

# Montana Association of Churches Lay Ministry Institute

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is MAC LMI?** It is a series of courses for lay people offered ecumenically. Courses include: Leadership, Spirituality, Preaching, Old Testament, New Testament, Education, Worship and Music, People Care, The Body of Christ, The Public Church. You can take one course or all eleven.

**How does it relate to the Montana Synod's LPA program?** MAC LMI supplements the LPA program. It does not replace it or compete with it. LPA candidates may take their coursework between LPA sessions through MAC LMI, or through SELECT.

**Who could take MAC LMI courses?** Lay people may take courses. There are 3 categories of lay people in the Montana Synod who might enroll in one or more MAC LMI courses:

1. LPA Candidates seeking live classroom experience rather than videos.
2. LPA graduates who seek to do continuing education.
3. Other interested laity.

**How do I become eligible?** You are free to sign up for as many courses as you want through MAC LMI ([www.montana-churches.org](http://www.montana-churches.org)).

**What does it cost?** Each weekend course costs \$110 for tuition and meals.

**When does it begin?**

- Mar. 2010-- “The Body of Christ—Connecting to the Ecumenical Church”
- May 2010-- “Mission and Evangelism”
- July 2010-- “Nuts and Bolts of Effective administrative Leadership”
- Sept. 2010-- “Called by God”
- Nov. 2010-- “Overview of the Old Testament”
- Jan. 2011-- “Worship and Music in the Small Church”
- March 2011-- “Overview of the New Testament”
- May 2011-- “Preaching, Part One”
- July 2011-- “Preaching, Part Two”
- Sept. 2011-- “Educational Ministry”
- Nov. 2011-- “Congregational Dynamics”
- Jan. 2012-- “Caring for the People of the Church”
- March 2012-- “The Body of Christ (Ecumenical Church)”
- May 2012-- “Mission and Evangelism”
- July 2012-- “Nuts and Bolts (Administration)”

**Where can I get more information?** Contact the Montana Synod Office @ 2415 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405, 406 453-1461, [ssmith@montanasynod.org](mailto:ssmith@montanasynod.org) for more information or contact MAC LMI through the MAC website [www.montana-churches.org](http://www.montana-churches.org).