



If you did not attend one of the diakonia™ information meetings and still would like to know more about the program, you are not too late!

diakonia™ is a two-year, comprehensive lay-ministry training program starting this fall in the Grand Canyon Synod. The program consists of six 5-week courses per year, taught at main sites and by webcast. Each course includes 15 hours of in-class time. The classes include weekly readings and assignments outside of class, and are graded on a pass-fail basis.

The courses include studies on the Old and New Testaments; three areas of Practical Ministry; Lutheran Creeds and Confessions; Church History, Christian Doctrine, and Christian Worship; Ethical Issues; and Faith in the American Context. Classes will be taught by pastors, deacons and others with comprehensive training.

At the conclusion of studies, diakonia™ graduates will have 180 in-class hours, plus serve a six-month internship. Graduates will serve in a variety of congregational and community ministries.

The cost of the diakonia™ program is \$360 per year (\$60/course) plus a \$25 registration fee. Course materials may cost up to \$30 per class. A limited amount of financial assistance is available. Introduction to the New Testament begins the week of Sept. 10-16

If you are interested in learning more about diakonia™, feel free to talk to Emmanuel's Gail Kenny, secretary of the Grand Canyon Synod's Lay School for Ministry committee. You can reach her at 928-759-0097 or [kennyfamily@cableone.net](mailto:kennyfamily@cableone.net).