



The New England Synod, ELCA School of Lay Ministry

The New England Synod ELCA offers a two-year educational program for laypersons through its School of Lay Ministry.

- Enrollment is open to **anyone over 18 years of age** interested in learning more about the history and development of Christianity, the Bible, Lutheranism, and more.
- The **two year program** enables students to broaden their own understanding of the Lutheran faith, foster a deeper understanding of other faith traditions, and improve understanding of the historical and theological aspects of the Bible.
- Each year the course will require approximately **60 hours of group work** (DVD instruction or bible study) with additional hours of reading associated with each lesson.
- Part of the curriculum is delivered during **two mandatory retreats** each year, one in the fall and one in the spring. These retreats are held at Camp Calumet in Freedom, NH on Lake Ossipee. **Retreat dates for the next two years are: September 18-20, 2020, May 14-16, 2021, September 17-19, 2021**
- Study throughout the year involves working through the material in **geographically convenient study groups** in an informal setting. The study groups are facilitated by the group members.
- **Tuition for each year is \$550.00** (the cost of the two retreats). Book fees are minimal if purchased on Amazon.
- For more detailed information please check our website – nesynodslm.com or contact the school dean, Sue Chin – suejchin@hotmail.com



It's a curriculum and a community.