

Registration Form

Certificate in Lay Ministry

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Name _____ Date _____

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Church/organization name _____

Your current position: Commissioned Lay Pastor Lay leader in the church or other Christian organization

Other: _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

The Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith & Learning

The Certificate in Lay Ministry Program is one of many such programs being offered through the Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith & Learning at Whitworth University. The center is dedicated to providing innovative programs designed to promote Christian scholarship, greater spiritual depth in students, renewal of clergy and laity, and a better understanding of the dynamics between religion and culture in the Pacific Northwest. For more information about the center, please contact Tim Dolan at 509.777.4676, or by e-mail at tdolan@whitworth.edu.

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What participants say about this program:

The instructors are some of the "cream of the crop" that Whitworth attracts. Bravo! The cost is reasonable and Whitworth is very accommodating for people who must pay in monthly installments. The thing I like best about this program is that it provides abundant opportunities for students to interact with instructors and other students.

The topics are well-thought-out and relevant. What a marvelous and rich group of teachers! They have truly made this program something special. The passion they teach with is inspiring. Even those topics I thought had the potential to be very dry were presented in exciting ways. I want a semester class from each one of the faculty. I'm excited by the class, and the program has whetted my appetite for more.

I found out things I didn't know I needed to know. The program gives me an idea of the educational direction in which I need to go.

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Program Objectives

Churches and religious organizations are looking for dedicated men and women to serve in non-ordained positions of leadership. Unfortunately, many otherwise-qualified people are reluctant to pursue these positions because they do not feel adequately prepared biblically and theologically. Some need to acquire additional practical skills that will help them to be successful in ministry. Others are already involved in lay-ministry positions but feel limited by their lack of training and ongoing opportunities for development and support.

The Certificate in Lay Ministry Program is designed to help train, equip and support men and women to serve more effectively as commissioned lay pastors, Christian-education directors, lay-ministry coordinators, youth leaders, church administrators, church elders and deacons, church office managers, and in a variety of other paid and unpaid leadership positions in local congregations. The certificate program is specifically designed to provide the following components:

- a theoretical framework and foundation in leadership and ministry issues from a Christian perspective;
- practical skills and tools to help participants lead and manage increasingly complex ministries;
- support in ministry, and networking opportunities with other church professionals

Program Costs

Tuition for the entire program is \$750 if registration is received by Aug. 31. After Aug. 31, tuition is \$775. Tuition includes books, materials and lunch. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to register. Half of the balance is due Sept. 12, and the remainder is due Jan. 9. A 10 percent discount will be given if payment is made in full by Sept. 12.

For More Information

To learn more about this program, please contact Rev. Tim Dolan, 509.777.4676, tdolan@whitworth.edu; or Michelle Pace, 509.777.3275, mpace@whitworth.edu.

Program Format

This non-degree program is open to all laypersons who are currently serving or exploring the possibility of serving in a church or Christian organization.

This program includes:

- Participation in seminars that meet once a month from September to June. The seminars meet the first Saturday of each month (except where noted), 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants taking the certificate program to become commissioned lay pastors in the Presbyterian Church (USA) are required to fulfill additional requirements. Those in the CLP program will meet on selected Friday evenings (6-10 p.m.) throughout the year in addition to the Saturday sessions. Participants in the Certificate in Lay Ministry Program who are not training to become CLPs are invited to attend these additional Friday evening sessions at no extra charge.
- Reading assignments, reflection papers, classroom discussion
- Participation in a small community cohort
- Completion of a ministry project that relates to the coursework

Program Faculty

- Keith Beebe, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair, Theology Department, Whitworth University
- Ben Brody, D.M.A., Assistant Professor of Music, Whitworth University
- Tim Dolan, Ph.D., Director, Institute for Clergy and Lay Leadership Development, Whitworth University
- Carl Green, Ph.D., Lecturer, Communication Studies, Whitworth University
- Sheryl Kinder Pyle, M.Div., Latah Valley New Church Development, Spokane, Wash.
- Terry McGonigal, Ph.D., Dean of the Chapel, Whitworth University
- Rick Melin, D.Min., Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of the Inland Northwest (PCUSA)
- Karen Petersen Finch, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Theology Department, Whitworth University
- Ron Pyle, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Studies, Whitworth University
- Jerry Sittser, Ph.D., Professor of Theology, Whitworth University

Program Topics

Session 1

Biblical Foundations for Ministry

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009

Topics include biblical and theological foundations for the church and ministry, as well as methods for discovering and developing one's spiritual gifts.

Session 2

The Bible and Ministry

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009

Topics include an overview of the Old and New Testaments; how the Bible came to be; basic principles of biblical interpretation.

Session 3

Theology and Ministry

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009

Topics include themes in Christian theology and an introduction to Reformed theology. *(CLP additional session on Presbyterian polity, Friday evening, Nov. 6, 6-10 p.m.)*

Session 4

Spirituality and Ministry

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009

Topics include worship through the ages; models of Christian spirituality in church history; developing healthy spiritual disciplines.

Session 5

Christian Leadership and Ministry

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010

Topics include transformational and servant leadership; understanding the unique culture of your church; the influence of size and different generations on the ministry of the church.

Session 6

Church History and Ministry

Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010

Topics include a brief history of the Christian church; major themes in church history; how the church has historically practiced ministry. *(CLP additional session on worship, the sacraments, and funerals, Friday evening, Feb. 5, 6-10 p.m.)*

Session 7

Management and Administration of Ministry

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Topics include working effectively with volunteers, staff and church boards; creating and leading more effective church meetings; recruiting and training volunteers; understanding stewardship and church budgets.

Session 8

Effective Communication in Ministry

April 10, 2010

Topics include basic principles of communication; dealing with and managing conflicts between and among individuals and groups. *(CLP additional session, preaching seminar, Friday evening, April 9, 6-10 p.m.)*

Session 9

Pastoral Care and Ministry

May 1, 2010

Topics include basic principles of counseling; grief and crisis counseling; home and hospital visitation.

Session 10

Discipleship and Ministry, Sharing Church Projects

June 5, 2010

Topics include basic principles of growing healthy churches; sharing church projects; insights gained from the certificate program.