



LAY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

2007-2008

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United Theological College / Séminaire Uni

Five (5) Denominational Courses

Currently offered as part of the campus – based MDiv program, to Certificate, In-Ministry Year and Admissions Course students. ALL five are also offered as distance courses.

1./2. United Church History & Theology (double course)

Led by Phillip Kennedy, MA, MDiv

This course examines the ethos of the United Church of Canada through critical incidents in its corporate life; from its founding denominations, to the theological and social forces concerning sexual orientation, up to the current focus on “empire” as a lens for Liberation social analysis.

Fall Semester:

Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 3, 17, Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5 (Wednesdays, 8 - 11 a.m.)

3. United Church of Canada (UCC) Worship

Led by Elisabeth R. Jones, MDiv, ThM

This course is designed for those preparing to lead worship in United Church contexts, both those preparing for ordained ministry and those exercising Lay leadership in the UCC. Taught in two sections, the first section explores the historical and theological reasons why and how we ‘do worship’ in the United Church. The second section gives students opportunity to focus on particular forms of UCC worship, including intergenerational worship, the place of music in worship, the sacraments, weddings and funerals.

Fall Semester:

Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12 (Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

Spring Semester:

Mar. 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 (Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.)

4. Education in the Church

Led by Elisabeth R. Jones, MDiv, ThM

This course, designed primarily for ministers and those exercising lay educational leadership in the Church, explores the call to life-long discipleship for all Christians, and examines the ways in which congregations in particular can provide opportunities for people of all ages and stages to learn more about what it means to be Christian in the 21st Century, and to deepen their faith. The course examines educational theories which are particularly applicable to the Church context, and provides opportunities for students to reflect upon and put into practice in a congregational setting what they are learning in the course.

There are pre-requisites for this course.

Fall Semester:

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 (Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)

Winter Semester:

Jan. 8, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19 (Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.)

5. UCC Polity (The Manual)

Led by Rev. Ron Coughlin

This course enables students to become familiar with the polity and structures of the United Church of Canada, and helps students develop effective strategies for managing the administrative and polity tasks of congregational ministry. The course is comprised of a combination of intensive on-site workshop and distance on-line case study learning modules.

Winter / Spring Semester:

Workshop One: Monday, Jan. 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Workshop Two: Monday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

On-line course work done through email correspondence: Jan. 7 – April 4

More Lay Offerings

6. Intensive Introduction to Preaching in the UCC

Led by Rev. Beverley Brazier, in collaboration with voice coach Dr. Carolyn Cronk on "Using Voice in the Pulpit"

This course is intended for lay people who want to learn the basics of preaching and practice with supervision. Textbook: "The Four Pages of the Sermon" by Paul Scott Wilson.

Fall Semester:

Friday, Oct. 12, 5:30 - 9 p.m. (Rev. Brazier)
Saturday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Rev. Brazier)
Saturday Oct. 13, 1 - 5 p.m. (Dr. Cronk)
Sunday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Rev. Brazier)

For Lay Certificate students only. Additional sessions will be held on:

Oct. 10, 17 & 24 (Wednesdays, 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
Led by Phillip Kennedy, MA, MDiv

7. Intensive Introduction to Worship in the UCC

Led by Rev. Isabel Black

This course provides an introduction and overview to worship in the UCC.

Winter Semester:

Friday, March 7, 5:30 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, March 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For Lay Certificate students only. Additional sessions will be held on:

Feb. 20, 27 & March 5 (Wednesdays, 7 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
Led by Phillip Kennedy, MA, MDiv

8. Overview of the Old Testament

Led by Phillip Kennedy, MA, MDiv

This course introduces the Old Testament, issues related to its interpretation and the historical and religious development of ancient Israel. Textbook: Reading the OT by Lawrence Boadt (ISBN#-0-8091-2631-1).

Winter Semester:

Dates, TBA

UTC REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

COST: \$125 per course (not including course packs and text books)

Applicable for "Certificate in Theology for Daily Living" students

(Note: a one time registration fee of \$60.00 applies to new lay certificate students).

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You may also register on line at:

www.utc.ca

Please note:

*Courses are offered in English. Bilingual group discussion is encouraged.
Courses are open to both clergy and laity.*



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