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Certification

At the end of the training program Bishop Anderson House will issue a certificate in Lay Chaplaincy signed by the Bishop. Commissioning, a public recognition of ministry, is done within the student's congregational setting; arrangements for commissioning are made with the graduate and the congregation where ministry will be done.

Tuition

Tuition for the course is \$300. Application fee of \$25, which is applied to the cost of the course, must accompany the application form. The balance is due upon acceptance into the program. Scholarship assistance is available, and no one is turned away for financial reasons. In accordance with Diocese of Chicago requirements all students will have a background check through Oxford Documents Management Company.

Materials

Basic course materials will be provided. From time to time optional books, which students may wish to purchase, will be recommended.

Inquiries

For an application, to schedule an interview or for more information, contact us at
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The Volunteer Lay Parish Chaplain's Training Program

September 7- November 23, 2013
 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

*Called to Common Mission:
 a joint effort of the Evangelical
 Lutheran Church in America
 and Episcopal Church*



Bishop Anderson House
Rush University Medical Center

Fall Classes held at:
Faith Lutheran Church
 41 N. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn 60137

The mission of Bishop Anderson House is to serve Christ and His Church through a ministry of caring for the sick, educating and responding to the needs of caregivers.

The Concordat of Agreement between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church(1999) offers an opportunity to join in developing mutual pastoral care to the sick and those who care for them.



The Parish Volunteer Lay Chaplain Program

Overview

This thirteen week program is designed to give lay persons in the Lutheran Church, Episcopal Church and other religious an opportunity to develop skills so that the pastoral ministry within a congregation might reach its fullest potential.

Lay persons rarely have the opportunity to get the kind of training which clergy have. This intense program, designed to develop basic skills necessary for good pastoral care, address that gap with expert faculty and serious attention to pastoral ministry.

To be a Parish Volunteer Chaplain means that a person is trained to share in the responsibility of caring for the elderly, the homebound, those in hospitals, persons with disabilities, the homeless, the hungry, those with catastrophic illnesses, the dying and those under stress - under the supervision of a Rector/Pastor or Professional Chaplain.

To be a Parish Volunteer Chaplain is to share in another's life with learned skills and innate compassion; it is to be present in times of need, in times of questioning, in times of sorrow and joy.

Application Procedures

Graduates of the Program serve in hospitals, nursing homes and congregations throughout the Chicago metropolitan region as volunteers. They provide a rich and skilled ministry of pastoral care as extensions of their congregational ministries in the world.

Bishop Anderson House has established a set of guidelines for the Program. Applicants must submit an Application Form and then schedule an interview with the staff. Because students must be engaged in a pastoral project under the supervision of a skilled caregiver while taking the course, it is mandatory that students be recommended for the class by their congregational leader or Professional Chaplain Supervisor, who will serve as their Pastoral Supervisor. They will be commissioned and will be required to have a letter from their congregational leader stating that they will be serving on behalf of the congregation under supervision. At the end of the training, participants will receive certification that they have successfully completed the course.

Time and Place

Classes are held on Saturdays from September 7 through November 23rd at:

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
41 N Park Blvd
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Program Format

The twelve Saturday sessions are 2 hours each. Participants will also commit 2 hours per week to pastoral field experience under supervision. This field experience may take place in the congregation or in a community setting such as a hospital, hospice program, nursing home or social service agency. Field sites will be negotiated during the first weeks of the program between the student and congregational or institutional supervisor.

Course Outline

- Orientation and Theological Purpose
- Faith, Sacraments and Prayer: Lutheran, Episcopal and other...
- Cultural, Ethnic and Sexual Issues
- Listening/Counseling
- A Medical View of Issues
- Accessing Resources and Systems
- Older Adults and the Home-bound
- Persons with Disabilities
- Dealing with illness, loss and death
- Ethics, Boundaries & Self Care
- Creating and Sustaining a Pastoral Care Ministry

Faculty

Experts in the field of pastoral care will be teaching this course and offering students an opportunity to be exposed to a variety of ministries.