

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

A program of:



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Thank you for your interest in the Certificate in Pastoral Ministries (CPM) program. For over 110 years Missouri School of Religion - Center for Rural Ministry (MSR-CRM) has provided education opportunities for clergy and laity. Rooted in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), MSR-CRM is fully ecumenical in its board composition, program ministry and its mission. The CPM program is designed to be completed in a minimum of three years and utilized an intensive weekend education format which is intentionally keyed to the schedule of lay persons and bi-vocational pastors. The courses are set up on a three year rotating schedule. Persons do not need to be enrolled in the CPM program attend courses that interest them. In 2007, MSR-CRM offered the first CPM Course online, and continue to offer 4-5 courses a year.

The courses are also available for Continuing Education Units through Missouri School of Religion. The three session courses and extended session courses are available for 3.0 CEU's (30 contact hours), and the Understanding the Bible and Congregational Nurture and Witness courses are available for 1.0 CEU's (10 contact hours).

The Starting Point

The entry point for the program is the "Understanding the Bible course". This is a mandatory prerequisite for new students in the program. The course is usually taught by Rev. Fran Schnarre, Director of Educational Ministry of MSR-CRM. An enrollment form (pages 7-8) needs to be completed before entering the program. You can register for the "Understanding the Bible Course by completing the registration form on Page 9.

The courses are also open to anyone interested in a particular course. You do not have to be enrolled in the program to take courses that interests you.

The Location and Times

Courses are usually held at the Rickman Center (see page 10 for directions and information about the center). Typical classes are held once a month for three months from 7:00 p.m. Friday to 5:00 p.m. Saturday (with the exception of two courses a year that are held from 9:00 a.m. Thursday to 5:00 Saturday). There are also Congregational Nurture and Witness seminars that are held for one weekend from 7:00 p.m. Friday to 5:30 p.m. Saturday in December. The cost of the course is dependent upon length. See page 3 for course dates.

The Costs

Course costs range from \$300 to \$350, with the exception of the Congregational Nurture and Witness courses and the Understanding the Bible Courses, which are \$100. Course prices includes lodging and meals (reduced rates are available for commuters). Textbooks costs for most courses range from \$25 to \$50. Students can order textbooks through www.amazon.com (a link on our web-site designates 4% of sales to Missouri School of Religion). You can also order books by contacting the Cokesbury Bookstore at 877-836-8806.

College Credit

For those who desire it, college credit (2 credit hours) is available for most of the courses through Columbia College or Culver Stockton College for an additional fee of \$20 to \$30 per credit hour. Students are required to fill out the application form to the college of their choice, a one time processing fee will be the student's responsibility (the cost of the processing fee and credit hour charges depend on the college). Application forms are available through the MSR-CRM office.

Scholarships

MSR-CRM has limited scholarship assistance to students participating in the CPM program. We would also like to encourage students to contact their church or denomination for possible scholarship opportunities. A short scholarship application is required for those seeking funds through MSR-CRM (please contact MSR-CRM for a Scholarship Application Form).

Questions and Contact Information

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Krystal Jacobs, Administrative Assistant. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. MSR Center for Rural Ministry, P.O. Box 104685, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4685. Phone: 573-635-1187, Toll-free: 800-626-5924, Fax: 573-636-2889, Email: krystalmsr@earthlink.net, Web: www.msr-crm.org.

Course Dates

2009	2010	2011
Understanding the Bible Jan 9-10	Understanding the Bible Jan 9-10	Understanding the Bible Jan 7-8
Preaching as a Christian Art Feb 13-14, Mar 13-14, Apr 17-18	Basics of Pastoral Counseling Feb 5-6, Mar 5-6, April 16-17	Christian Ethics Feb 4-5, Mar 4-5, Apr 1-2
Understanding the Bible May 1-2	Understanding the Bible May 7-8	Understanding the Bible May 6-7
Social and Global Mission May 21-23	Utilizing Church Conflict May 13-15	Personhood of the Pastor May 19-21
Worship and Music June 5-6, July 10-11, Aug 7-8	History of the Christian Faith June 4-5, July 9-10, Aug 6-7	Introduction to Hebrew Scripture June 3-4, July 8-9, July 29-30
Understanding the Bible Aug 7-8	Understanding the Bible Aug 13-14	Understanding the Bible Aug 5-6
Pastor as Spiritual Leader Aug 13-15	Ministry in a Rural Context Aug 19-21	History and Polity Aug 18-20
Introduction to Christian Thought Sep 11-12, Oct 18-19, Nov 6-7	The Practice of Ministry Sep 3-4, Oct 8-9, Nov 5-6	Introduction to the New Testament Sep 2-3, Oct 7-8, Nov 4-5
Evangelism Dec 4-5	Christian Education Dec 10-11	Stewardship Dec 9-10

CURRICULUM AND COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Biblical Studies

Understanding the Bible

An introductory prerequisite retreat/seminar which will focus on the basics of critical thinking, the development of the biblical canon and a brief survey of the history of biblical criticism. This seminar will be the entry point for new students to join a warm and caring “grassroots” scholarly community and is open, as well, to current and former students and other interested laity.

Introduction to the Hebrew Scripture

Looking at the Hebrew Scripture as a whole, as well as highlighting the historical and theological dynamics of the separate books. A study of the literature of the biblical drama as witnessed in God’s relationship with the people Israel. Provides students with the opportunity to develop skills for interpreting Hebrew scripture, skills useful in personal spiritual formation and in the life and ministry of the church.

Introduction to the New Testament

Looking at the New Testament as a whole, with specific attention to the major themes of the gospels and the writings of Paul. A study of the Biblical drama centered in Jesus, the Christ, and the early church. The purpose of the course is to enhance the student’s understanding and use of the New Testament text in teaching and preaching.

Church History

History of the Christian Faith

This historical survey follows the development of the church from its beginning until the contemporary period. Highlighted will be the major events and personalities from these historical periods: Early Church, Imperial Church, Medieval Christianity, The Reformation, Orthodoxy, Rationalism, Pietism, The Nineteenth Century and the Twentieth Century, focusing on the emergence of the ecumenical movement. Particular emphasis will be given to the emergence, development and decline of Christendom.

Denominational History

The history, beliefs and polity of specific denominations. It is anticipated that several denominations will offer this course in sessions concurrent with their ecumenical partners and that there will be some ecumenical dialogue and interaction among the participants.

Ministry Formation

The Personhood of the Pastor

An exploration of one’s sense of call and the use of several contemporary methods of self-assessment, (e.g., Myers-Briggs, etc.) to understand one’s self and to analyze one’s pastoral leadership style and to develop a personal plan for self-care.

The Pastor as Spiritual Leader

Exploring the role of the pastor as spiritual leader of the congregation beginning with the nurturing of her/his own spiritual life. The course will include an introduction to the historic spiritual disciplines, meditation and journaling and a consideration of the place of spiritual direction in pastoral care.

Context of Ministry

The Social And Global Mission of the Small Congregation

Focusing on the prophetic role of pastors in challenging the small/rural congregation to claim its status as a faithful remnant of God’s people called to deeds of justice and mercy in their local, national and global context. Practical dimensions of the church’s social and global mission will be explored.

Ministry in a Rural Context

This course will focus on effective ways of doing ministry in the small congregation, particularly in the rural context. The nature, unique dynamics and mission of the small/rural congregation will be explored in a seminar setting. Consideration will be given to tools and strategies for assessing the vitality and viability of small congregations and to exploring appropriate leadership styles for small church ministry.

Theology

Introduction to Christian Thought

An overview of the history and development of Christian theology including an introduction to the basic systems or schools of theological thought. The contributions of the major personalities in the history of theological development will be surveyed.

Christian Ethics

An introduction and exploration of the basic concerns and issues involved in ethical reflection, the Biblical and theological foundations of Christian ethics, and the response of the Christian to perennial and contemporary social and moral issues, with a view to equipping the student for ethical reflection in preaching, teaching and pastoral leadership.

Ministerial Practice

The Practice of Ministry

The purpose of this course is to facilitate the development of a pastoral self-awareness and to help students integrate that pastoral identity with an appropriate leadership and ministry style. Class sessions will include pastoral identity and style, development of a pastoral theology of wholeness, integration of personal gifts with the task of pastoral leadership and attention to the practical tasks of worship leadership, preaching, teaching and pastoral care. Special attention will also be given to the issues of time management and self-care so particularly important to those in bi-vocational ministry.

Basics of Pastoral Counseling

This course will examine the principles of pastoral counseling and methods pastors can use to help persons understand their life situation and deal more realistically with their special needs and problems. Some time will be given to approaches for counseling with persons experiencing the crisis of grief, marriage and family problems, job related stress, emotional instability, etc. Some modeling of the role of the counselor will take place.

Preaching as a Christian Art

An exploration of preaching as the art of encountering, interpreting and proclaiming the saving mystery of God's grace, as revealed in scripture. Attention will be given to the purpose of preaching, use of scripture and theology and the practical aspects of sermon preparation and delivery in a particular congregational context.

Worship and Music in the Small Congregation

A study of the theology, meaning and practice of public worship and the various styles of worship and music most appropriate in the small congregation. Understanding liturgy as "the work of the people" in the worship of God.

Conflict in the Small Congregation

The nature of church conflict will be examined using a variety of diagnostic tools and will focus on the dynamics of leadership when dealing with conflict in the small congregation and the options available to pastors for creative intervention in conflict situations. Participants will also explore their personal response to conflict and their most likely strategic action.

Congregational Nurture and Witness

Christian Education in Small Congregations

In a week-end workshop setting, the principles and practices of Christian education in the small church context will be explored. The unique dynamics of the small congregation will be assessed in terms of their implication for Christian education.

Stewardship Strategies for Small Congregations

In a week-end workshop format, various strategies for enhancing the stewardship level of small/rural congregations and their members will be explored centering on stewardship education and stewardship programs which are appropriate to the small church.

Evangelism in Small Communities

In a week-end workshop setting, consideration will be given to a theology of evangelism and to specific strategies of evangelism which are keyed to the small town or rural community context.

CORE FACULTY

Bob Atkinson, M.Div., Campaign Development Director, Missouri Mid-South Conference, United Church of Christ.
★Introduction to the New Testament

David Avery, Pastor, Community Christian Church, Jefferson City, MO
★The Social and Global Mission of the Small Congregation

Vic Davis, D.Min., Lathrop Christian Church, Lathrop, MO
★Evangelism in Small Communities

Robert Eichenberger, D.Min., Director, Pastoral Counseling Services, Columbia and Moberly; MO; Pastor, Higbee Christian Church
★The Personhood of the Pastor
★Basics of Pastoral Counseling

Bob Flanagan, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; Pastor, Sturgeon Christian Church
★Christian Ethics
★Introduction to Christian Thought
★History of the Christian Faith

Ed Sawyer, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, MO.
★Introduction to the Hebrew Scripture

Fran Schnarre, M.Div., Director of Educational Ministry, MSR-Center for Rural Ministry, Jefferson City, MO
★Understanding the Bible

Dennis Swearngin, M.Div., Pastor, Olivet Christian Church, Columbia, MO.
★Preaching as a Christian Art
★The Practice of Ministry

Nancy TannerThies, D.Min., Intentional Interim, Family Mediator and Educator, Jefferson City, MO.
★The Pastor as Spiritual Leader
★Conflict in the Small Congregation

J. Joseph Trower, M.Div., Pastor, Salem Presbyterian Church, Morrison, MO.
★Stewardship Strategies for Small Congregations

Ken Watson, D.Min., Ph.D., Associate Minister, First Christian Church, Columbia, MO.
★Denominational History: History and Polity of the Disciples of Christ

Additional faculty may be added as needed.

How do you plan to cover expenses for your participation in the program:

Will you need financial (scholarship) assistance from MSR-CRM?

Will your church supplement the cost also? _____

Along with this form include two letters of recommendation: one from a judicatory person; and a letter from your local church (pastor, board chairperson, etc.).

Give a brief statement of why you are enrolling in the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Program and what you expect to get out of the program.

_____ I believe I have taken courses recently which qualify for equivalency to the CPM Curriculum.

Course Taken	Institution
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Comments:

Signature of applicant: _____

Return to: Fran Schnarre, MSR Center for Rural Ministry, P.O. Box 104685, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4685
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Instructor:



Rev. Fran Schnarre is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is the Director of Educational Ministries at MSR Center for Rural Ministry. She is also part-time pastor of Granville Christian Church near Paris, MO. Fran lives with her husband, Brian, on a farm near Centralia, MO. They are the parents of four grown children and have two grandchildren.

Dates:

May 1-2, or August 7-8, 2009
Jan 9-10, May 7-8, or Aug 13-14, 2010
Jan 7-8, May 6-7, or Aug 5-6, 2011

Times:

7:00 p.m. Friday to 5:00 p.m. Saturday

Cost:

\$100 (lodging and meals included)
\$75 Commuter (lunch included)

Location:

Rickman Center, Jefferson City

Text:

Please purchase a New Revised Standard Version Study Bible. Possibilities: New Interpreter's Study Bible (ISBN-10: 0687278325 ISBN-13: 978-0687278329) New Oxford Study Bible (ISBN-10: 0195284852 ISBN-13: 978-0195284850) The Harper Collins Study Bible (ISBN-10: 006078685X ISBN-13: 978-0060786854)

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Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Denomination: _____

Request CEU's Male Female Request Scholarship Assistance

Payment options: Check MasterCard Visa

Card# _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____

Refund Policy: Refund of the entire fee will be made when cancellation is received two weeks prior to the start of the event. Refund of 50% will be made on cancellation made after the two week grace period, however NO REFUNDS will be made for cancellations received two days prior to the event

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RICKMAN CENTER

The MSR-CRM educational programs are housed at the Rickman Center, a comfortable retreat center located on 220 wooded acres just outside of Jefferson City, Missouri. The Center is operated by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America, offers gracious Midwestern hospitality to all its guests.

Accommodations at Rickman Center are motel-type double rooms with private baths. Students will be assigned roommates unless a private room is requested (an additional fee is applied for private rooms). All linens are furnished, and guests need bring only personal items. Informal clothing is suggested and students are encouraged to take advantage of hiking trails and jogging paths. Health conscious country cooking characterizes meals at Rickman, and special menus are available as needed (students need to fill out the special dietary needs section of the registration if a special meal is requested).

Directions to Rickman Center

3519 Bennett Lane, Jefferson City, MO

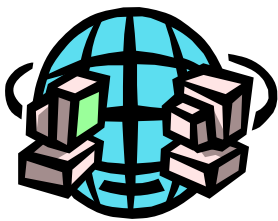
Follow Highway 54 to the Route B/Wardsville Exit. Go east on Route B to Christy Drive. Turn right. Then turn left onto Bennett Lane. Go to the top of the hill. The temporary CCMA Regional Office/MSR-CRM offices are on the right. Rickman Center parking is on the left, and the Center main building is at the end of the Road.

Coming from east on I 70, exit at Kingdom City/Fulton/Highway 54 West. Just outside Jefferson City, take Highway 54 W to Jefferson City. As you cross the Missouri River bridge, follow the signs that say "54 West Eldon". Go through Jefferson City (about 4 miles), and follow the directions above.

Coming from west on I 70, take Hwy 63 at Columbia. As you cross the Missouri River bridge, follow signs that say "54 West Eldon". Go through Jefferson City (about 4 miles), and follow the directions above.

Coming from the east on Highway 50, turn left onto Madison Street, the third traffic light as you come into town. Madison Street will merge with Highway 54. Go through Jefferson City (about 4 miles), and follow the directions above.

Coming from the west on Highway 50, exit at Highway 179. Go south (right) through Jefferson City (about 3.5 miles). After you cross over Highway 54, turn right onto Christy Drive, then left onto Bennett Lane.



MSR Center for Rural Ministry has a website that includes:

- ◆ Certificate in Pastoral Studies Courses
- ◆ Online Certificate in Pastoral Studies Courses
- ◆ Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities
- ◆ Information on the Parish/Faith Community Nurse Preparation Course
- ◆ and much more!!!

Visit our site at:

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