



PHILLIPS SEMINARY

## MINISTRY TRAINING UPDATE

Friends,

We have just started our new fiscal year, and we are celebrating the extension of the tuition aid grants for ALL of the MTP students, ensuring that our courses are accessible to more of you. **Students can still take MTP courses for only \$75** thanks to the generous support from Phillips donors and the Board of Trustees.

We are beyond 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. **Remember, everyone is welcome to take courses through the Ministry Training Program**, whether seeking a certificate or not.

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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### MTP Students, Faculty, Alums Gather in Iowa

As this email is sent, we've been greeting and meeting with MTP folks from across the country at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

At different times during GA, we've had visits from alums, current students, faculty, and regional ministers. We've also had many conversations with faithful DOC members looking to expand their understanding of faith by taking courses in the Ministry Training Program. Send me an email or call me ([leslie.lesieur@ptstulsa.edu](mailto:leslie.lesieur@ptstulsa.edu) or 918.270.6471) if you want to talk about MTP.

If you were at General Assembly, I hope you attended the morning Bible studies with our faculty member, the Rev. Dr. Lisa Davison. If not, you missed a wonderful exploration of scripture. But you can enroll in her course on the Hebrew Bible that begins August 19. You need to register right away.

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## 2019 Session 5 Course Offerings

August 19 - October 13, 2019

**Registration Deadline: August 5, 2019**

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### 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.](#)

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### 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.



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

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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 are limited remaining spaces in this course. After those have been filled, we will place you on a waiting list for the session's offering.**

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## 2019 Session 6 Course Offerings

October 14 - December 8, 2019

**Registration Deadline: September 30, 2019**

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## Christian Education and Leadership

Instructor: Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian

This is an introduction to, and exploration of, the foundations and principles of leader development. Students completing this course will have been exposed to basic approaches to Christian Education and leadership development and been given the skills to facilitate those working in a congregation's Christian Education ministry.

This class has been designed to address the Leader Development section of the Disciples of Christ Sixteen Areas of Ministerial Practice: "Know the foundations of Christian education and the principles of leader development. Show competence in teaching children, youth, and adults, including lay leaders and staff."

The online course is from October 14-December 8, 2019. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)

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## Worship

Instructor: Rev. Bob Kemp-Baird

Worship is central to the Christian life. This course will focus on the formulation of a theology for worship in the local congregation, an overview of the history and present trends in Christian worship, development of practical skills in planning and implementing weekly and special services of worship, introduction to the rich use of the arts and sacred music in the worship setting, and the development of resources which can be used for worship.



The online course is from October 14-December 8, 2019. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)

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## Stewardship

Instructor: Dr. Ray Miles

This course will give attention to a holistic understanding of stewardship, but with a specific focus on the role of money in our personal life, congregational life and culture. Participants will explore various strategies for growing stewards and developing authentic stewardship ministries in the local congregation. While the content of this course may be most meaningful for those in leadership positions in the congregations, it will also be engaging for those who simply want to explore issues of faith and money.

The online course is from October 14-December 8, 2019. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)

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## 2019 Ministry Training Course Offerings

### Session 5: August 19-October 13

**Introduction to the Old Testament\***

Dr. Lisa Davison

**Pastoral Leadership**

Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

**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**  
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