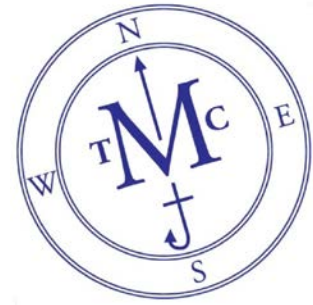


Mission Training Center

EQUIPPING APPRENTICES OF JESUS FOR ACTIVE MINISTRY IN THE FIELD



Greetings in Jesus Christ who calls us to be with Him in mission.

My name is Mark Siegert, and I am honored to be the new Director of the Mission Training Center (MTC).

Since its beginnings, MTC has been a combined effort of the Northwest District of the LCMS and Concordia University Portland. Now, the MTC is a combined effort of three West Coast Districts (Northwest, California-Nevada-Hawaii, and Pacific Southwest) and Concordia University Irvine (CUI). I'm really excited about this move because it will allow MTC to keep doing what it's doing—and a lot more.

If you look at the other letters on this page, you'll notice two important ideas. First is a deep and genuine respect for what MTC has become. Rev. Dr. Paul Mueller and his colleagues worked tirelessly to make sure that MTC provides important and invaluable training for the districts and congregations of the LCMS. We, and all our new partners, are committed to keeping all of that in place.

Second is a commitment to finding ways to provide more training—to expand the training opportunities provided by MTC—serving even more congregations and districts as we all “walk with wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time” (Col 4:5).

Sonja Baumeister continues to serve MTC as Program Coordinator—for which I am incredibly grateful. She has a great deal of insight and provides guidance to me, our students and instructors, and our other MTC stakeholders.

Until recently, I was a member of the faculty at Christ College (CUI's school Theology, Philosophy, Biblical Languages, Classical Languages, and Church Vocations). At CUI, I was also the Program Coordinator for the Cross-cultural Minister Center. I have MAs in education and in theology. Bottom line: I love teaching—especially teaching the faith. I am deeply invested in equipping and empowering people of all cultures for work in God's mission, and I am eager to put my experiences to work in the MTC.

I ask that you join me in prayer, asking God to continue to bless MTC as it serves Christ's church.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Siegert', written in a cursive style.

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What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things.

Philippians 4:9