



Stevenson School for Ministry

Orientation Fall Semester 2016

Sept. 30th, October 1 and October 2, 2016

Formation **through**

Orientation- Disorientation- Reorientation
(Brueggemann, Spirituality of the Psalms)

*Welcome all students, discerners, postulants, candidates,
faculty, , staff, and facilitators*



Location: Saint Cyril
Spiritual Center
Villa Sacred Heart
580 Railroad Street
Danville, PA 17821-1698
Cost \$150.00

Pre-work:

I. Be ready to develop liturgy for the celebration of Holy Eucharist for Trinity Sunday

II. Consider the importance of Multi-cultural awareness

Friday /September 30th,

11:30 AM Arrive, settle in

11:45 Noon day prayers

12:00 Dinner

12:30-1:00 **Welcome /Prayers/focus**

Session 1. Purpose and Focus of our time together:

- 1) **Catching up, each person bring a story about a multi-cultural experience**
- 2) **A focus on Multicultural awareness**
- 3) **Overview of SSFM courses and expectations**

Schedule for SSFM students and Participants:

Discernment group begins

1:00 Bible study **Revelation 12:7-12**

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!”



- 1. Consider the roles of Michael and Messiah in Revelation 12, look specifically for a paradigm, through which the first century author and audience may have understood the story.**
- 2. How should Michael's role be understood? How does his appearance in chapter 12 fit with the story and overall theology of Revelation?**
- 3. Respond to this statement, “the appeal of Revelation as not being confined to those who are oppressed or persecuted but primarily to people who are discontent with the existing order of society”.**

2:00 Session I Course work—SSM courses – (all students are welcome to sit in each class as an observer)

Anglican Approaches to Scripture—the Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston
Prayer Book Studies I—the Venerable Jane Miron, and Deacon Wanda Kloza
Multicultural Sensitivity---Assessment for those not taking a course

3:30 DISCERNMENT MODULE—KATE HARRIGAN

4:00 PM—GROUP GATHERING—CULTURAL DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is being called to embrace more fully the ethnic diversity and the potential wealth of ministries that come from peoples who have been marginalized in leadership or who have not participated at all in our communities. In order to “meet on new ground,” the Church must name and take ownership of the pull toward being culturally exclusive. It must struggle with racism, classism, and the subtle ways in which barriers have evolved and been maintained.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIpBG5WwP0M> Eric Law responds to the question:
Why do we need to be thinking about Multiculturalism in our congregations?

5:00 Supper



Session 2 Course Work

5:30 PM (Note students and participants may sit in on classes as observers)

SSSFM Courses: Ethics I—Kara Slade
The Message of Mission –Duncan Johnston
Discernment Module –Discernment of Gifts with Kate Harrigan

6:45 PM

SESSION 3 COURSE work—SSM courses –

Anglican Practical Theology Course-The Rev. Dr. Jay Geisler
Discernment Course-Discernment of Gifts-The Rev. Kate Harrigan

8:00 PM Compline in the peace room

Open free time for fellowship/begin to prepare for Eucharist on Sunday Morning

Saturday /October 1, 2017

7:15 AM Bible Study **John 1:47-51**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

1. *How are people brought to faith?*
2. *How do you bring others to faith?*

8:30 Breakfast

Session 4 Course work

9:00 — Church History I, the Rev. Dr. Mark Scheneman,
Discernment Module
Multi-cultural questions

10:20 break

Session 5---

10:30 Course work –
Hebrew Testament I—the Rev. Dr. David Zwifka

Discernment with Kate Harrigan

Noon Dinner

1:00- 2:30 Synoptic Gospels I—Dr. Deirdre Good

Break

Session 6 whole group

3:00 -- Multiculturalism Kevin Barron

4:45 Break

5:00 Supper

6:00

8:00 **Compline followed by preparing for Sunday’s Celebration of Holy Eucharist**



Sunday/October 2nd

Reorientation

8:00 AM- 9:30 Summary and Theological Reflection

Overview of course expectations, and an introduction to “A Life of Grace for the Whole World”--
Robyn

9:30 Brunch

10:30 Eucharist with theological reflection led by students working together
throughout our time together.

Noon Travel home