

OVERVIEW

School for License as a Local Pastor is an early step into Ordained or Local Pastor ministry. This 11-day intensive school on a college campus allows for the ministry candidate to take time to consider and reflect on God's call to ministry. It also provides a deep fellowship to develop between faculty and students allowing each ample time to nurture the other.

The connectonal church comes alive as students from various conferences participate daily in study, worship, meals and conversation.

The primary goal of the school is to prepare the student for immediate pastoral leadership in a local church. The academic emphasis is toward relevance and applicability in the local church. Therefore, the school's educational direction is on practicality, and the studies are unapologetically a "crash course" on the **how-tos** of ministry within a local congregation.

LOCATION

The License School takes advantage of the academic and spiritual setting of Illinois Wesleyan University. Located in Bloomington, Illinois, the campus provides the faculty and students the opportunity to isolate themselves in serious study and contemplation.

FACULTY

The License School Faculty are ordained pastors who are currently serving throughout the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Each faculty member is gifted in an area of specialty they have devoted considerable time refining (not only through additional educational preparation, but through practical application within the day-to-day setting of a local congregation).

Each faculty member not only teaches a course, but makes themselves available for personal conversation and counsel if called upon. The faculty, like the students, stay on campus during the course of the school.

COST

When you mail in your application (available from the School for License as a Local Pastor website:

www.license2preach.net) you must include a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. The tuition, which includes room and board for the entire school, is \$600.

The tuition for those attending Licensing School from outside the Illinois Great Rivers Conference is \$900.

Application deadline is May 22, 2012

COURSES

- **Interpreting Scripture through Preaching** - an overview of the fundamentals, practice and art of preaching
- **Bible** - instruction on how to help a congregation learn, interact and comprehend the principals and teachings of the Bible
- **Worship** - general information on some basic history, function and purposes of worship; with emphasis on how to do a wedding, baptism and funeral
- **Church History and Theology** - you can't help lead people where to go unless you have a general idea where we've been as a Christian movement; this course will help you there
- **Spiritual Formation and Discipline** - a guide to some basic principles on how to spiritually care for yourself as you participate as a minister in the United Methodist Tradition.
- **Pastoral Care** - a guide to some basic principles on how to spiritually care for your congregation
- **Evangalism** - assists the believer in developing an evangelistic presence in a highly diverse and broken world through the development of a personal witness and a better understanding of the spiritual needs that surround us

FAQ:

Do I have to stay on campus during the whole time?

Simply put, YES! This is a residential school and students are required to remain on campus and attend ALL classes during the duration of the school. Please make clear to your congregations, if you are serving a church, that coverage arrangements will be made for Sunday, July 29, 2012.

Are there scholarships to help cover the cost of books and tuition?

Please contact your District Superintendent. Each District has some monies available for special circumstances to assist in the cost of the License School.

Will there be any further cost once the school begins?

Minimal. Some students have chosen to purchase items to assist them in class projects, but those expenses are very few. Even those purchases, if requested, can be reimbursable.

Who can come to the graduation meal and ceremony?

Anyone, they need only to make a reservation and pay for their meal. This is a great time of celebration and we encourage families and church families to celebrate this ministry step with the candidate.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

Early application is important. Extensive pre-work is assigned for each course that must be completed prior to the beginning of school.

You must have the signature of your District Superintendent on your application prior to being accepted to school.

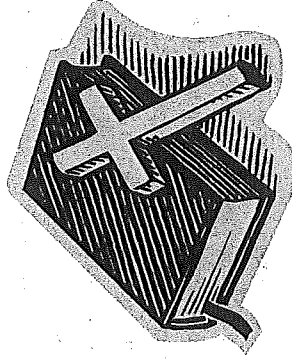
You must be a Certified Candidate prior to the time school begins in order to be able to attend Licensing School.

To download an application or learn more about the courses and faculty, visit our website at www.license2preach.net

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*I have called you by your name;
you are Mine.*

Isaiah 43:1b

July 22 - August 2, 2012
Illinois Wesleyan University
Bloomington, Illinois