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LUTHERAN MINISTERS GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Waterloo Lutheran University campus will be host May 15th to 22nd to ministers who are going back to school. Waterloo Lutheran Seminary is sponsoring the first of fifteen Pastors' Institutes to be conducted by the Board of Theological Education of the Lutheran Church in America.

" The move is no reflection on the intellectual ability of the church's clergy," a denominational spokesman said. "It will provide pastors with an opportunity to spend a week or more of concentrated study, reading, and reflection in the fellowship of other pastors, and a chance to strengthen and refresh their theological insights."

"The day when it was enough for a minister to have three years of theological training in order to minister to a congregation for 40 years without a continued systematic education has been shattered by our explosive times," a church spokesman said. "There is nothing more vital to the health of the church than the continued personal, intellectual and emotional growth of clergymen."

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The program at Waterloo Lutheran University will be directed by the Rev. Delton J. Glebe, professor of pastoral psychology at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Faculty members for the institute will be Professor Norman Wagner of the WLU faculty who will lecture on "The Pastor and the Psalter"; Professor Carl Braaten of the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, on the doctrinal field; Dr. Vernon L. Strempke, Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska, discussion leader; Pastor Edward Rieger, St. Agatha Church, Baden-Phillipsburg, Chaplain; and the Rev. Erich Schultz, WLU librarian.

Some 545 Lutheran pastors will take part in the initial year's program in Canada and the United States.

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