

There are more than 3 million deaf and 28 million hard of hearing people in the United States. About 95 percent of deaf people are not churched, which makes deaf ministry a vast mission field.

At one time, the LCMS had 63 primarily Deaf congregations in 25 states served by 30 full-time pastors or missionaries, plus 3 pastors in part-time deaf ministry. But currently there are approximately 20 full-time Deaf churches. About 200 "hearing" congregations have regular interpreted ministry for Deaf persons. This shows the need for more local lay lead Deaf ministry in each congregation.

Deaf L.I.T.E.S workshop is an intensive, emersion program for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, & Hearing People:

- ◆ Anyone who has a heart for Deaf ministry! No prior experience necessary!
- ◆ Anyone who would like to start Deaf ministry in their church
- ◆ Professional church workers with Deaf members
- ◆ Professional church workers or lay leaders who want to reach out to Deaf people in their communities
- ◆ Sign Language interpreters
- ◆ Lay people from churches who have Deaf members or know Deaf people who are unchurched
- ◆ Parents of Deaf children who want to give their children Christian education.

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Topeka, KS

- ◆ Do you have a desire to share Jesus with Deaf people?
- ◆ Would you like to reach out to Deaf people who do not have a church home, but need more skills and resources?
- ◆ Do you have Deaf people in your area, but no way to reach out?
- ◆ Do you need help and support to talk with Deaf children and adults?
- ◆ Do you want to improve your religious sign language skills?

This workshop is for YOU!

Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Church Membership: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Church Phone: _____

Hearing: _____ Deaf: _____

Sign language instruction will be taught at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Please indicate your signing experience to help us plan class sizes appropriately.

_____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced

Do you need (Check all that apply):

Housing _____ Bedding/towels _____ Books/Materials _____

Total Registration Fee: _____ (\$100 Deposit required with registration)

Do you need Scholarship assistance? _____

Why are you interested in attending this workshop?

What is your experience in Deaf ministry? (It is OK to say NONE - that is why we want you to join us!)

Do you need any special accommodations?

Costs of Workshop

Optional books and materials include Deaf Pah Lay Ministry Program on DVD and copy of Deaf Catechism. We recommend at least one copy of each per church.

Workshop and meals are at Faith Lutheran Church and housing is at Washburn University. Those living in the Topeka area, may choose to commute daily, but be aware that the program includes a full day AND evening program. All participants should plan to have meals at the workshop. Interaction and networking during meals are an important part of the program. Sign language interpreter CEU credits have been applied for. Partial scholarships are available to members of LCMS churches. This workshop is open to people of all Christian Faiths.

	<u>Hearing</u>	<u>Deaf</u>
Tuition	\$150.00	None
Food	\$100.00	\$100.00
Lodging	\$80.00	\$80.00
Optional bedding and towels	\$6.00	\$6.00
Optional material and books ...	\$100.00	\$100.00

\$100 deposit is required with Registration. Make checks payable to:
"Kansas District LCMS"

Mail registration and deposit to:

Kansas District LCMS

Attn: Lori Hennessey

1000 SW 10th Ave.

Topeka, KS 66604-1104

**If you need scholarship assistance, please contact:
Pastor Mike Herzberg at 316-253-8695 or mandm@mpdnet.com.**

For more information, please contact us at faithluthdeaf@yahoo.com.