

# Save-the-Date

June 6-12, 2021

Dear Seminarians of the NALC,

First, we hope that this letter finds you well during these difficult days. We are writing to invite and encourage all of you to save-the-date for a special week of theological education and pastoral formation this summer. Over the week of June 6-12 at the North American Lutheran Seminary Center in Ambridge, PA, several key events will take place.

## Christology Course

Monday through Friday, June 7-11, Dr. David Luy (Ph.D.) will be our teaching theologian for the course **Confessing Christ Today: What Does it Mean to be Christ Centered in the 21st Century?** Each day will start with morning prayer, followed by morning and afternoon class sessions. We encourage you to consider attending this course as it will be a great time for discussion and fellowship as a community of NALC candidates and pastors.

You should also know that this class, taught by Dr. Luy, will be an ATS accredited course. If you were entranced into the candidacy process after July 2020, you were made aware of the new residential requirement. This course is your first opportunity to fulfill a week of that requirement (effective only for candidates entranced after July 2020). If you are one of these newly entranced candidates, we encourage you to take the course for credit. Those of you who are further along in the process toward ordination may choose to audit the course or take it for credit. Learn more about the course on our [website](#), and if you have any questions about the June course, please contact the NALS ([nalsadmin@tsm.edu](mailto:nalsadmin@tsm.edu)). Details on registering and financial assistance for the course will be shared in the new year.

## Candidacy Retreat & Interviews

Following the course, Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, will be the annual **Candidacy Retreat**, June 11 -12. More details on the retreat will be coming soon. For now, please save these dates. Candidates that are scheduled for a June interview will be invited to meet with the candidacy committee at some point during this week in June. Specific dates and times will be set in the spring. If you have questions about the candidacy retreat or interviews, please email Maddie Benson ([mbenson@thenalc.org](mailto:mbenson@thenalc.org)).

## Financial Assistance

Travel, lodging, and meals will be covered for all seminarians who register for any of these events. Further details for all events will be announced in the new year — we're writing to you now so that you save the date for these three offerings: **Christology Course, Candidacy Retreat and Candidacy Interviews.**

This week in June will be a time for theological education, pastoral formation and community building. It is important that NALC pastors begin to build relationships with each other early in their ministry, as together you will serve in the Ministerium of the NALC. Bishop Dan Selbo and other members of the NALS staff and candidacy committee will be present with us that week as we learn and fellowship together.

May God grant you grace diligently to pursue your calling to Word and Sacrament ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,



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