



## Stevenson School for Ministry Online Faith Formation Courses for Adults *FALL 2015: Practicing Our Faith*

### The Stevenson School for Ministry Offers:

- 10-Week Online Courses
- Year-long discernment course for all learners
  - Parish & Ministry Internships
- Residential weekend retreats with keynote speaker for faculty and students at the beginning and end of each semester
- Courses that emphasize academics, community, learning goals, and practical application of concepts in ministry
  - Continuing Ed for congregations

### Fall 2015 Courses

Beginning the weekend of  
October 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Anglican Approaches to the Study of Scripture** *The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston*

There are so many ways to read and understand scripture. The aim of this course is to introduce students to various methods of interpreting the Bible, particularly from within the Anglican tradition. All are welcome to take this course and explore the Holy Bible more closely! This is an excellent course for inquirers in the vocational discernment process, those new to the Episcopal Church, and those looking for a refresher on interpreting Scripture.

#### **Church History II: The History of the Episcopal Church** *The Rev. Canon Dr. Mark Scheneman*

Beginning with colonial church planting in the U.S., this course will lead us through the history of the Episcopal Church, from seeking identity and stability during the American Revolution, to renewal within the denomination, to re-imagining the church for today. This is a course for those working to refresh or re-imagine church, inquirers, history buffs, and those who are new to the Episcopal Church.

#### **Ethics I** *The Rev. Dr. Ellen Wondra*

This course begins to explore the process of making responsible decisions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This course includes some basic resources on ethics and mandatory reporting with concrete application and is open to all.

#### **The Message of Mission: A Contemporary Practice of Mission in the Diocese of Central PA** *The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston*

Students will gain an understanding the Book of Acts as a Missional book to inspire those who are engaged in local or wider church mission practices. This course is perfect for those with feeding programs, those wanting to grow their congregation and all who desire to strengthen the mission of the church.

#### **Prayer Book Studies I** *The Ven. Jane Miron, The Rev. Wanda Kloza*

When, why, and how do we pause to reorient ourselves towards God and the mighty acts of God? What is the theological & historical significance of our liturgical rituals? This course will provide students with an overview of the history of liturgy in the western church an emphasis on the liturgical theology of the Book of Common Prayer, Eucharist, and the Daily Office, and an introduction to the various roles of deacons in the liturgical life of the church.

#### **Prayer Book Studies II** *The Ven. Jane Miron, The Rev. Wanda Kloza*

How much have you explored the Book of Common Prayer, and how much do you use it in your daily spiritual practices? What do you know about its history? Rediscover the meaning of our Book of Common Prayer, with focus on Baptism and Confirmation, history of the BCP, and deepening spirituality through the daily offices. This course is open to all.

#### **Advanced Homiletics** *The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston*

How do you proclaim so that others may believe? Deepen your exegetical practices, strengthen your preaching, challenge yourself to reflect on your practice of preaching. For clergy only.

#### **Hebrew Scripture I: Scripture Methods and Pentateuch** *The Rev. Dr. David Zwifka*

The first part of this course deals with those background issues necessary for a proper understanding of the sacred texts, including inspiration, inerrancy, canonicity, biblical history, and how the reader is to interpret the biblical texts. The second part of the course applies these concepts to a study of the Pentateuch, concentrating on Genesis, Exodus, and Deuteronomy. Open to all.

\$300 per course or \$100 per course audit. \$150 per orientation weekend retreat. Scholarships are available.

To register, go to [www.diocesecpa.org](http://www.diocesecpa.org) and find the Stevenson School for Ministry under the Mission & Formation Tab  
For scholarships and more information, contact The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge, Dean at [Rszoake@diocesecpa.org](mailto:Rszoake@diocesecpa.org)

#### **NEW! Special Group Rate**

For a parish group of 2 or more taking a course together, each additional student will be charged only \$50. That's a total of \$350 for two students, \$400 for three students, and so on! A perfect option for Bible Study groups, Vestries, Outreach Committees, etc.