

E. Books of Acts (Elective Course)

In this Class we will consider the early church and its urgency as it awaits for the Kingdom. Students are advised to read Luke first, because in the prologue the author calls Acts, "the second book." Luke continues to paint the picture of the earliest responses to the message of grace, as well as sets the stage for the development of our concept of the Triune God.

Class limit: 20

*LEADER: John Doubles, is the Pastor at Santee Presbyterian Church. Education: BS Psychology from Wofford, BA Communications from Coker, MDiv from Union/PSCE in Richmond and DMin from Columbia Seminary.*

F. Teaching Adults in Church

How we learn and how we teach are connected. This class will examine ways adults learn and a variety of methods for helping them learn.

Class limit: 20

*LEADER: Ida McCaskell is a retired PC(USA) Certified Director of Christian Education. She has served local congregations in N.C., Virginia, and Florida. Her most recent service was as Associate Presbyterian for Education and Nurture, Trinity Presbytery.*

G. The Book of Acts/Libro de Los Hechos de los Apostoles (Elective Course)

This course will study the New Testament Book of Acts and will provide an introduction to the book, as well as the discussion of key themes and the beginning of the Christian church on the day of Pentecost and its eventual development. It will show the importance of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit as the church continues to fulfill its ministry in today's world and context. Class limit 20

El Libro de Los Hechos de los Apostoles (Curso Electivo)

Este curso estudiará el libro Neotestamentario de Los Hechos de los Apóstoles y proveerá una introducción al libro como también discusión de temas claves y el inicio de la Iglesia Cristiana en el día de Pentecostes y su eventual desarrollo. Mostrará la importancia de la Persona y Obra del Espíritu Santo en cuanto la iglesia continúa llevando a cabo su ministerio en el mundo y contexto de hoy.

*LEADER: Eriberto Soto, is a Presbyterian Church USA ordained Minister. He has served as a pastor, evangelist, theological educator and missionary in the USA and different Latin American countries. As a seminary professor he has taught in English, Spanish and Portuguese and has a Master of Theology degree in Historical Theology. He is presently Associate for Latin American Ministries of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery*

# Lay School of Theology



South Carolina Presbyteries

Spring Session

March 19–21, 2010

White Oak Conference Center

White Oak, South Carolina

**Lay School of Theology**  
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**Sponsored by the Five Presbyteries of South Carolina**

FOR WHOM: Lay persons who wish to

1. Participate in an in-depth study of the Bible, Theology, or Church History.
2. Be trained as a Lay Pastor.
3. Better prepare themselves to teach the Bible or Church School.
4. Serve as Directors of Christian Education.
5. Be certified by the Association of Presbyterian Administrators.

PLEASE NOTE: These courses are not for ministers, candidates for the ministry, or those considering changing denominations to the PC(U.S.A.).

**SCHEDULE**

<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
4:00-6:00-Registration	7:30-7:45-Morning Prayer	7:30-7:45-Morning Prayer
6:00-6:45-Dinner	7:45-8:30-Breakfast	7:45-8:30-Breakfast
6:45-7:15-Plenary/Orientation	9:00-12:00-2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Session	8:45-9:45-5 <sup>th</sup> Class Session
7:30-9:00-1 <sup>st</sup> Class Session	12:00-12:45-Lunch	10:00-10:15 Presentation of
9:15-9:30-Evening Prayer	1:24:5-2:30-Free time	Certificates/Diplomas/and
	2:30-5:30-3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Session	Announcements
	5:30-6:15-Dinner	10:15-11:00-Closing Worship
	6:30-8:00-4 <sup>th</sup> Class Session	11:00 Check-out and departure
	8:15-8:30-Evening Prayer	No lunch

\*Ten-minute break on the COURSES OFFERED

**ROOM AND BOARD**

The cost will be \$112 per person, double occupancy or \$140 per person, single occupancy in motel-type rooms. This will include two nights lodging and five meals. The cost for those wishing to make their own arrangements in nearby motels will be \$75, which includes meals and registration fee. Linens will be provided with the rooms, but you may wish to bring your own alarm clock. White Oak is a smoke-free environment.

**COURSES OFFERED**

**A. Old Testament Survey (Core Course)**

This course will provide an overview of the literature and history of the Old Testament and a survey of the theological themes woven through the history of the people of God. Class Limit: 20

*LEADER: Malcolm Doubles, Professor of Religion at Coker College, Education: Davidson College, Union Theological Seminary, St. Andrews University of Scotland.*

**B. Church History (Core Course)**

A survey of the history of the Christian Church, from the early church and ecumenical councils through the Reformation and into the modern era. Class Limit: 20

*LEADER: Richard Burnett is a graduate of King College(A.B.), Yale University Divinity School (S.T.M.), and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div., Ph.D.). He has been a pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for more than fourteen years and served churches in Tennessee, New Jersey, and North Carolina. He is the author of Karl Barth's Theological Exegesis (2001) and is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Erskine Theological Seminary*

**C. Church Polity(Core Course)**

The purpose of this course is to provide an understanding of the nature and purpose of Presbyterian polity, to also provide an overview of *The Book of Order* to include how our structure of church government works, and to acquaint the student with the fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedure. Class Limit: 20

*LEADER: Frank Colclough, Associate Executive Presbyter and Treasurer in New Harmony Presbytery. Education: Johnson C. Smith University, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, and McCormick Theological Seminary*

**D. Worship and Sacraments (Core Course)**

Will look at the theology of worship and sacraments from a reformed perspective; and then examine the basic of worship and liturgy with emphasis on practical methods and available resources. Class Limit: 20

*LEADER: Michael Bush, After three years as a Professor of Worship and Homiletics and Director of the Institute for Reformed Worship at Erskine Theological Seminary, he has recently become Vice President for Development. A Graduate of the University of Kentucky, Union Theological Seminary, Yale University Divinity School, and Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Bush served pastorates in Virginia, Alabama, and Georgia before coming to Erskine.*

**Registration deadline: March 5, 2010 – Full payment due with registration.**

THE FIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) PRESBYTERIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
**LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY REGISTRATION FORM**  
March 19 – 21, 2010

Name (please print or type) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

**A. ENROLLMENT AND TRACK OF STUDY STATUS**

- Lay Pastor Track** (LP Track) - 8 core courses required for diploma  
Has the Committee on Ministry of your presbytery approved you for this track?  Yes  No  
**(LP Track participants-You are required to pay an additional \$20 academic fee each time you attend.)**
- Lay Enrichment Track** (LE Track) - 7 core courses required for certificate  
 **Continuing Education** (for graduates - 1 course required per year)  
 If a first-time student, please check.  
 If you are eligible to receive a **certificate** at this session, please check.  
 If you are eligible to receive a **diploma**, please check.

**B. COURSES OFFERED** (Indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices)

- Old Testament Survey (Core Course) – Malcolm Doubles  
 Church History (Core Course) – Richard Burnett  
 Church Polity (Core Course) – Frank Colclough  
 Worship & Sacraments (Core Course) – Michael D. Bush  
 Book of Acts (Elective Course) – John Doubles  
 Teaching Adults in Church (Elective Course) – Ida McCaskill  
 El Libro de Los Hechos (The Book of Acts) (Elective Course/Curso electivo): *(Spanish Only)* – Eriberto Soto

**C. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS** (cost includes \$20 registration)

REGISTRATION AND DOUBLE ROOM (2 nights, 5 meals): \$112 per person  
REGISTRATION AND SINGLE ROOM (2 nights, 5 meals): \$140 per person  
REGISTRATION AND MEALS ONLY: \$ 75 per person

Linens provided. Bring alarm clock. **NOTE:** White Oak is a smoke-free environment.

**NEW PLEASE READ:** PLEASE CHECK THE MEALS THAT YOU WILL **NOT** EAT:

- Fri. Dinner  Sat. Breakfast  Sat. Lunch  Sat. Dinner  Sun. Breakfast  
 Double room (Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ /  Assign roommate)  
 Single room  Handicapped-accessible room  
 Meals only, no room

Special request \_\_\_\_\_

**Send registration form with check made payable to:  
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery  
Attn: Miriam Ortiz  
2421 Ashley River Rd.  
Charleston, SC 29414**

**D. DEADLINE/CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

Deadline for registering is **March 5**. Full refund for cancellation **prior to March 5**. Loss of \$20 registration for cancellation **after March 5**. Confirmations will be e-mailed or mailed after March 5.

**To make inquiries or to cancel, e-mail Janis Blocker, Lay School Registrar at [dajaview@lowcountry.com](mailto:dajaview@lowcountry.com) or 843-835-2173**

**Full payment must accompany the registration. The registration will not be processed without pre-payment.**

Please indicate here if you would like to serve as pianist.

## 2010 Spring Session Lay School Required Books

### Church History - Course

Bruce Shelley, *Church History in Plain Language*.

### Old Testament Survey - Course

Bernard W. Anderson, *Understanding the Old Testament*, 4th edition or later; Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentiss Hall, 1998 or later.

### Church Polity - Course

*The Book of Order* (2009/2011)

Joan S. Gray and Joyce C. Tucker, *Presbyterian Polity for Church Officers*

### Worship & Sacraments - Course

Worship: Reformed According to Scripture - by Hughes Oliphant Old, and the *Book of Common Worship*

### Books of Acts - Course

*Interpretation Series on Acts*, Wm Willimon, ISBN 0-80-42-3119-2

*New Interpreter's Bible*, Vol 10, ISBN 0-687-27823-6

Website: [www.half.com](http://www.half.com) is another good website to get books at half the cost.

### Books of Acts in Spanish - Course

Por Ernesto Trenchard, *Los Hechos de los Apóstoles* (Grand Rapids: Editorial Portavoz/Kregel Publications, 1962)

### Teaching Adults in Church - Course Study Bible

*Teaching the Bible in the Church*, John M. Bracke and Karen B. Tye, Chalice Press, 2003 (ISBN 0-8272-3643-3)

Or

*7 Ways of Teaching the Bible to Adults*, Barbara Bruce, Abingdon Press, 2000 (ISBN 0-6870-9084-9)

## SOUTH CAROLINA LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY The Two-Track Approach

The S.C. Lay School of Theology offers a two-track approach to receiving either a certificate or a diploma. Ordained or non-ordained students may enroll in the Lay Enrichment (LE) Track. The Lay Pastor Track (LP) is provided for **elders** who want to become Lay Pastor candidates. They must receive endorsement from their Session and from the Committee on Ministry of Presbytery. Once the endorsement is complete, a copy of the form will be sent to the registrar of the school.

LE Track students and LP Track students will enroll in and attend the same classes. Students in the LP Track will be assigned extra reading and will complete an examination or paper to be graded by the Lay School faculty who teach the course. Faculty who teach LP track students will receive extra compensation for the extra responsibilities. This additional cost will be covered by a \$20 academic fee paid by the student for each course taken. A student in the Lay Pastor Track (LP) will have a deadline for submitting work to be graded. If the student does not submit the work by the deadline date, then the professor will report "no work submitted" for the record, and the student will have to re-take the course. **February 15** is the deadline for receipt of work for the fall session; **July 1** is the deadline for receipt of work for the spring session.

Certificate or Diploma graduates of the school will be able to continue taking courses through Continuing Education (CE) coursework. Students who receive a diploma in the Lay Pastor Track will be required to take one refresher course per year in Continuing Education (CE) in order to keep the diploma validated.

### Core Courses for the Lay Enrichment Track:

1. Worship and Sacraments (Spring)
2. Old Testament Survey (Spring)
3. New Testament Survey (Fall)
4. Reformed Theology (Fall)
5. Polity (Spring)
6. Church History (Spring)
7. Pastoral Care (Fall)

### Core Courses for the Lay Pastor Track:

1. Old Testament Survey (Spring)
2. New Testament Survey (Fall)
3. Reformed Theology (Fall)
4. Polity (Spring)
5. Church History (Spring)
6. Pastoral Care (Fall)
7. Worship and Sacraments (Spring)
8. Preaching (Fall)

In each presbytery, the Committee on Ministry has supervision over Commissioned Lay Pastors. In order to enter the LP track at the Lay School, a student must be an elder, who is endorsed for the LP Track by the Session of the student's church and by the Committee on Ministry of the presbytery. A student may enroll in the LP Track pending endorsement; however, all endorsements must be received by the registrar prior to the next session of Lay School in order for the student to continue in the LP Track. If courses have been taken prior to 2002 (when the two-track system was adopted) in the Lay School, it is up to the Committee to determine whether or not those courses count toward commissioning as a lay pastor.

If a student is enrolled in the Lay School and completes the required core course work (seven courses), then a Lay School of Theology *certificate* in the Lay Enrichment Track will be awarded. If a student completes the course work (eight courses) with satisfactory grades, then the student will receive the Lay School of Theology *diploma* in the Lay Pastor Track. Receiving a diploma in the Lay Pastor Track only certifies the student's **eligibility** for commissioning if a presbytery issues a call. If called, the student must be examined and approved by presbytery in order to be commissioned as a lay pastor for a specific call.

## LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

The Lay School of Theology, a joint venture of the five South Carolina presbyteries, is offered twice yearly on weekends in the spring and fall at White Oak Conference Center located between Chester and Winnsboro. Sessions begin with dinner on Friday and conclude after the worship service on Sunday. Students stay in motel-type accommodations and are served meals in the dining hall. General sessions, classes, and worship take place in the adjacent classroom building.

Students are lay persons who desire in-depth study of Bible, church history, or theology. Faculty members are ministers and Presbyterian educators, active or retired, with particular interest in this enterprise. Several courses are offered at each session (both core courses and electives).

Two tracks are offered: the Lay Enrichment Track (LE) and the Lay Pastor Track (LP). The LE Track is for ordained or non-ordained lay persons. The LP Track is for ordained elders interested in acquiring the necessary training for eligibility to become commissioned lay pastors (*Book of Order G-14. 0801*) and requires endorsement by the Committee on Ministry of the presbytery. LP Track students are assigned a take-home test or essay to further document their participation and understanding of the class just attended. Lay Enrichment Track students have no additional obligations either prior to or following the class. Course material in class is the same for both.

Students receive a "certificate" (LE Track) or "diploma" (LP Track) upon completion of the cycle of core courses (New Testament, Old Testament, Church History, Reformed Theology, Polity, Worship and Sacraments, Pastoral Counseling). An additional course, Preaching, is required for LP students. To complete the full cycle will require 7 or 8 sessions (in about 4 years).

Additional benefits of the Lay School include opportunities for fellowship and camaraderie with other students and with faculty in a relaxing weekend away from the distractions of the usual weekly routine. Many students return time after time for these reasons as much as for the course contents.