



Diocese of North America and Europe
Mar Thoma Church Lay Institute

L.E.A.D.

Layperson Education And Development Program

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38

Engage in a great opportunity to learn and grow as a leader within the Mar Thoma Church. This program will equip you with the knowledge and tools to be a great leader and disciple of Christ. Come learn more about the church and your faith beliefs to become a more effective leader!

WHO:

**Adults and Youth who have a desire to learn
and be leaders within the Mar Thoma Church.**

WHEN:

Classes start in November and meets one Saturday a month for 6 months

COURSES:

**Church History/Mar Thoma History, Doctrines/Sacraments, Liturgy,
Worship, Introduction to the Bible: Old Testament and New Testament**

REGISTRATION FEE:

Only \$50 for Phase I of the L.E.A.D. Program

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

NOVEMBER 1, 2008 (First day of the L.E.A.D. Program)

No late registration accepted for the program.

**FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORMS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
VICAR OR EMAIL MTC.LEADprogram@gmail.com.**

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L.E.A.D. Program Mission Statement

The mission of the L.E.A.D program is to provide ongoing education, training, and development of the laypersons within the church who desire to learn more about the Mar Thoma Church and Biblical teachings to serve as leaders within the church. The program will provide discipleship training to enable leaders to implement what they have learned within their own parishes.

L.E.A.D. Program Courses

Church History/Mar Thoma Church History
Mar Thoma Church Doctrines/Sacraments with a focus on Holy Qurbana
Liturgy
Worship
Introduction to the Bible: Old Testament
Introduction to the Bible: New Testament

Desired Outcomes of the L.E.A.D. Program

In completing the L.E.A.D. program, laypersons will:

- develop in their personal study of the Word and personal prayer life (spiritual formation).
- expand their Biblical and Ecclesiological knowledge and understanding in order to effectively provide leadership skills within their own churches.
- grow in their respect for and knowledge of the history and doctrinal beliefs of the Mar Thoma Church.
- develop leadership skills to help assist in the edification of the Mar Thoma Church.

Program Details and Rules

1. The L.E.A.D Program is an educational program that offers courses in two phases. Phase 1 of the L.E.A.D. program will start November 2008 and last through April 2009. Phase 2 will start Fall of 2009 where more advanced classes will be offered.
2. The participants of the program will meet once a month for six months (Saturdays from 9am-4pm).
3. Registration Deadline: Saturday, November 1, 2008. To ensure the continuity of the learning experience, no late registration will be accepted after the registration deadline.
4. Registration Fee is \$50 which includes course syllabus, handouts, learning materials, etc. for Phase I of the L.E.A.D. Program.
5. Please write checks to “Diocese of North America and Europe” and Memo: Lay Institute Program.
6. Attendance is mandatory and only one missed course will be excused. If more than one class is missed, the participants will not receive a Certificate of Completion. Without the completion of the Phase I, participants will not be allowed to register for Phase 2 of the L.E.A.D. Program.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Last Name, First Name) _____

Address _____

Gender (Please Circle): Male or Female

Age (Please circle) *Optional*:

18 and below 19-25 26-35
35-45 45 and above

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Church Name _____

Vicar Name _____

Vicar Signature _____

Region _____

I agree to commit to the L.E.A.D. Program to enhance my learning experience and leadership skills to edify the Mar Thoma Church, specifically my parish. I understand the attendance policy and agree to comply by the L.E.A.D. Program Rules. I will come to the courses with a prayerful heart and mind and be ready to learn so I can grow as a leader within my church.

Signature of L.E.A.D. Program Student

Please notify your Vicar or your Regional Convener of your interest in the L.E.A.D Program. You will turn in your registration form and registration fee on the first day of class (November 1, 2008) at the registration booth. If you have any questions in regards to the program please email **MTC.LEADprogram@gmail.com** or contact your local regional convener.

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