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The Grow in Grace office of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will use this data in their planning and promotion of continuing education courses, resources, and events. Feedback about Grow in Grace areas of ministry or this form can be sent to growinggrace@wls.edu. Thank you.

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Professional Development Plan

Thinking about the next year or two, write two or three statements about your own professional growth for each choice below. **Choice 1 is required.**

Follow this pattern: What are you aiming to do? With what intended growth for you? With what intended benefit to the people you serve?

Example: (What are you aiming to do) *Through a combination of informal and formal continuing education, I would like to grow as a preacher;* (Intended growth for you) *so that I consistently follow a better routine for writing, editing, and preaching sermons that are Christ-centered, interesting, memorable, and rich in variety.* (Intended benefit for the people you serve) *The result of this growth is that my members are better fed, more strongly encouraged, and more likely to invite friends to worship.*

*** Choice 1**

Select a topic from the drop-down menu to fulfill the above request in the field below.

Select one

- Biblical Theology (OT and NT)
- Church History
- Education
- Missiology and Evangelism
- Pastoral Care - ministry to families and individuals
- Pastoral Care - counseling
- Pastoral Leadership
- Preaching and Worship
- Systematic Theology
- Miscellaneous/Other

Choice 2

Select a topic from the drop-down menu to fulfill the above request in the field below.

Choice 3

Select a topic from the drop-down menu to fulfill the above request in the field below.

Select one

In general, what is your area of greatest interest in theology? (Choose the one that fits you best.)

Choose one Old Testament book that you really want to learn better in the next year or two.

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Select one

Select one

Select one

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Select one

Select one

Select one

Select one

Biblical Theology

Historical Theology

Systematic Theology

Practical Theology

Select one

Select one

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 Samuel

Specific Goals of Formal and Informal Education

Formal and informal continuing education serve each other. When we take courses we are better equipped to study on our own; when we study on our own, we are better equipped to participate in formal courses. God knit us together differently, and for that reason our balance of formal vs. informal will be unique to us.

Formal Continuing Education Plan

The STM (Master of Sacred Theology) program of WLS has nine focus areas. Choose the three focus areas that most interest you at present:

Which of the following formal continuing education courses do you hope to make use of in the coming two years?

If Summer Quarter is on your wish list, which year or years would you like to attend?

Select

Select

Select

Select

Biblical Theology - Old Testament

Biblical Theology - New Testament

Church History

Education

Missiology and Evangelism

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Leadership

Preaching and Worship

Systematic Theology

Select

Summer Quarter at WLS in even-numbered years

Winterim at WLS in early January

Satellite events in the districts in odd-numbered years

Online courses

Trips

Select

2026

2028

2030

2032

2034

2036

- Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly
- Forward in Christ magazine
- The Grace Notes Digital Newsletter
- Four Branches
- Shepherd Study Book Reviews
- Shepherd Study Podcasts
- Preach the Word newsletter
- Worship the Lord newsletter
- Atla Database articles - WLS Online Resource
- Books on your shelf
- Select

Informal Continuing Education Plan

We recommend that pastors schedule 3 hours of informal continuing education into their weekly schedule. Which resources do you hope to read or listen to during those hours?

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