

“I love being in Berkeley in January because the weather is exactly what the weather in Grand Marais is like in June. It's like skipping ahead five months and living the joy of summer for one beautiful week!” **Tom Murray**



TEEM has been and continues to be a wonderful experience for me. The people that I meet and study with will become lifetime friends. We also learn much from each other. **Zelda M Stevenson**

I love to see all the students and teachers together when we meet for classes. It reminds me of the way our Lord Jesus Christ ministered when he was with his disciples. I love to come together with people of God and listen to the word of God. When Jesus was working on earth he was always with God's people. He was healing the sick and telling the good news to the people. I love our gathering every time we meet at school and I am very happy to learn different words every year. I also love to see my fellow TEEM students, professors, and staff. **Wal Reat**



“I have found TEEM from the very beginning to be affirming and encouraging, helping me to clarify my sense of call, through the interaction with fellow students and professors, with Dr. Moses and Dr. Jane, at mealtimes and break times, in quiet times and in animated exchanges, in worship and prayer – God is in our midst.” **Bill Miller**

I appreciate you and TEEM immensely. I speak of my program often and with pride and thanks. **Val Beesley**



We drive up and down the hill, twice a day, with a car full of students from all over the world and from widely varied backgrounds. The conversation and ideas presented during those trips are incredible. **Don Kloster**

When I am finished with the program, you could send me off to promote TEEM to all of the synods and Churchwide. It is an excellent method for raising up leadership within the ELCA. Each session, I am amazed to have found a new favorite professor. The continuous combination of classroom, mentor assistance and "on the job training", is a recipe for solid leadership. Thank you to you and Dr. Penumaka for all you do for TEEM and making this program available.

The January class shared a common thread with the rest of the sessions I have attended: The instructor was excellent, well organized and totally engaging. He was at the hotel morning and night; eager to visit about the subject matter. His dedication to the TEEM concept is evident in his accessibility, preparation and follow-through. There are many great things about TEEM, but I believe the instructors are in a class by themselves. **Don Kloster**

In TEEM I found a gathering of *kindred spirits*, folks who like myself were already serving a congregation without the benefit of being a full-fledged (ordained) pastor. I recall what Ginger Rogers reportedly said when asked about how it felt to dance with the great Fred Astaire. She replied, 'I did everything he did except backwards and in high heels.'

Aside from the educational piece, TEEM gave me a chance of camaraderie with preachers who were experiencing similar pastoral challenges. It was refreshing to share my passion for Christ and his church, along with my angst. It was the marketplace of foundational ministry. **Rev. Helen King-Hollingsworth**