You are cordially invited to attend Contemplate... This structured event will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about life in the Concordia Seminary community and the preparation that leads to service as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or deaconess in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Check-in and campus tours will take place on Thursday afternoon. Those who arrive earlier are invited to observe a class in session or visit the bookstore. The “Welcome Reception and Dinner” Thursday evening offers a unique opportunity to meet Seminary faculty in a casual setting. At this time, you will also be paired with a student ambassador who can speak with you and answer questions from a student’s perspective. After dinner, you will attend sessions designed to give an overview of the formation of ministry.

On Friday, you will attend additional sessions that will focus on the spiritual and personal aspects of the decision-making process, as well as provide you with opportunities to choose from presentations on the academic program, resident field education, vicarage or internship year, financial aid and housing. In the afternoon you will have the opportunity to sit in on Seminary classes. Further dialogue with students will take place later that evening during the “Student Panel Discussion.”

The structured event will conclude on Saturday morning with presentations on the admissions process, tours of the married and single student housing, and time to schedule individual appointments with admissions counselors and/or the life transitions office. A farewell brunch closes the formal planned activities.

Registration is free. All meals and lodging are provided at no cost during the event. Complimentary round trip transportation from the airport to Concordia Seminary is also available. If you wish to arrive earlier or stay after the event concludes, you may do so; however, a nominal fee of $40 per night will be assessed.

The structured visit is an active, information-packed three days. Previous participants have suggested that those with older children may want to consider making arrangements to have their children cared for at home. Those visitors found it difficult to fully participate in the event activities while also attempting to keep their children occupied. Unfortunately, most children do not find the activities to be very entertaining. Many parents who choose to visit without their children often return for a visit at a later date to introduce their children to Seminary life. We merely offer this parental advice from past participants to assist you in making a choice that will accommodate your individual situation.

We are delighted you have the desire to further investigate the preparation that leads to service as a pastor or deaconess. Former participants have noted that their attendance at this structured visit provided them with an abundance of information and an overwhelming feeling of support.

To register, please complete the attached registration form and mail or fax it to the admissions office, or complete and submit the registration form online at www.csl.edu no later than September 23, 2010 for the Fall Contemplate... and no later than February 24, 2011 for the Spring Contemplate... A letter to confirm your registration along with additional event information will be sent. Please contact the admissions office if you do not receive the confirmation letter or if you have any questions or concerns. We hope you are able to join us!
Contemplate...

Schedule of Activities

Thursday, October 7, 2010 and March 10, 2011

12:00 p.m. Arrival and Check-In
12:30-3:30 p.m. Class Visits
3:30 p.m. Campus Tour
5:00 p.m. Welcome Reception and Meet the Faculty
6:00 p.m. Opening Dinner with Faculty
6:55 p.m. Admissions Welcome
7:00 p.m. Seminary Welcome
7:15 p.m. Formation for Ministry
7:45 p.m. Break
8:00 p.m. Meet Student Ambassadors
8:30 p.m. Break
10:00 p.m. Evening Chapel Service

Friday, October 8, 2010 and March 11, 2011

7:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Visitation Devotion
8:15 a.m. Financial Aid Presentation
8:45 a.m. Life Transitions Presentation
9:35 a.m. Class Visits with Student Ambassadors
Women’s Scripture Study
11:10 a.m. Chapel Service
12:00 p.m. Lunch with Student Ambassadors
1:00 p.m. Field Education/Vicarage Presentation
2:00 p.m. Break
2:30 p.m. Academic Program
3:15 p.m. Faculty Focus
4:15 p.m. Break
5:15 p.m. Dinner with Student Ambassadors
6:30 p.m. Student Panel Discussions

Saturday, October 9, 2010 and March 12, 2011

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Visitation Devotion
8:15 a.m. Admissions Process Presentation
9:00 a.m. Housing Presentation and Tours
9:30 a.m. Food Bank and Re-Sell It Shop Tours
10:00 a.m. Admissions/Life Transitions Personal Appointments
11:30 a.m. Lunch and Departure

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Registration Form (Check the box that applies)

October 7–9, 2010
March 10–12, 2011

Name:__________________________________________________________
Address:_____________________________________________________________________________________
City:____________________________________ State:______________________ ZIP:___________________
Telephone: (_______)_______________________ Age:______________ Marital Status:___________________
E-mail Address:______________________________________________________________________________
I am interested in □ Pastoral Ministry □ Deaconess Ministry
My spouse is interested in □ Pastoral Ministry □ Deaconess Ministry
Guest(s) attending with you:

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Travel Plans

I will be arriving on (Date and Time):______________________________
I will be arriving by: □ private car □ air** □ bus** □ train**

** If arriving by air, bus or train please provide airline, bus, or train name and number:
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** If arriving by train or bus, which bus or train station you will be using:________________________

Lodging Plans

□ I/we would like to stay in guest housing on the Concordia Seminary campus.
(Note: This may mean that you will be housed with a Seminary family.)
□ I/we plan to make arrangements and will not need guest housing.

Additional information Concordia Seminary should know to serve you better (allergies, disabilities, etc.):
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Please return this form to: Concordia Seminary, Office of Admissions and Ministerial Recruitment
801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105
800-822-9545 Fax: 314-505-7229 www.csle.edu

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and by February 24, 2011, for Spring Contemplate...
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