



February 12, 2019

To: **ISM Directors and Volunteers**

From: Sharon Riordan, In-Depth Bible Seminar facilitator

RE: **In-Depth Bible Seminar for International Students, May 15 – 22, 2019**

The annual week-long leadership training conference for international students will take place Wednesday, May 15, to Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at the Pallottine Renewal Center in St. Louis, Mo. Please identify **Christian** and **“Serious Seeker”** international students connected with your campus ministry who are leaders or potential leaders for Christian training and outreach and invite them to participate in this seminar. **If you have sent others in previous years, you realize what an important event this seminar is for those who have attended.**

We continue to welcome “serious seekers” (those involved in Bible study for at least six months). The ISM, Inc. board of directors believes that Christians and “serious seekers” are a good mix. Christians will readily share the Good News with fellow students, and seekers are often very open to the witness of their peers. Our goal is to have 16-20 students at this conference. The week-long event is designed to provide leadership skills for international students in order that they might:

1. Better understand the basic beliefs and teachings of the Christian faith.
2. Gain skill and confidence in sharing their faith with non-Christians.
3. Mature in their faith.
4. Grow as a leader of a small group.

Along with this letter, you will find the 2019 registration form and schedule. This information is also available on our website at [www.isminc.org/conferences](http://www.isminc.org/conferences). **You or a staff member responsible for international ministry must sign the registration form.**

**PLEASE SHARE THE ACCOMPANYING SHEETS WITH PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS!**

In His service,

*Sharon*

Sharon Riordan

Questions? Call Sharon at 314-452-6406 or email her at [ismstlouis@gmail.com](mailto:ismstlouis@gmail.com)

## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

Texts for the seminar will be provided for each participant.

1. *The Small Catechism* by Dr. Martin Luther (an overview of Christian teaching)
2. *The Bible's Big Story* by Dr. Harry Wendt (Crossways International) covering material from Genesis to Revelation

Additional areas for study will be leading a small-group Bible study, prayer, and giving a testimony. There will be a few assignments given to students during the week, and there will be many opportunities for one-to-one conversation with the instructors about specific questions.

### **Conference Facility:**

Pallottine Renewal Center is located on 83 acres (some wooded) in north St. Louis County, about 15 minutes from the St. Louis Airport. Accommodations include air-conditioned rooms (1 or 2 people per room) with full bathroom, a group meeting room, and dining area all under one roof. The center has walking trails, an indoor swimming pool, and an indoor gymnasium perfect for volleyball, basketball and other recreational activities. For more information about Pallottine Renewal Center, visit [PallottineRenewal.org](http://PallottineRenewal.org), or call 314-837-7100. **Please note:** We are unable to accommodate children for this conference.

### **Cost:**

1. Registration is \$150 per person and includes travel, lodging and meals. Your campus ministry may be able to help you cover this cost.
2. Transportation: The airfare for each participant will be reimbursed at the seminar upon receipt of a flight invoice listing the exact dollar amount. Tickets must be purchased no later than three weeks prior to the first day of the conference and at a cost less than car travel. Since we are a non-profit organization, we ask that you seek the least expensive way to come to In Depth. Please check with your ISM director for help in making travel arrangements.

### **In-Depth Seminar Staff:**

Rev. Paul Hoemann is campus pastor at University Lutheran Chapel, College Station, Texas, serving students at Texas A&M University. Paul will teach the Overview of Christian Doctrine.

Rev. Lee Meyer, a retired campus pastor, most recently served at Alleluia Lutheran Church in Tempe, Arizona, serving students at Arizona State University. Lee will teach Salvation History, an overview of the Bible.

Our small-groups facilitator is TBA. We will have one.

Sharon Riordan is the director of ISM St. Louis and serves as the facilitator for the seminar. She comes with a great love of the Lord and excitement for international student ministry.

**The In-Depth Bible Seminar is limited to 20 students. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration deadline is April 15, 2019.**

## **INFORMATION AFTER ACCEPTANCE TO THE SEMINAR**

*After we have received your registration and payment, you will be sent confirmation, either by e-mail or letter, that you have been accepted.*

### **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:**

When confirmation of acceptance is received, please make necessary travel arrangements, no later than three weeks before the seminar begins (April 24, 2019). Travel expenses will be reimbursed at the conference. Please have the proper documentation and receipts to submit for reimbursement.

The ISM, Inc. board will pay up to \$400 per participant for transportation costs. Should transportation costs exceed \$400, the board will consider assisting with funding. Please seek the most reasonable means of transportation possible. Keep in mind that our financial resources come from individual donors and congregations, so good stewardship is much appreciated!

### **PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN 5 P.M.**

#### **FLYING:**

1. If you are flying, schedule your flight so that you arrive at St. Louis Lambert Field on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, between 1 and 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Please send a copy of your itinerary to Sharon Riordan (ismstlouis@gmail.com) so she can make arrangements with the hotel.
2. Upon arrival at the airport, go to the baggage area to pick up luggage. Then proceed to the shuttle, outside the main doors, and board the "Airport Hilton" shuttle. Shuttles arrive every 15 minutes.
3. Upon arrival at the Hilton Hotel, check in and relax. A swimming pool is available. At 6:00 p.m., we will meet in the hotel lobby to leave for an area restaurant and then return to the hotel for a brief evening session.
4. If you are flying, you will be taken to the airport on Wednesday, May 22, so that you can catch your return flight. Please arrange your return flight to leave anytime after 9:00 a.m. on that Wednesday, if possible.

#### **DRIVING:**

1. If the driving mileage is less expensive than the cost of an airline ticket, you will be reimbursed for the mileage (30 cents per mile). If the cost of an airline ticket is less than the mileage amount you submit, you will only be paid for the amount of what the airline ticket would have been. Please use the most economical method of travel.
2. At the conference, you will receive a reimbursement form on which you will record the number of miles driven. You must attach a MapQuest (or similar form) itinerary with the number of miles already calculated. It is assumed that the round trip is double the one way mileage.

**Be sure to bring:** Casual clothing, including a jacket/sweatshirt; comfortable walking shoes; swim suit; toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair dryer, etc.); a small flashlight; camera/phone; and a Bible. Sheets, blankets, pillows, washcloths and towels are provided. WIFI is available at Pallottine Renewal Center.

PARTICIPANT: In-Depth Bible Seminar

# REGISTRATION

## In-Depth Bible Seminar for International Students

May 15 – 22, 2019



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY or FILL IN THE FIELDS in the PDF FORM

Name:	
Address: _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone with area code: _____	Best time to reach you: _____
Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Age: _____	Country of Origin: _____
Dietary Restrictions:	
How do you plan to travel? Car <input type="checkbox"/> Train <input type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Plane <input type="checkbox"/> From which city? _____	
Name of campus ministry: _____	How long have you been associated with this ministry? _____
Are you Christian? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, when were you baptized? _____	
How long have you been studying the Christian faith? _____	
Name of University: _____	Major: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Scholar <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	
Why do you want to come to this Bible Seminar, and what do you hope to learn? (If necessary, use another sheet.)	
<b>FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY STAFF PERSON</b>	
I recommend that the above named person be accepted for the In-Depth Bible Seminar for the following reasons:	
Signature of campus staff person: _____	
<b>REGISTRATION FEE: \$150</b> (TO BE INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION) All other costs –travel, meals and lodging-are provided by ISM, Inc. through gifts received from supporting individuals and congregations.	
Make check or money order payable to ISM, Inc. Send registration form and check or money order by <u>April 15, 2019</u> to: ISM, Inc., P.O. Box 22, Stevens Point, WI 54481	

# SCHEDULE

## In-Depth Bible Seminar for International Students

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Pallottine Renewal Center in St. Louis, Missouri



Wed. May 15	Thurs, May 16	Fri. May 17	Sat. May 18	Sun. May 19	Mon. May 20	Tues. May 21	Wed. May 22
	Breakfast at hotel  <b>Leave for LCMS headquarters at 7:30 A.M.</b>  Salvation History  10 A.M. - Chapel  Christian Teaching	7:40 Matins  8:00 Breakfast  8:45 Prayer & Praise  Christian Teaching  Salvation History	7:40 Matins  8:00 Breakfast  8:45 Prayer & Praise  "Telling My Story"  Preparation time for writing your testimony	7:40 Matins  8:00 Breakfast  8:45 Prayer & Praise  Salvation History  Christian Teaching	7:40 Matins  8:00 Breakfast  8:45 Prayer & Praise  Christian Teaching  Salvation History	7:40 Matins  8:00 Breakfast  8:45 Prayer & Praise  Christian Teaching  Salvation History	7:40 Matins  8:00 Breakfast & Packing  9:00 Depart for airport
1 – 4:30 P.M. airport arrival  Take shuttle to: <b>Hilton Airport Hotel St. Louis</b>  <b>PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE 5 P.M.</b>	Lunch at IC – 12:30  Salvation History  Leave for retreat center 3:30 p.m.  Free Time	Lunch – Noon  Christian Teaching  Salvation History  Free Time	Depart – 11:00 (with a box lunch)  Afternoon is for a visit to Concordia Seminary and a trip to the Gateway Arch on the Mississippi River.	Lunch – 12:00  Salvation History  Christian Teaching  Free Time	Lunch – 12:00  Christian Teaching  Salvation History  Free Time	Lunch – 12:00  Christian Teaching  <u>WRAP UP</u> Q & A Time  Free Time	
<b>Meet in the hotel lobby at 6 P.M. to go to dinner.</b>  Get-Acquainted Activity  Closing Prayer	Dinner – 5:30  Small Group Orientation  Prayer, Praise and Care Time	Dinner – 5:30  Christian Teaching  Prayer, Praise and Care Time	5:00 – Worship at historic Trinity Lutheran Church  7:00 – Dinner  Prayer, Praise and Care Time	Dinner – 5:30  Salvation History  Prayer, Praise and Care Time	Dinner – 5:30  Sharing My Story  Prayer, Praise and Care Time	Dinner – 5:30  Campfire Vespers & Commissioning  Evaluation  Prayer, Praise and Care Time	<b>Staff:</b>  Sharon Riordan Paul Hoemann Lee Meyer

