

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR EMERGING MINISTRIES

(TEEM)

*No prior degree required; entry through
candidacy and synod approval*

Accessible Theological Formation for Emerging Ministries

A streamlined path to ordination
in underserved or nontraditional
contexts

Who is it for:

Learners pursuing the ELCA TEEM path — often bi-vocational or serving remote congregations

- ✓ In-person or fully online and asynchronous
- ✓ Facilitator-led, with contextual support
- ✓ 8 core units

Program Features:

- ✓ Competency-based education
- ✓ Self-paced with clear benchmarks
- ✓ Guided by LSTC faculty and expert mentors

Key Benefits for Synods & Students:

- ✓ High-quality formation in a flexible format
- ✓ ELCA alignment and credibility
- ✓ Designed for contextual relevance

PROGRAM FEATURES:

Six core courses in theology
and ministry

Facilitator-led learning in a
cohort model

Live workshops on key ministry
leadership topics

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)
for pastoral care formation

Internship in an approved
ministry context



“During my seminary journey, I felt supported by my advisors, my professors, mentors, and the ELCA TEEM program, which provided both financial and academic support. My faith community at Iglesia Luterana Adviento, along with my friends and family, uplifted me and gave me the encouragement I needed to persevere.”

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SYNCHRONOUS TEEM CERTIFICATE

For learners who value structure, interaction, and community
Courses delivered in person or via live online sessions

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ASYNCHRONOUS TEEM CERTIFICATE

(VIA PROJECT STARLING)

For learners balancing ministry, work, and life. Fully online and self-paced through LSTC's Project Starling platform

Program Features:

- ✓ Same high-quality curriculum and formation experience
- ✓ Flexible pacing with asynchronous learning modules
- ✓ Ongoing mentorship and contextual learning
- ✓ Internship and fieldwork included
- ✓ Ideal for bi-vocational students and nontraditional learners



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