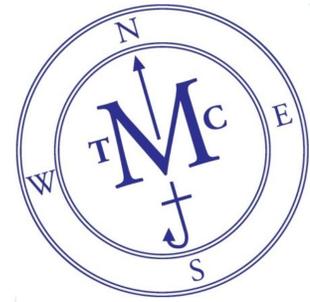


Mission Training Center

EQUIPPING APPRENTICES OF JESUS FOR ACTIVE MINISTRY IN THE FIELD



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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 Mission Training Center (MTC).

MTC began as a ministry of the Northwest District of the LCMS and, in time, added a relationship with Concordia University Portland. New partnerships have recently formed and MTC is now a combined effort of three West Coast Districts (Northwest; California, Nevada, Hawaii; & Pacific Southwest) and Concordia University Irvine.

I am sure you share with me 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 God's people in the districts and congregations of the LCMS. I and all our new partners are committed to keep all of that in place. We are also committed 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, MTC's Program Coordinator, is still serving in that role—for which I am incredibly grateful. She has a great deal of insight and provides guidance to me, the instructors, and our other MTC stakeholders.

I have served as a member of the faculty at Christ College (CUI's school of Theology, Philosophy, Biblical Languages, Classical Languages and Church Vocations) and as the Program Coordinator for the Cross-cultural Minister Center. I have an MA in education and another master's 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.

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 dark 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