



WELS Staff Ministry Certification Program *Application for Admission*

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Please Print in Ink or Type

Beginning _____ 20 _____

Seeking Certification as ☐ Parish Staff Minister ☐ Non-parish Staff Minister

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Address: _____
Number and Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Birth Date: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Divorced and Remarried

Name of Spouse: _____ Birth Years of Children: _____

Ethnicity (Used for State and Federal Government Reports) (Optional):

☐ Nonresident Alien ☐ Race and Ethnicity unknown ☐ Hispanics of any race

For non-Hispanics only: ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
☐ Black or African American ☐ White ☐ Two or more races

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Congregation: _____ Synod: _____
Name

Address: _____
Number and Street City State Zip

Pastor*: _____
Name Address City State Zip

How long a member of this congregation: _____ Year of your confirmation: _____ Is spouse member? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year of spouse's confirmation: _____

**Before your application can be considered officially, a written recommendation from your pastor must be on file.*

If you are presently teaching in the synod under a provisional call, validation by the head administrator is also requested.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Elementary: **Grades attended in public school** _____ **Lutheran school** _____

Secondary: **Grades attended in public school** _____ **Lutheran school** _____

**Colleges –
Universities:**

Name of Institution		Dates attended		
Address	City	State	Zip	Grad. Year
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Earned degrees:

Kind	Institution	Year	Major	Minor
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Note: Official transcripts from the college and university must be on file before your application will be consideration.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

(Since first earned degree)

Nature of position	Employer	Place	Dates
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Nature of position	Employer	Place	Dates

Present Employer

Position Description

Name	Address	City	State	Zip

MILITARY HISTORY

Have you been in military service? _____ Dates _____ Branch _____

HEALTH DATA

Have you, or have you had, any physical disability or chronic illness? _____

If yes, please explain _____

Have you ever been under professional care for emotional or mental difficulties? _____

If yes, please explain _____

OTHER INFORMATION

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain _____

Have you ever been convicted of any kind of sexual misconduct or sexual or physical abuse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain _____

Have you read and do you understand the Guidelines for Synodical Certification of Staff Ministers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you aware that successful completion of the Synodical Certification Program does not imply that a call from a congregation in the synod will automatically or immediately follow? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you in agreement with the policies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

State reasons for seeking synodical certification: _____

I herby verify that the information requested on this application is complete and accurate.

Date: _____ Applicant's signature: _____

Please note: The applicant's obligation to provide complete and accurate information on this form includes updating any information that may change after submitting this application.

Reminder – Other Documents Needed

1. Pastor's recommendation: Date Requested: _____ Date Received: _____

2. All official college and university transcripts: Date Requested: _____ Date Received: _____



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Martin Luther College
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