



Lay Ministry Training Program

Course Catalog

Year 3—Level 3

- ◆ **Level 3 of the Lay Ministry Training Program** is designed for the individual who really wants to have the clergy resources necessary for pastoral leadership.
- ◆ **Course Requirements:** Successful completion of the NACCC Level 1 & 2 Lay Ministry Training Program.
- ◆ **Course Fees:** See individual course descriptions on page 2-3.
- ◆ **Completion:** Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.
- ◆ **Questions:** Please contact Polly Bodjanac at (920) 655-3597 or pollybodjanac@gmail.com or Laura Wright at (414) 856-1614 or lwright@nacc.org

Any views or interpretations expressed by instructors who are preparing and teaching a course are not to be construed as being endorsed by or representing the views of the NACCC.

Course Descriptions

Course #1: Contextual Biblical Applications

Dates: September & October

Course Description: In today's world many question the relevance of Scripture for their lives; this is as true within the church as without. This course will help learners address congregants' concerns (e.g., finances, sickness, conflict, death) and societal issues (e.g., racial justice, culture, sexual identity, and immigration) through the application of Scripture. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in these topics in class through lectures, discussion, and student presentations.

Course Instructors: Rev. Joy Matos, and Rev. Dr. Michael F. Fales

Course Fee: \$200

Course #2: Advanced Preaching and Teaching

Dates: November

Course Description: This course provides an overview of to the process of the paradoxical enterprise of preaching, explores methodologies of sermonic development and examines the issues concerning the vocational formation of practitioners. Participants will learn to listen to/read sermons discerningly and will prepare and preach messages of their own, receiving constructive feedback from their classmates and instructor. This praxis centered exercise will utilize a myriad of learning approaches to develop and enhance preaching abilities, including lectures, discussions, videos and recordings, and creative brainstorming/mind-mapping.

The practicality of this approach is augmented by a theological understanding which takes into account the various elements that the preacher should be aware of in the proclamation of the Gospel, including responsible handling of the biblical text; the concerns and vitality of the local Church; the potential impact of cultural values and presuppositions within varied audiences; and the preacher's own personality, style and world view.

Course Instructor: Rev. Peter Hart, First Congregational Church, Detroit, MI

Course Fee: \$100

Course #3: Advanced Pastoral Care and Pastoral Ethics

Dates: December

Course Description: This course builds upon the curriculum from the Essentials of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Ethics course, and it assumes students are versed in the fundamental skills needed for providing effective pastoral care, and in an ethical way. This course, then, will engage students to apply their learnings through contextual application. Students will have opportunities to reflect critically upon pastoral care visits and will consider their competencies, formational needs, and theological orientation through this process. Students will share their reflections in the group setting to facilitate feedback, shared learning, and peer-to-peer support.

Course Instructor: Tesha Kathryn Urban, Associate Minister, First Congregational Church, Wauwatosa, WI

Course Fee: \$100

Course Descriptions

Course #4: Leadership Effectiveness and Spiritual Gifts

Dates: January

Course Description: This course will explore the relationship of spiritual gifts to the church organized around the headship of Christ and the ministry of all believers. Participants will seek to define the nature of spiritual gifts, their own giftedness, and how they might lead a congregation to develop and apply members' individual and collective gifts to ministry, including the use of available materials to identify and explain spiritual gifts.

Course Instructor: Bill Rockwell, Simple Country Forester, Richmond, IN

Course Fee: \$100

Course #5: Bi Vocational Ministry

Dates: February

Course Description: Description coming soon

Course Instructor: Instructor information coming soon

Course Fee: \$100

Course #6: World Religions

Dates: March

Course Description: This class provides an overview to the broad sweep of the religious traditions of the world. Our focus will be on the four major non-Christian world religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam – with some considerations of other aspects of the study of religions. Each student should become better equipped to be part of the modern world by understanding and treating with respect adherents of other faith traditions.

Course Instructor: Rev. W. Michael Chittum, PhD

Course Fee: \$100

Any views or interpretations expressed by instructors who are preparing and teaching a course are not to be construed as being endorsed by or representing the views of the NACCC.