

Lay Ministry Institute

The Lay Ministry Institute's (LMI) mission is to educate and equip lay people for theologically sound ministry. The Institute is under the office of the bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, which provides oversight and accountability to its programs and recommends commissioning lay leaders for ministry in our congregations. Bishop Miller has tasked the board with providing opportunities for individuals to grow their gifts in ministry.

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May 2024 to March 2025

- May 2024 – Sponsored “**A Variety of Gifts**” day of learning and fellowship at St. John’s Northumberland.
- May 2024 – Bishop Miller commissioned 4 new Lay Worship Leaders.
- July 2024 – Boundary Training was held for Lay and Rostered Leaders.
- September 2024 – Bishop Miller delivered worship practicum.
- October 2024 – “**A Variety of Gifts**” day of learning and fellowship held at the Synod Office.
- November 2024 – Voted to recommend Chad H. to Bishop Miller for commissioning as Lay Worship Leader.
- November 2024 – Online application for LWL entrance developed.
- January 2025 – Coordination of efforts with “Got Tell It IN The Mountains” Initiative to updated curriculum for Lay Worship Leader training.
- January 2025 – the process/review of updating the Lay Worship Leader roster underway.
- January 2025 – continued to monitor student progress.
- February 2025 – Student/mentor final evaluation documents were finalized.
- February 2025 – Plans are being for the May 2025 “A Variety of Gifts” event at Milton Lutheran Church.
- March 2025 – Plans are being made for a discernment event to be held at Camp Mt. Luther.
- March 2025 – Board members met with three students.
- March 2025 – Voted to recommend Amber K. to Bishop Miller for commissioning as Lay Worship Leader. Voted to entrance Ann M. as a candidate for Lay Worship Leader training
- March 2025 – Bishop Miller delivered worship practicum.

Website: <https://www.uss-elca.org/becoming-a-rostered-leader/>.

Respectfully Submitted on March 21, 2025 by:

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