon	Fourth Hour Class/ Tuesdays & Thursdays – Chapel

### Monday Evenings

6:30-9:30 p.m. School of Urban Ministry at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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## Course Descriptions

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### **MTI HM 301 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Ministry**

An introductory study of Christian ministry in another culture. Students will explore methods of sharing the Gospel in a cross-cultural context, specifically methods for church planting, ministry opportunities, and discipleship training from a Biblical perspective. Students will also study language barriers, involvement with and support of missionaries and churches in the ministry of the Gospel, aspects of spiritual warfare and intercessory prayer, principles of discipleship and other practical preparations of sharing the Gospel cross-culturally. 4 credits

### **MTI HM 302 Dynamics of Cross-Cultural Ministry**

Students will explore the dynamics of evangelistic methods where language is a barrier, how to become involved and support the missionaries and church in the ministry of the Gospel, gain an understanding of the aspects of spiritual warfare and intercessory prayer, principles of discipleship in a cross-cultural setting and other practical preparations of sharing the Gospel cross-culturally. 3 credits.

### **MTI HM 303 Dynamics of Ministry**

Students will explore the hardships, rewards and spiritual dynamics involved in ministry, and learn essentials of follow-up and soul care following their practical field experience. 2 credits

### **MTI HM 305 School of Urban Ministry**

This course introduces students to an understanding of the modern city and how the Church relates to urban centers. Students will explore the new reality of global urbanization, mass migration, and the ethnic religious diversity of cities today. Students are introduced to the concepts of culture, value systems and worldview as they relate to cross-cultural ministry in the city. 3 credits

### **MTI HM 312 Introduction to Ministry**

Students will explore the dynamics of the call to ministry, preparation and sacrifices required for full-time service, and ministry methods and approaches that come from Scripture itself. A core aspect of the course is focused on youth work and congregational ministry. Students will study the foundations of Christ's approach to ministry as well as truths found in Paul's Pastoral Letters. Spiritual giftedness will be explored, as well as the theology of building free and living congregations. Key components of the course also include how to make disciples through Great Commandment Love and Great Commission Living. The course can also include a weekend SonLife seminar in October or November. 5 credits

### **MTI HM 321 Missions III**

In this course the students are presented with challenges and opportunities available on the mission field. Special focus is given to the experiences and struggles of contemporary missionaries in AFLC and other national missions ministries. 1 credit

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**MTI BS 300 Biblical Elective**

Students will learn Biblical perspectives for missions from historical, poetical, prophetic or pastoral letters of the Bible. Assignments will be geared to the dynamics of ministry as taught in the books studied. 1 credit

**MTI BS 310 Biblical Elective**

Students will learn Biblical perspectives for missions from historical, poetical, prophetic or pastoral letters of the Bible. Assignments will be geared to the dynamics of ministry as taught in the books studied. 2 credits

**MTI BS 301 Introduction to Inductive Bible Study**

The student will, by learning to use the system of observation, question, investigation, research and interpretation, develop skills in Bible study and message preparation. These skills will be put to use in the context of a congregational placement and during their Practical Field Study. 2 credits

**MTI BT 251 Christian Growth**

The aim of this course is to encourage the student to draw near to the Lord and, through obedience to the Word, become a vessel fit for the Master's use. 1 credit

**MTI PS 302 Discovering and Using Spiritual Gifts**

Students will study and apply Biblical teaching on Spiritual Giftedness and God's design for a life of Christian ministry. 1 credit

**MTI PS 301, 303 Language Acquisition Skills**

The student will, through the presentation of the LEARN video series by Dr. Tom Brewster and class participation, be given a basis for language learning in a cross-cultural context.

1 or 2 credits

**MTI PS 304 Language Study**

Those students in the cross-cultural Practical Field Study assignment will study the language of the people of that country or people group according to the context of their placement. 3 credits

**MTI PS 305 Practical Field Study**

The student will be given the opportunity to live in a cross-cultural setting, working with and as part of a multi-cultural ministry team or with youth ministry as a part of a local congregation. This will be done by assigning the student specific duties according to his/her linguistical abilities for the purpose of working in partnership with the church and/or mission organization. 12 credits

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**MTI PS 306 Introduction to Youth Ministry**

This course emphasizes relational discipleship. We will look at the methods and philosophy of ministry that Jesus used. Specifically, this course will look at 4 strategies that Jesus used as he made disciples and his instructions for us to do the same. We will also look at six foundational elements of his ministry and how Jesus' love for God and love for people molded everything He did. (2 credits)

**MTI PS 308 Ground School**

Students will be introduced to the world of mission aviation by being given an overview of mission aviation and introductory flight and ground training. Career options and opportunities in mission aviation will also be covered. Students will take the FAA written examination for a private pilot's certificate at the end of the fall semester. 3 credits

**MTI PS 309 Flight School Training**

Flight training for the completion of a private pilot certificate will continue during the Spring Semester Field Study at Mission Aviation Training Academy at Arlington, Washington. At the conclusion of the course, the student will take the FAA flight test for the private pilot certificate. 12 credits

**MTI PS 310 Mentorship I: Personal Growth**

Students will be placed under veteran ministry workers who will guide students through aspects of character growth, spiritual understanding and a ministry outlook. Accountability, encouragement and prayer make up the greater part of the study. Credit is also earned in required attendance and journaling through Tuesday and Thursday chapel services. 2 credits

**MTI PS 320 Mentorship II**

Students will be placed under the mentorship of and be responsible to an expatriate missionary or local indigenous Christian leader. Youth Track students will work under a pastor/youth worker in the context of a local youth ministry. Mission Aviation Track students will be assigned to a pastor or evangelist to be involved in a local congregation and/or evangelism outreach. Each student will be evaluated on his/her ability to follow directions and accept and carry out assignments as well as his/her attitude towards leadership. 4 credits

**MTI PS 311 Physical and Survival Training**

The students will experience a rigorous physical regimen that prepares the student for the hardships of mission work. Trainees will gather as a team for a 60-minute workout four days a week, either in assigned morning workouts or in evening sessions at the convenience of the students. Students will report to the MTI director or to others assigned by the director. 2 credits

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## **MTI PS 377 Advanced One/Training Observation and Harmony of the Gospels**

This course is a deeper study of youth ministry methods. The primary focus is making disciples and it includes the following topics: the environment for growth, specific ministry mission and vision statements along with goals for the ministry, qualification for leadership and self assessment, the ministry team, and a description of a disciplined person. Each of these areas will be developed in class and through class assignments. Youth ministry observations are a critical part of understanding and applying the lessons learned. The course will also include an in-depth study of the Gospels with a special focus on how Jesus did ministry. Prerequisite: Introduction to Youth Ministry. (4 credits)



## Preliminary Application

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If you are interested in applying for the Ministry Training Institute, please fill out the following preliminary application and mail it to the address below:

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Plymouth, MN 55441-3008**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Bible school graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to enroll in MTI? \_\_\_\_\_

Which program are you interested in?

- Cross-Cultural Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Mission Aviation Ministry







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