

**MEXICO CITY SEMESTER PROGRAM  
AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PUBLICITY**

*Read carefully before signing*

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ have applied and intend to participate in the **Mexico City Semester Program** for fall 2009, offered by Luther Seminary.
2. I have voluntarily enrolled in the following courses, totaling 4.0 credits (equivalent to 12.0 semester hours), which will be held at the ELCA Lutheran Center in Mexico City, Mexico:

**ST4440** – Lutheranism and Liberation Theology  
Full Credit (1.0) Elective in Systematic Theology

**ST3435** – Christian Ethics and Global Economics  
Half Credit (.5) Core Elective in Systematic Theology (*fulfills Ethics II requirement*)

**PC3524** – Pastoral Ministry within a Latino Context  
Full Credit (1.0) Core Elective in Pastoral Care

**NT 4265** – Reading the Bible from the Perspective of the Poor  
Full credit (1.0) Elective in New Testament

**CC1647** – The Prophetic Role of the Church  
Half Credit (.5) Core Elective in Cross-Cultural Education

**LG4520** – Spanish Language for Ministry  
Non-credit Program Requirement

3. At the time of application, I agree to pay a **deposit of \$500** to Luther Seminary, which will apply toward the total cost of tuition, room and board. I understand that \$250 of this deposit is **non-refundable** unless the semester program is cancelled. I recognize that I will be billed by the Luther Seminary Business Office for the remainder of my fees. In the instance that I receive federal financial aid, I understand that failure to complete the above listed courses may result in the need to pay back federally borrowed money.
4. I acknowledge that this semester program involves travel away from the campus of my home seminary. I understand and am aware that, during the program in which I will participate, certain risks and dangers may arise, including but not limited to the hazards of traveling in unsafe areas or under unsafe conditions; the hazards of traveling in politically unstable areas; the dangers of civil disturbances and war; the forces of nature; the negligent or reckless acts or omissions of strict liability of the seminary, its agents, employees, officers, directors, associates, affiliated companies, or subcontractors; travel by boat, automobile, train, ship, aircraft, bus, or other means of conveyance; and accident or illness in places without access to medical facilities, transportation, or means of rapid evacuation and assistance.
5. I am aware that participation in the program and/or the use of transportation, housing and dining services, and other goods and services in connection with participation in the program carries a risk of serious personal injury, serious illness, death, and property damage or loss. I expressly and voluntarily assume all risk of injury, illness, death, and property damage or loss that may result from participation in the program and use of the goods and services described above.
6. Luther Seminary agrees to carry out the program as specified in the program announcement, with deviations that become necessary due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Luther Seminary. As consideration for being permitted to participate in the program, I hereby **RELEASE AND DISCHARGE** Luther Seminary and its officers, directors, faculty, staff, agents, employees, and legal representatives (“the Released Parties”) from liability for injury, illness, death, and

property damage or loss arising out of the arrangement for or provision of transportation, housing, dining, or other goods and services, or arising out of any other activity incident to my participation in the program, including any losses **CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY** of the Released Parties.

7. I also **AGREE NOT TO SUE OR MAKE A CLAIM AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES** for injury, illness, death, and property damage or loss sustained as a result of participation in the program and use of the goods and services described above. I will indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from all claims, judgments, and costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any action. I also agree to reimburse Luther Seminary for any sums Luther Seminary may advance for purchase of goods or services on my behalf in connection with my participation in the program.
8. I further agree to abide by all applicable rules and regulations of Luther Seminary and its staff, faculty, representatives, or designees; all instructions of Luther Seminary or its staff, representatives, or designees while participating the program; and the laws of the governmental jurisdictions at the place or places where the program is offered. I understand that noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program and forfeiture of program fees. I agree that if I violate any applicable rule, regulation, instruction, or law at any time during the program, I may be sent home immediately at my own expense. I agree to reimburse Luther Seminary for any and all costs associated with sending me home. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from all claims or losses resulting from my failure to abide by such rules, instructions, and laws. I further agree that Luther Seminary and its faculty, staff, representatives, or designees may send me home at any time during the program if they determine that my continued participation in the program will adversely affect my health, safety, or welfare, or the health, safety welfare, or enjoyment of other program participants.
9. I authorize Luther Seminary to arrange for my transportation and immediate medical care in the event of an emergency. I also agree to reimburse the selected transporter and medical facility for any and all associated costs incurred resulting from said emergency.
10. I hereby grant full permission to Luther Seminary to use any photograph, videotape, motion picture, recording and any other record of this event including my likeness and name for any purpose.
11. I understand that Luther Seminary may notify my spouse, family members, parents, guardians, study abroad advisor, and/or other person indicated on registration forms in the event that I become seriously ill or am involved in an emergency situation during the program time.
12. I understand that this Agreement and Release supersedes any representations, written or oral, otherwise made to me by the Released Parties.
13. Should any of the provisions of this Agreement and Release, or portions thereof, be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement and Release shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. This agreement and Release shall be construed under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. IT IS MY INTENTION THAT THIS RELEASE OPERATES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, AND I ASK ANY COURT INTERPRETING THIS RELEASE TO INTERPRET IT BROADLY. I SIGN THIS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this document, along with application form and \$500 deposit to:

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