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Concordia-Chicago to offer intensive Introduction to Deaf Ministry class

River Forest, IL (April 14, 2016) – In keeping with its commitment to servant-minded leadership, Concordia University Chicago will offer a new course, ASL-2000: Introduction to Deaf Ministry, as a summer intensive from May 17-22. The course will provide American Sign Language (ASL) training for church interpreters, professional church workers and people interested in learning more about Deaf Ministry.

Together with the Mill Neck Family of Organizations and Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, the University is offering this six-day intensive course with 45 contact hours. Main topics of discussion will include history of Deaf Ministry models, basic religious vocabulary, and interpreting liturgies, gospel lessons and church music. The course will be held at Concordia University Chicago, 7400 Augusta St., River Forest, IL.

It is estimated that approximately 95 percent of deaf people do not attend any church. This course will prepare Christians in a variety of vocations to communicate with the Deaf, both informally and in worship settings. Concordia-Chicago already offers ASL-1100 and ASL-1200 (ASL I & II) every academic year, and with increased interest, hopes to expand those offerings.

ASL-2000 may be taken for three semester hours of credit, or as a non-credit workshop. A number of pricing structures are available. More information is available at CUChicago.edu/deafministry along with the registration form, due May 6. For questions, contact Deaconess Kristin Wassilak at Kristin.Wassilak@CUChicago.edu or 708-209-3136.

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