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PASTOR COMING TO WLU

FOR PILOT PROJECT ON EFFECTIVENESS

Thirty Lutheran pastors from across the province will take part in a pilot project probing personal relationships at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary May 24 to 31.

Termed a study of "the pastor in community," the institute is sponsored by the board of theological education of the Lutheran Church in America, and will be directed by a staff from the department.

Rev. Delton Glebe, associate professor in practical theology at Waterloo Seminary, who will serve as dean, said:

"The goal of the institute is to provide each participant with the opportunity to examine those factors in inter-personal relationships which make for truly effective ministry.

"It is being designed to provide insights useful in the day-to-day work of the pastor. The sessions will consist of presentations by the staff, discussions, worship, and recreation."

He added that only full-time participants will be taking part, due to the intensive nature of the program.

Participants will be encouraged to take a close and penetrating look at the role of the pastor and the effectiveness of the parish and pastoral ministry.

Ways in which pastors can reach the youth of the church, and really communicate with them, will be studied.

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Prof. Glebe said many of the old patterns are breaking down and the church must find a relevant response to new questions and attitudes.

If the institute is a success, it likely will be integrated into the pastors' institutes conducted annually throughout the 32 synods of the Lutheran Church in America.

Among the institute leaders will be Ira Sassaman and Rev. Fred Shilling, both of the board of theological education of the Central Pennsylvania Synod.