

THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE is excited to announce a partnership with **NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** to offer affordable and accessible seminary education.

Through this distance cohort model, students can earn a Master of Arts in Christian Formation in 4 years without having to relocate or incur significant expense.

This innovative approach was piloted in the Pacific Southwest Conference and is now being offered in the Midwest Conference under the banner of Equip. Based on **EPHESIANS 4:12**, our vision is to equip missional leaders who can lead healthy missional churches.

... to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ...

Ephesians 4:12

INTERESTED?

To learn more, contact the Midwest Covenant Conference at office@midwestcovenant.org or 402.334.3020



the Midwest conference

Churches working together to transform lives and communities by starting new churches, strengthening existing churches, and developing missional leaders.



EQUIP FORTWELVE

ACCESSIBLE

Equip is offered over **4 YEARS** through **4 INTENSIVE CLASSES PER YEAR**

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4 CLASSES
PER YEAR

12 HOURS
PER YEAR

48-HOUR
**MASTER'S
DEGREE**

Each year, one intensive will be completely online, one will be conducted during the week of Midwinter, and two will be offered in Conference at week-long intensives hosted at Carol Joy Holling Retreat Center in Ashland, Nebraska.

Additional cohort experiences and student coursework will be required outside of the week-long intensives.

AFFORDABLE

North Park is discounting tuition by **50%** (a savings of over \$13,000 per four-year student).

The Midwest Conference is subsidizing nearly **\$5,000** per four-year student and covering administrative overhead.

The student and the church are encouraged to split the remaining cost of tuition and fees. Additional costs for travel, lodging and meals are covered by the student and/or can also be shared with the church.

Based on the above assumptions, the fixed price for a four-year Master of Arts in Christian Formation will be \$16,000 (all tuition, fees and meals/lodging for in Conference intensives). Our hope is that the student and their sponsor church will split this investment, so the expense to the student is only \$2,000 per year, or \$8,000 for their four-year degree! Students will also be responsible for books, travel to all intensives, and Midwinter travel, lodging, meals and a discounted registration.

An added benefit for degree seekers who complete the four-year program is that Equip will include all Covenant Orientation classes and costs (a savings of approx. \$5,000).

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The accessibility and affordability of Equip opens up seminary education to many who previously thought it unattainable.

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This experience has personally blessed me, because I never thought it was possible to be in full-time ministry, and be a wife, mother, and student all at the same time. The cultural, socioeconomic, and generational diversity of our cohort of practitioner-students contributes to the richness of the experience. Most importantly, I have been able to get to know myself better as I grow to know God better.

Karen Figueroa,
Pacific Southwest Conference
Seminary Cohort Student