

NEW

SAM DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SYNODS!

*Degree requirements vary;
generally no degree required;
synod endorsement may apply*

*Equipping Lay Leaders.
Strengthening Synods.
Supporting Communities.*

Who is it for:

Synod Authorized Ministers preparing to lead where ordained pastors may not be available

- ✓ Ideal for learners balancing ministry, work, and life
- ✓ Flexible enough for regional cohorts or individual participation
- ✓ Supported by synods, guided by seasoned facilitators

Program Structure:

- ✓ 6 core competency units
- ✓ Each unit completed over 8 weeks
- ✓ Each unit contains 4 learning modules
- ✓ Approx. 6.5 hours of work per module (asynchronous, online)
- ✓ Cohort-based structure with relational facilitation

What Makes This Unique:

- ✓ Developed by LSTC faculty with deep ELCA roots
- ✓ Facilitators (designated by synods) guide local enrichment
- ✓ Donor-funded financial assistance available for LSTC-registered cohorts
- ✓ Designed for flexibility — but grounded in quality, context, and care

CORE COMPETENCIES:

Bible

Theology (ELCA Identity & Confessions)

Ministerial Practices (Preaching, Worship, Leadership)

Cultural Context

Formation

Administration, Education, Governance, Stewardship & Boundaries



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