



CORRECTION: Church Interpreter Training Institute on Campus: June 28-July 1

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DATE, TIME and COST UPDATE: This summer's CITI program has been shortened to an extended weekend program, now scheduled for June 28th to July 1st. The updated cost for this shorter program is \$200 for commuters and \$350 for dorm students, with registration still due by June 1st. Going forward, this less time-intensive and more cost-effective model for the church interpreter program will allow CITI to provide extended weekend workshops in other regional locations around the United States. If you know of a group in your area that would be interested in hosting or attending one of these workshops, contact Heidi Sias at hsias@millneck.org.

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (CTSFW)—“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, ‘Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?’ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Rom.10:14–17).

Established in 1985, the Church Interpreter Training Institute (CITI) instructs interpreters, church members and professional church workers as they reach out to the deaf community, that they too may hear and believe. “American Sign Language interpreters serve a vital role in bringing the Word of God to His deaf children,” Deaconess Heidi Sias, CITI co-director and a staff member of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf in Mill Neck, New York, said. “In the annual CITI program we stress the importance that the interpreter is also a theologian. This is essential so that deaf people may receive the benefits of God’s gifts in His Word. CITI offers instruction and helps interpreters strive for excellence in their theological and linguistic abilities.”

This year’s program will take place at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, from June 25 to July 6. Courses include ASL linguistics; facial and body expression; religious vocabulary; Deaf culture; biblical studies; interpreting Scripture, liturgy, sermons, hymns and song; and other special interest topics. CITI offers a total of 5.1 continuing education units for Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) nationally certified interpreters.

“I attended CITI shortly after graduating from an Interpreter Training Program, polished my skills, worked in the mission field and now serve as a nationally certified RID instructor for CITI,” said Stacey Wyant. “My skills were nurtured and grew into fruits I can now share with others to bring the Word of Christ to deaf members.”

Registration costs \$1,500 for non-commuters (covering the cost of room and board), and \$1,000 for commuters (includes lunch only). To register or to learn more about the program as well as

available scholarships, go to lutheranfriendsofthedeaf.org/citi. For additional questions, contact Deaconess Heidi Sias at hsias@millneck.org. The deadline for registration is June 1.

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Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, Indiana, exists to form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all. Founded in 1846, CTSFW is a seminary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). Learn more about CTSFW at www.ctsfw.edu and the LCMS at www.lcms.org.

For additional information concerning educational opportunities and events at CTSFW, please contact Jayne Sheaffer, director of Seminary Relations, [260-452-2250](tel:260-452-2250) or SeminaryRelations@ctsfw.edu