

**LIVE  
"INTERACTIVE"  
INTERNET  
BROADCAST**

# **Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry**

*Formerly*  
**Lay Ministry in the 21st Century**

**GROUP RATES  
AVAILABLE  
FOR CHURCHES &  
ORGANIZATIONS**

## **CARE GIVING**

**(Basic Class) Prerequisite for Pastoral Care  
August 13, 2016**

*This session will consider ways to develop listening skills, visitation guidelines, and compassionate presence.*

**UCC HISTORY & POLITY I  
(Advanced Class-Series)  
September 17, 2016**

*This session examines Reformed Theology and our four predecessor streams that formed the UCC*

**UCC HISTORY & POLITY II  
(Advanced Class-Series)  
October 8, 2016**

*Hidden Histories of the UCC, the tension of living in covenant with autonomy, and the structures of the national setting of the UCC is the focus of this class.*

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**(Basic Class) Formerly Good Stewards  
October 15, 2016**

*This class is designed to deepen our own sense of stewardship and encourage good stewardship practices within our church.*

**UCC HISTORY & POLITY III  
(Advanced Class-Series)  
November 19, 2016**

*Topics include UCC Advocacy and Global Ministries, Marks of Faithful and Effective Ministers, and Ministerial Oversight*

## **BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION**

**(Advanced Class)  
December 10, 2016**

*Participants will explore how scholarly interpretation of scripture informs faithful preaching & teaching.*

**UNDERSTANDING WORSHIP  
(Basic Class) formerly Here We Are To Worship  
January 21, 2017**

*This session will offer practical training in preparing and leading worship that honors the Author of our story while respecting our traditions and examining new possibilities.*

**PREACHING I  
(Advanced Class)  
February 11, 2017**

*Participants will learn a variety of ways to bring the text to life and to share the good news in such a way that it can transform lives.*

## **EVANGELISM**

**(Basic Class) formerly Telling the Good News  
March 11, 2017.**

*This session will explore both the necessary foundations and practical strategies for reaching out beyond the four walls of the church.*

## **PREACHING II**

**(Advanced Class) Prerequisite is Preaching I  
April 8, 2017**

*Students explore the nuances of preaching funerals, weddings and other special circumstances that broadens ones' ability to transform, motivate and inspire the congregation to follow Christ's teachings in the world.*

## **SPIRITUAL NURTURE**

**(Basic Class) formerly Our Spiritual Journey  
May 13, 2017**

*Practices such as prayer, discernment, healing, and contemplation through the practice of the ancient spiritual disciplines will be introduced in this course.*

**WORSHIP PLANNING & PREP  
(Advanced Class)  
Prerequisite is Understanding Worship  
June 10, 2017**

*This class will assist participants in understanding liturgy as the work of the people and in crafting services that have integrity and transforming power.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT I**

**(Basic Class) formerly Understanding the Bible I  
August 12, 2017**

*In this class students will learn how to read and understand the ancient Jewish scriptures as they review the overarching stories of the Old Testament*

**UCC HISTORY & POLITY I  
(Advanced Class-Series)  
September 9, 2017**

*\*(SEE SEPT. 17, 2016 CLASS DESCRIPTION)*

**UCC HISTORY & POLITY II  
(Advanced Class-Series)  
October 7, 2017**

*\*(SEE OCT. 8, 2016 CLASS DESCRIPTION)*

**TURN OVER FOR MORE CLASSES**

**ANNUALLY SCHEDULED CLASSES HELD AT: First UCC, Route 61, Schuylkill Haven**

**Classes held on the above Scheduled Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Discipleship Certification: (Auditing classes only) \$80.00/class or Basic Licensing class for Credit \$140.00/class**

**Advanced Licensing Class for Credit \$295.00/class (\$175 to audit) \*(UCC History & Polity Series \$400 for all 3 classes)**

**\*\*Licensing Classes require pre-class & post-class writing assignments and all classes have required reading\*\***

Dates of Classes may change due to weather or scheduling conflicts. Check our website for the most up to date schedules and notifications

# Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry

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**LICENSED  
MINISTERS  
CONVOCATION  
HELD ANNUALLY**  
Coming Soon: 2017 date

## OLD TESTAMENT II

**(Basic Class) formerly Understanding the Bible II**  
*Prerequisite is Old Testament I*

**October 21, 2017**

*With all its complex history, literary styles and genres, this session will explore the Old Testament's important unifying themes as to who and what God is to God's people.*

## UCC HISTORY & POLITY III (Advanced Class-Series)

**November 11, 2017**

*\*SEE NOV 19, 2016 CLASS DESCRIPTION*

## NEW TESTAMENT I

**(Basic Class) formerly Understanding the Bible III**  
**December 9, 2017**

*This session focuses on the synoptic Gospels, the proclamation of the Good News, the establishment of the Church and the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

## ECUMENICAL & INTERFAITH RELATIONS

**(Advanced Class)**

**January 13, 2018**

*This class will offer participants guidance in engaging other faith traditions in respectful and faithful ways.*

## NEW TESTAMENT II

**(Basic Class) formerly Understanding the Bible IV**  
*Prerequisite is New Testament I*

**February 10, 2018**

*The focus of this class is on the Epistles and Revelation with special attention given to the Apostle Paul's teachings.*

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

**(Advanced Class) formerly Models of Ministry/Admin.**  
**March 10, 2018**

*This class will explore various models for ministry as well as consider how to keep the "ministry" in church administration*

## CHURCH HISTORY

**(Basic Class) formerly Continuing the Story**  
**April 14, 2018**

*This class will focus on the history of the church beginning with the 1st century through the Crusades, Reformation, and today.*

## PASTORAL CARE

**(Advanced Class)**

*Prerequisite is Care Giving*

**May 12, 2018**

*This session will consider both the theological underpinnings and the practical application of pastoral care, including hospital visitation, grief counseling, and crisis care.*

## FAITH FORMATION

**June 9, 2018**

**(Basic Class) formerly Growing in Faith**

*This session will move beyond the traditional church school approach to explore faith formation in its broadest sense.*

## THEOLOGY I

**(Basic Class)**

**August 11, 2018**

*Participants in this class will consider the ramifications of their own theologies as they begin to develop a personal Credo.*

## UCC HISTORY & POLITY I (Advanced Class-Series)

**September 8, 2018**

*\*(SEE SEPT. 17, 2016 CLASS DESCRIPTION)*

## UCC HISTORY & POLITY II (Advanced Class-Series)

**October 13, 2018**

*\*(SEE OCT. 8, 2016 CLASS DESCRIPTION)*

## THEOLOGY II

**(Basic Class)**

*Prerequisite is Theology I*

**October 20, 2018**

*This session will encourage participants to understand their own faith in the light of the faith of the ages.*

## UCC HISTORY & POLITY III (Advanced Class-Series)

**November 11, 2018**

*\*SEE NOV 19, 2016 CLASS DESCRIPTION*

## THEOLOGY & ETHICS

**(Advanced Class)**

*Prerequisites are Theology I & II*

**December 8, 2018**

*Participants will consider how thinking about God informs the way we do ministry as well as how our obedience to God leads us to make ethical choices in our calling.*

**COURSES REPEAT in 2019/2021**

## NEW OFFERINGS FOR CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS:

-Interim Training      -Mass Communication & Social Media      -Transformational Leadership      -Leadership Council 101      -Church Renewal  
-MARKS on Ministry      -Biblical Storytelling      -Coaching Skills for Clergy      -Boundary Training      -Contemporary Christianity

**CALL FOR GROUP RATES & INTERNET LIVE BROADCAST RATES FOR MULTIPLE GROUPS**

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