

## **West Missouri School for Ministry**

The West Missouri School for Ministry (WMSM) has completed its 20<sup>th</sup> year as the principal educational tool for the formation of vocational deacons. Currently, the School has three individuals at various stages of their preparation for ordination to the diaconate, which includes formal studies in the School, parish internships, and Clinical Pastoral Education programs.

The current membership of the Advisory Board of the School is as follows:

**Dr. Robert Schwartz, Dean of Instruction; Deacon Chari Mynatt, Dean of Administration**

**Class of 2009:** Ms. Tessa Melancon, the Reverends John Richardson and Ron Keel

**Class of 2010:** Dr. Bill Stancil, Chair, the Reverends Dayna Jewson and Mimi Savidge

**Class of 2011:** Mr. John Franko, treasurer, the Reverends Laurie McKim and Ross Stuckey

The Advisory Board that oversees the work of the WMSM meets three times a year. In addition to the normal and routine matters that concern the Board, during 2009, the Board, in consultation with the Bishop, began planning for more efficient and cost-effective ways to deliver its educational training without compromising the quality of instruction for students. Important changes will be implemented in the coming year, including the streamlining of its four-year program to a three-year program.

Faculty for 2009 are:

The Rev. Virginia Dabney Brown, M.Div., (Spiritual Formation, Rivendell Community)

The Reverend Ross Stuckey, M.Div., (Liturgics and the Prayer Book)

Victor H. Matthews, Ph.D., (Hebrew Scriptures I and II, Missouri State University)

The Reverend Al Jewson, M.Div., (Homiletics, Christ Church, Warrensburg)

The Reverend Chari Mynatt, M.S., (The Diaconate in the Church and in the World)

Lola Winn O'Renck, Ph.D. (Pastoral Care)

William F. McNerny, Ph.D. (Synoptic Gospels, Ethics [Moral Theology], Rockhurst University)

Daniel F. Stramara, Jr., Ph.D., (Acts-Pauline Epistles, Johannine Literature/General Epistles,  
Rockhurst University)

Wilburn T. Stancil, Ph.D., (Christian Theology, Contemporary Theology, Rockhurst University)

The Reverend Marshall Scott, M.Div., (Field Supervisor for WMSM, Saint Luke's Hospital, South)

As a reminder to the Diocese, all classes offered by the School for Ministry are open to auditors. For more information contact Deacon Chari Mynatt at [mynatts@comcast.net](mailto:mynatts@comcast.net).

Respectively submitted,

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Chair, Advisory Board

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