

How Is this Possible?

... How can I add these studies on to an already full job in ministry?

... How can I afford the cost of these studies?



... I haven't been in school for a long time? Can I manage the studies?

These questions are asked by all of the students entering the program...

It's important to realize that this degree is intended to be a cooperative effort between you and your congregation—for the benefit of both. So the planning for the time release and the cost is done together. There are some scholarships and bursaries that can help (the college you register with can give you more information).

Some of the assignments in the courses, along with the research involved in your community development project, are done with your people. So it's *part of* your ministry, not simply an addition to it. And as far as coping with the studies goes, the cohorts are a mix of new and older ministers who all seem to find that their brains (like muscles) ache a bit at first but soon strengthen.

For Registration Information Contact one of these Saskatoon Theological Union (STU) Colleges:

The College of Emmanuel & St. Chad

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St Andrews College

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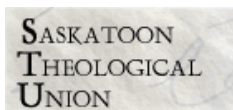
Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon

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Build Your Rural Ministry Skills

Are You ...

- ◆ A new seminary graduate wondering how you're going to manage in rural Canada?
- ◆ A long-time rural pastor looking to recharge batteries and invigorate your people?
- ◆ A minister trying to care for a rural community in crisis?



Then Consider ...

The STM in Rural Ministry and Community Development

The Saskatoon Theological Union, with the guidance and support of CiRCLe M, is offering this accredited graduate degree in a cohort-based, distance-education format. This 3-year Master of Sacred Theology degree (STM) aims to help rural ministers lead their congregations in more effective engagement with their communities. All you need to apply is a basic theological degree.

Study Among and With Your People

The emphasis in this degree is on working in, with and for your context. So students' employers (congregations, judicatories or agencies) must agree in writing to release and support their church worker for the periods of time during each year needed for the study. And of course the study will directly benefit, not just the ministers but the ministry sites.

Study With Other Rural Ministers

Students register in "cohorts" of 6-12 students with a new cohort beginning in August every other year. Each cohort of students meets together for three, one-week periods each year to do an intensive course. In the third year students who elect to do a thesis will work on that while the rest will take two more courses. The cohort will graduate together at the end of the three years.

It's Interdisciplinary

The program draws on tools and teachers from theology, rural sociology, rural health care, community development, economics and other disciplines. It seeks to connect the best in our faith traditions with the best research for understanding and building rural communities.



Rural Churches

In-Context Training



Research and Community Building

