



PHILLIPS SEMINARY

MINISTRY TRAINING UPDATE

Friends,

Summer is almost upon us! The MTP summer session courses, Conflict Utilization, Ecumenism, and Theology, are not to be missed. The next online offering of Disciples History and Polity will begin August 19 but please register early as we have limited space remaining. We are also planning to offer additional sessions for History and Polity in 2020 so be on the lookout for those dates.

There is still time to join us before the 2019 General Assembly for the Doing and Denying Justice education event. You will find more information on that class below and you can register online through the General Assembly website.

We are grateful for the support you and many others provide. **Thank you** for sharing the details for the upcoming sessions with your colleagues, and thank you for choosing MTP at Phillips.

Please contact me if I can answer questions or you need more information. You can always take a look at our program and all we are offering [here](#).

Blessings,

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Visit with MTP Students and Alums at GA

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC) will take place July 20-24, 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa. I extend an invitation to each of you to join us at our booth in the exhibit hall and of course the Phillips luncheon as well as the President's Reception on Sunday evening. I don't want to miss you around the

halls so let me know by email or a phone call (leslie.lesieur@ptstulsa.edu or 918.270.6471) if you will be at GA.

2019 Session 4 Course Offerings

June 24–August 18, 2019

Registration Deadline: June 10, 2019



Theology

Instructor: Dr. Trish Greeves

How do we study and think about the unimaginable complexity we call God? How have our ancestors in the faith considered God and God's interaction with the world? Students will learn to read and critically evaluate theological texts, and in the process learn to work with different theological approaches, see distinctions and

similarities in various traditions, and develop a coherent personal description of the gospel and relate it to Christian life.

The online course is from June 24-August 18, 2019. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)

Ecumenism

Instructor: Dr. Andy Mangum

Ecumenism involves making the unity of the whole church visible to the world. We explore ecumenism biblically, theologically, historically in light of the Disciples witness to Christian unity, our polar star. We conclude with a focus on local ecumensim.



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Conflict Utilization

Instructor: Dr. Kris. Tenny-Brittian

The nature of church conflict will be examined using a variety of diagnostic scales and descriptors. Participants will also explore their personal response to conflict and their most likely strategic action. At the end of the course, students will be able to describe church conflict and set it in a theological context; recognize their preferred styles of managing conflict situations and how that affects their personal responses; identify appropriate intervention or non-intervention; and teach some conflict utilization skills that can be used in the congregation.

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Join MTP and Phillips at General Assembly

**Friday/Saturday Pre-event
Doing and Denying Justice: A
History of the Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ)**

and Social Justice

1 CEU offered by Phillips Theological Seminary, cost is \$75

Because of its origins, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) should have been at the forefront of resisting power structures with systemic injustices.

Instead, this denomination born from the backlash against denominational structures in the 1800s found its informal polity prevented the church from becoming a strong voice on many social justice issues throughout the 19th and 20th centuries.

However, at the local level, many individuals and churches found ways to use their collective voices for social justice either within the DOC church or with an affiliation to parachurch organizations.

Join the Rev. Dr. Lisa Barnett as she leads a pre-General Assembly exploration of social justice issues from the 1800s to 2018 and how the CC (DOC) emerged as a strong public witness or faltered in their support of justice-making in the world.

You may register for the event through the General Assembly [website](#).

Make sure to join us during General Assembly in the Exhibition Hall. We have a comfy spot to sit and visit.

2019 Session 5 Course Offerings

August 19 - October 13, 2019

Registration Deadline: August 5, 2019



Introduction to the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible

Instructor: Dr. Lisa Davison

This course will be a survey of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), with a focus on understanding the nature of the literature, intent of the authors, the place of the books in the canon, and issues for interpretation in the life of the church. The biblical materials will be approached from an academic/critical perspective with insights into how they can be used in different ministerial contexts.

The online course is from August 19-October 13, 2019. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)

Pastoral Leadership

Instructor: Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

Effective leadership in the church today appears to be a rare commodity. John Maxwell rightly asserts, "Everything rises and falls on leadership." An effective church leader can assess the state of a church or ministry, discern a Godly vision, and cast that vision in such a way that the congregation will follow. In this course students will identify their leadership styles, examine their strengths and weaknesses, and explore what it takes to effectively lead in the church today.



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Disciples History and Polity

Instructor: Dr. Lisa Barnett

An exploration and analysis of the history, polity and characteristic beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The course will include the origins, development, growth and current status of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its related groups around the world; discussions of the characteristic beliefs and practices which make the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) a unique part of the universal church while celebrating the Disciples' ecumenical pilgrimage; and an awareness of how the polity of the Disciples of Christ works.

The online course is from August 19-October 13, 2019. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) ****Please note there is limited space in this course, register early.**

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Session 4: June 24-August 18

Theology

Dr. Trish Greeves

Utilizing Conflict

Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian

Ecumenism

Dr. Andy Magnum

Session 5: August 19-October 13

Introduction to the Old Testament*

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Disciples History and Polity

Dr. Lisa Barnett

Session 6: October 14-December 8

Stewardship

Dr. Ray Miles

Christian Education and Leadership

Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian

Worship

Rev. Robert Kemp-Baird

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