

Staff Ministry Graduate Assignment Data

May graduates from the Staff Ministry Program are ready for assignment as staff ministers, i.e. pastoral assistants, upon recommendation of the faculty. The committee on assignments of calls, consisting of the praesidium of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the presidents of its respective districts, determines the placement of the graduates. Some of the staff ministry students graduate with a second major in education. The placement figures below reflect assignment data on Call Day for the years 2008-2023, and reflect assignments as staff ministers, as teachers, or into positions with responsibilities in both areas. Assignments can and do occur after Call Day which are not represented in the chart.

	Assigned	Unassigned
2008	1	1
2009	3	3
2010	1	1
2011	3	1
2012	0	2
2013	0	1
2014	0	1
2015	0	2
2016	3	2
2017	2	2
2018	1	2
2019	2	1
2020	2	1
2021	2	1
2022	2	1
2023	3	3

Not all graduates present themselves for assignment in May. Some choose to work in an international setting for one or more years, after which they return for assignment. Some candidates pursue graduate degrees. As a result, the number of available candidates for assignment in any given year represents both current graduates as well as those who return for placement.