

# 2021 COURSE CATALOG

The 2021 Laity Academy is being offered as a combination of virtual classes over Zoom and as in-person classes at various churches across the conference. Please pay attention to the offering method and dates when selecting your course.

This catalog describes the courses being offered over Zoom from August 6 -8 2021.

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# BASIC

## BASIC COURSE – The Journey Begins

Ready to explore God’s call in your life? Take the first step in the Christ Servant Ministry program with others who want to follow Christ’s commandment to love one another with caring and love.

The Basic Course provides a firm foundational understanding of God’s presence in our lives, the meaning and mission of the church, and insight into how and where you can apply the gifts you have and will receive from our Lord. You will learn about the need for servant ministries in our world and what it means to be a servant for Christ. The Basic Course is also the first step towards further development as a Certified Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Minister

Participants in this course must request the recommendation and approval from their Local Church and submit it with their registration. Registrants are required to complete assignments from a Basic Course Manual prior to attending the Laity Academy. There is an additional \$5 fee included for a Basic Course Manual.

**Instructor:** Judy Ehninger, Certified Lay Minister

### Virtual Offering:

|                        |   |              |  |
|------------------------|---|--------------|--|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | August 6-7  |              |  |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$15 includes course material   |              |  |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 15  |              |  |
| <b>Prerequisite:</b>   | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction    |              |  |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |  |
| NLT Aug 5th            | email homework to instructor (counts as 1hr of class time)                    |              |  |
| Friday                 | Session 1   | 6:00 – 8:00  |  |
| Saturday               | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  |  |
|                        | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |  |
|                        | Session 3   | 1:00 – 3:00  |  |
|                        | Session 4   | 4:00 – 6:00  |  |

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### In-Person Offering:

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| <b>Dates:</b>           | October 1-2  |              |          |
| <b>Location:</b>        | <b>TBD</b>   |              |          |
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$35 includes course material  |              |          |
| <b>Number Students</b>  | 20   |              |          |
| <b>Meals:</b>           | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch   |              |          |
| <b>Prerequisite:</b>    | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction |              |          |
| <b>Class schedule:</b>  |  |              |          |
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | bring completed homework to Friday evening class                           |              |          |
| Friday                  | Session 1  | 6:00 – 8:00  |          |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session  | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Xoom |
|                         | Session 2  | 9:00 – 12:00 |          |
|                         | Session 3  | 1:00 – 3:00  |          |
|                         | Session 4  | 4:00 – 6:00  |          |

# SPEAKING

## HABLANDO 101: Predicando para ser Escuchado

**Hablando 1** es el curso básico para aquellos que desean predicar o mejorar sus habilidades para hablar. Esta clase mirará el foco de nuestra predicación, compartirá ideas en el desarrollo de sermones, y creará una oportunidad para que cada participante desarrolle y presente un "mini" sermón al grupo. Una parte importante de esta experiencia es compartir la retroalimentación en un entorno de apoyo y seguridad para que todos los que deseen predicar puedan beneficiarse del grupo. La expectativa es que nuestro tiempo juntos será uno de alegría y emoción.

**Instructor:** Rev. Cesar A. De Paz

### Virtual Offering:

|                        |   |              |  |
|------------------------|---|--------------|--|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | August 6-7  |              |  |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$10  |              |  |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 20  |              |  |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction    |              |  |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |  |
| NLT Aug 5th            | email homework to instructor  |              |  |
| Friday                 | Session 1   | 6:00 – 8:00  |  |
| Saturday               | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  |  |
|                        | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |  |
|                        | Session 3   | 1:00 – 3:00  |  |
|                        | Session 4   | 4:00 – 6:00  |  |

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### In-Person Offering:

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| <b>Dates:</b>           | October 1-2  |              |          |
| <b>Location:</b>        | <b>TBD</b>   |              |          |
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$30   |              |          |
| <b>Number Students</b>  | 20   |              |          |
| <b>Meals:</b>           | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch   |              |          |
| <b>Prerequisite:</b>    | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction |              |          |
| <b>Class schedule:</b>  |  |              |          |
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | bring completed homework to Friday evening class                           |              |          |
| Friday                  | Session 1  | 6:00 – 8:00  |          |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session  | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom |
|                         | Session 2  | 9:00 – 12:00 |          |
|                         | Session 3  | 1:00 – 3:00  |          |
|                         | Session 4  | 4:00 – 6:00  |          |

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## SPEAKING 101: Preaching to be Heard

Speaking 1 is the basic course for those who wish to preach or to enhance their speaking abilities. This class will look at the focus of our preaching, share ideas on the development of sermons, and create an opportunity for each participant to develop and present a "mini" sermon to the group. An important part of this experience is the sharing of feedback in a supportive and safe setting so that all who wish to preach can

benefit from the group. The expectation is that our time together will be one of joy and excitement. For CSM participants, this course is recognized as an advanced course in speaking. Successful completion of Speaking 1 is one of the requirements to receive Certified Lay Speaker credentials.

**Instructor:** Rev Harold Burkett

**In-Person Offering:**

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| <b>Dates:</b>           | October 1-2  |              |          |
| <b>Location:</b>        | Christ UMC, Lansdale   |              |          |
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$30   |              |          |
| <b>Number Students</b>  | 16   |              |          |
| <b>Meals:</b>           | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch   |              |          |
| <b>Prerequisite:</b>    | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction |              |          |
| <b>Class schedule:</b>  |  |              |          |
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | prepare and practice a 10 minute sermon for Friday evening                 |              |          |
| Friday                  | Session 1  | 6:30 – 8:30  |          |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session  | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom |
|                         | Session 2  | 9:00 – 12:00 |          |
|                         | Session 3  | 1:00 – 5:30  |          |

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## **SPEAKING 201: Preaching by Number**

This course will not be offered in 2021.

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## **SPEAKING 202: Preaching CAREfully**

In the early church, the pastor was called to be a “shepherd of souls,” a role which included both preaching and caring. But after the Reformation, those roles were often separated with the titles “pastor” and “preacher” referring to separate tasks of ministry. Since true preaching is always pastoral, this course will help those who speak on Sunday mornings learn how to reclaim being a “shepherd of souls.”

**Instructor:** Rev. Dr. Lloyd F. Speer III, OSL,

**Virtual Offering:**

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| <b>Dates:</b>                 | August 6-7 and Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>   |              |  |
| <b>Cost:</b>                  | \$10  |              |  |
| <b>Number Students</b>        | no limit  |              |  |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>           | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 2 hrs of instruction   |              |  |
| <b>Class schedule:</b>        | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |  |
| Friday Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>    | Session 1   | 6:30 – 8:30  |  |
| Saturday Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  |  |
|                               | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |  |
| Saturday Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> | Session 3   | 9:00 – 12:00 |  |

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**In-Person Offering:**

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| <b>Dates:</b>    | October 1-2                |
| <b>Location:</b> | Christ UMC, Fairless Hills |

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|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$30  |              |
| <b>Number Students</b>  | 20  |              |
| <b>Meals:</b>           | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch    |              |
| <b>Prerequisite:</b>    | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 2 hrs of instruction |              |
| <b>Class schedule:</b>  |   |              |
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | bring completed homework to Friday evening class                            |              |
| Friday                  | Session 1   | 6:30 – 8:30  |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  |
|                         | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |
|                         | Session 3   | 1:00 – 4:00  |

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## **HABLANDO 203: Método Inductivo: “¿Cómo hacer que nuestra audiencia escuche?”**

- I. **Descripción:** Este curso aborda el tema de la predicación desde el método inductivo. Partiendo de fundamentos básicos de la predicación inductiva la clase participante tendrá la oportunidad de desarrollar y presentar al menos dos sermones en clase y entablar dialogo con el resto de la clase acerca de los mismos. Cada participante entregara una copia del texto usado para el sermón.
- II. **Itinerario:** El curso consiste de 10 horas de instrucción  
viernes – introducción al método inductivo para la predicación cristiana (2 horas )  
sábado – Jesús de Nazaret y su manera de conectar con su audiencia (3 horas)  
domingo - El sermón inductivo en la comunidad Latina (5 horas)
- III. **Proceso:** Se espera que cada participante participe en la discusión y que cumpla con las tareas asignadas.
  1. Durante la clase cada participante presentará 2 sermones breves
  2. La discusión en clases giran entorno a las presentaciones del instructor
  3. Cada participante presentara al menos dos sermones durante el curso
  4. Se requiere traer biblia, una cuaderno para tomar notas y leer material asignado previo al curso y durante el curso.
- IV. **Recursos para la clase:**
  1. Ver en YouTube previo a la clase “Predicación Inductiva” Indubiblia <http://indubiblia.org>
  2. Preparar sus sermones en base a : Mateo 6:9-15 (sobre la oración) y Juan 11:11-37 (sobre la humanidad de Jesús)
  3. Material suplido el primer día de clase

**Instructor:** Rev. Dr. Irving Cotto

### **Virtual Offering:**

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|------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | August 6-7  |              |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$10  |              |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 20  |              |
| <b>Prerequisite:</b>   | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1.5 hr of instruction  |              |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |
| NLT Aug 5th            | email homework to instructor  |              |
| viernes                | Session 1   | 6:00 – 8:00  |
| sábado                 | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  |
|                        | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |
|                        | Session 3   | 2:00 – 5:30  |

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**In-Person Offering:**

**Dates:** October 1-2  
**Location:** **TBD**  
**Cost:** \$30  
**Number Students** 20  
**Meals:** Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch  
**Prerequisite** homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1.5 hr of instruction  
**Class schedule:**

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|-------------------------|--|--------------|----------|
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | bring completed homework to Friday evening class |              |          |
| Friday                  | Session 1  | 6:00 – 8:00  |          |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session                                  | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom |
|                         | Session 2  | 9:00 – 12:00 |          |
|                         | Session 3  | 1:00 – 3:00  |          |
|                         | Session 4  | 4:00 – 6:00  |          |

# LEADING

## BIBLICAL STUDIES Bible Study for 21st Century Learners

Do you know how to read and interpret your Bible, or the difference between Bible Study and Biblical Study?

This course is designed to expose today's Bible reader to some of the basic approaches for interpreting the ancient biblical text in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We will discuss the structure and history of the Bible and its translations. You will learn how to read the books of the Bible based on their authorship and literary style. We will explore the Bible in terms of what it did mean then ("biblical studies" question) and what **does** it mean now ("Bible Study" question)? Recognizing the differences helps the reader to be a more informed.

Another important is recognizing that each person's perspective influences their interpreting the Bible. The context of the **YOU** reader/interpreter of the Bible. What are you looking for when you read the Bible? This is based on who we are, our class, our age, the racial and gender composition of our society and even by the ambience of the era in which we live.

This course will also explore the New Testament gospels, the differences between them and how Jesus is presented in each of the four gospels.

**Instructor:** RV. Dr. Frank Moore

### Virtual Offering:

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|------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | August 6-7  |                              |              |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$10  |                              |              |
| <b>Number Students</b> | no limit  |                              |              |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction    |                              |              |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |                              |              |
|                        | NLT Aug 5th   | email homework to instructor |              |
|                        | Friday  | Session 1                    | 6:30 – 8:30  |
|                        | Saturday  | Plenary Session              | 8:30 – 9:00  |
|                        |   | Session 2                    | 9:00 – 12:00 |
|                        |   | Session 3                    | 1:00 – 5:00  |

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### In-Person Offering:

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| <b>Dates:</b>          | October 1-2  |                 |                      |
| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>TBD</b>   |                 |                      |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$30   |                 |                      |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 20   |                 |                      |
| <b>Meals:</b>          | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch   |                 |                      |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction |                 |                      |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | bring completed homework to Friday evening class                           |                 |                      |
|                        | NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  |                 |                      |
|                        | Friday   | Session 1       | 6:30 – 8:30          |
|                        | Saturday   | Plenary Session | 8:30 – 9:00 via Zoom |
|                        |  | Session 2       | 9:00 – 12:00         |
|                        |  | Session 3       | 1:00 – 5:00          |

**“Sharing Your Church’s Story”** will provide basic, practical knowledge about Church Communications & Marketing (101) that spans primary media formats for promoting churches and their ministries. We will cover production and use of email, e-newsletters, websites, social media and video. We’ll also offer a primer in event marketing and promotion, and whet appetites for our Church Communications & Marketing 201 course in October’s Laity Academy II. But we will begin with an orientation to the power of telling your church’s story with creativity and impact.

The class will include the following modules:

- Overview—*Sharing Your Church’s Story*: \*John Coleman & \*Krystl Johnson
- Church Email & Newsletters-- John Coleman & \*Sue Kiefner
- Church Websites—Jeremy Brown, *UMCom Training Coordinator*
- Social Media—Faith Turnbull, *Intern, St. Matthew’s UMC of Valley Forge*
- Video Production—\*Sabrina Daluisio & John Coleman
- Marketing & Promoting Ministries & Events—Sue Kiefner

**Instructor:** Pastor John Coleman

**Virtual Offering:**

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|------------------------|--|--------------|--|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | August 6-7   |              |  |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$10   |              |  |
| <b>Number Students</b> | no limit   |              |  |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | none   |              |  |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class  |              |  |
| Friday                 | Session 1  | 7:00 – 8:45  |  |
| Saturday               | Plenary Session  | 8:30 – 9:00  |  |
|                        | Session 2  | 9:00 – 12:00 |  |
|                        | Session 3  | 12:45 – 4:45 |  |
| Homework               | homework will be assigned after class equivalent to 1.5 hr of instruction<br>Assignment must be returned to the instructor by Saturday Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> to receive full credit |              |  |

**COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING 201:**

Course content is under development by the instructor and the EPA Conference Communication team,. Topics will include event planning and promotion.

**Instructor:** Pastor John Coleman and the EPA Conference Communication team

**Virtual Offering:**

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|------------------------|---|-------------|----------|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | October 1-2   |             |          |
| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>TBD</b>  |             |          |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$30  |             |          |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 20  |             |          |
| <b>Meals:</b>          | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch      |             |          |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | none  |             |          |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |             |          |
| Friday                 | Session 1   | 7:00 – 8:45 |          |
| Saturday               | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00 | via Zoom |

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|-----------------|---|--------------|
|                 | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |
|                 | Session 3   | 12:45 – 4:45 |
| Homework credit | homework will be assigned after class equivalent to 1.5 hr of instruction<br>Assignment must be returned to the instructor by Saturday Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> to receive full credit |              |

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## CHRISTIANITY, CULTS & RELIGIONS

This course is designed to help participants recognize other world religions and cults and be prepared to answer people when questioned about your faith. You will learn how to distinguish between a religion and a cult and how to think biblically about each. It helps clarify the differences between the beliefs of various religions, cults, and new religious movements. It includes topics such as: Who is God? Who is Jesus Christ? What is Salvation? What happens after death? Other interesting beliefs and practices of different religions. This course will help you know how to interact effectively with people who believe different than we do and evangelize with clarity, conviction and confidence; to understand what we believe and why; and how to effectively share your testimony with others. You will also be provided with tools that are helpful Do's and Don'ts when you complete the course for other faith and cult beliefs and interactions.

**Instructor:** Linda Van Til

### In-Person Offering:

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | October 1-2   |
| <b>Location:</b>       | Litiz UMC   |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$30  |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 20  |
| <b>Meals:</b>          | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch        |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | Please purchase <i>Christianity, Cults &amp; Religions: Rose Bible Basics</i> , |

**ISBN:** 1596362022

homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 2 hrs of instruction

### Class schedule:

|                         |  |              |          |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|----------|
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | bring completed homework to Friday evening class |              |          |
| Friday                  | Session 1  | 7:00 – 8:30  |          |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session                                  | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom |
|                         | Session 2  | 9:00 – 12:00 |          |
|                         | Session 3  | 1:00 – 5:00  |          |

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## EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE: A Blueprint for Your Spiritual Path

Do you find yourself 'stuck' on your spiritual path? Do you feel frustrated at times on not understanding how to use your faith on your journey? Are you struggling with relationships with God, your friends, or your family? Then now is the time to consider how 'emotional intelligence' can be your blueprint for living your faith! It is becoming aware of how to control and express one's emotions, and to how to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically. Realizing that emotional intelligence begins with the individual before it can impact others can help reshape our thinking around communication, teamwork, conflict

management, peak performance—basically how we live out our faith! Emotionally intelligent congregations are those that support intergenerational worship experiences and events. Use emotional intelligence to create vibrant youth and young adult ministries while providing excellent care to all ages!

Throughout this class, you will actively use emotional intelligence and develop an action plan or blueprint for living your faith in a healthy and emotionally intelligent manner! You will be able to: capitalize on using emotional intelligence in your life, effectively deal with typical life issues, identify effective methods to communicate, collaborate, and build a high-performing church team, identify your unique profile in regards to emotional intelligence and ensure your youth, young adults, and adult ministries are emotionally intelligent. This course is particularly recommended for Certified Lay Ministers. For CSM participants, this course is recognized as an advanced course in leading.

**Instructor:** RV. David Piltz

**Virtual Offering:**

|                        |   |              |
|------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | August 6-7  |              |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$10  |              |
| <b>Number Students</b> | no limit  |              |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction    |              |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |
| NLT Aug 5th            | email homework to instructor  |              |
| Saturday               | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  |
|                        | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |
|                        | Session 3   | 1:00 – 5:00  |

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## **GAMING: Generating Intense Bible Study Games for Adults**

Using game theory, multiple intelligences, interactive teaching methods and scripture participants will explore creative ways to create bible studies. Gaming and playing games is a common connections all people have – games are ways we learn and experience life and share our thoughts and feelings. Playing games isn't for children or “geeks and nerds” – playing games is for everyone at all times. During this highly interactive workshop participants will explore the principles of game theory, instructional design, and interpreting scripture and create games that are bible studies. Each participant will leave with at least one game frame to use in bible studies and one game designed during the workshop. Join us as we take bible studies to the next level.

**Instructor:** Rev. David Piltz

### **In-Person Offering:**

**Dates:** October 1-2  
**Location:** Doylestown UMC  
**Cost:** \$30  
**Number Students** 20  
**Meals:** Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch  
**Prerequisite** homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction  
**Class schedule:**

|                         |  |              |          |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|----------|
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | bring completed homework to Friday evening class |              |          |
| Friday                  | Session 1  | 6:30 – 8:30  |          |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session                                  | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom |
|                         | Session 2  | 9:00 – 12:00 |          |
|                         | Session 3  | 1:00 – 5:00  |          |

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## **SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

Jesus Christ was the greatest leader of all time. In the span of roughly four years, Jesus gathered, then led, 12 diverse individuals on a journey unlike they, or the rest of the world, could image. Because of the strength of Jesus' leadership, Christianity grew from only a few hundred followers at the time of the Ascension to nearly 2.5 billion Believers around the world today.

But what made Jesus a great leader? What was it about Jesus' approach to leadership which made Simon Peter and his brother Andrew to answer the call of “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”? And what was it which enabled them, along with James and John and the other Disciples, to grow into a team which carried on a mission long after Jesus physically departed from them?

The answer lies in the concept known as Servant Leadership. Servant Leadership was not unique to Jesus, but Jesus exemplified it in his ministry on Earth. In fact, Jesus himself imparted to his Disciples his take on his role as leader when he said, in Matthew 20:28, “the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve”. But what does that mean? What does Servant Leadership look like? Are we, who serve within our church and community, leaders who “come to serve and not to be served?”

Servant Leadership is not new and we can see its characteristics as far back as Moses, if not earlier. However, in the realms of business and academia, Servant Leadership is as young as the 1970's when Robert K. Greenleaf coined the phrase. According to Greenleaf, “Servant Leadership”, is “...a philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world”. Servant Leadership, like traditional leadership, still focuses on the vision and goals of the

organization but emphasizes the leader placing people first. Its goal is helping them to develop, thrive, and perform to their fullest. When this occurs, the success of whatever we are doing will naturally follow through commitment, empowerment, and engagement.

This class will provide an overview of the concept of Servant Leadership with a goal of getting students on a leadership journey like that of Jesus and many others who came before, and after Him. As the laity leaders - whether by title, position, or situation- in the United Methodist Church, it is imperative we adopt a style which will nurture Christian followers, give them what they need to succeed, and, like Jesus, allow our churches' mission and vision to continue and flourish long after we are no longer in charge.

**Instructor:** Joseph Skarbowski

**Virtual Offering:**

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| <b>Dates:</b>          | August 6-7  |              |  |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$10  |              |  |
| <b>Number Students</b> | no limit  |              |  |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | none  |              |  |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |  |
| Friday                 | Session 1   | 6:30 – 9:00  |  |
| Saturday               | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  |  |
|                        | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |  |
|                        | Session 3   | 1:00 – 2:30  |  |
|                        | Session 4   | 3:00 – 4:30  |  |
|                        | Session 5   | 5:00 – 6:00  |  |
| Homework               | homework will be assigned after class equivalent to 1.5 hr of instruction     |              |  |

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**In-Person Offering:**

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| <b>Dates:</b>          | October 1-2  |              |          |
| <b>Location:</b>       | Litiz UMC  |              |          |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$30   |              |          |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 20   |              |          |
| <b>Meals:</b>          | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch   |              |          |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | none   |              |          |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class  |              |          |
| Friday                 | Session 1  | 6:30 – 9:00  |          |
| Saturday               | Plenary Session  | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom |
|                        | Session 2  | 9:00 – 12:00 |          |
|                        | Session 3  | 1:00 – 2:30  |          |
|                        | Session 4  | 3:00 – 4:30  |          |
|                        | Session 5  | 5:00 – 6:00  |          |
| Homework               | homework will be assigned after class equivalent to 1.5 hr of instruction<br>Assignment must be returned to the instructor by Saturday Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> to receive |              |          |

full credit

# CARING

## ENCONTRANDONOS CON DIOS A TRAVES DE LA ORACIÓN:

Descripción: A través de este curso exploraremos la oración como una oportunidad para experimentar la presencia de Dios de una manera personal e íntima y sus implicaciones para la congregación.

Objetivo: Animar a los participantes a profundizar su vida de oración a través de una comprensión renovada de cómo la oración conduce a encuentros más cercanos con Dios tanto a nivel individual como colectivo.

Horario: Durante las tres sesiones los participantes pasarán un total de 10 horas de instrucción y discusión en grupo, oración. El curso se impartirá en español.

Book Resource: Fred A. Hartley, III Iglesia en Fuego (Church in Fire), Fort Washington, CLC Publications, 2015

**Instructor:** The Rev. Lilian L. Cotto

### Virtual Offering:

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|------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | August 6-7  |              |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$10 book to be purchased prior to course                                     |              |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 15  |              |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | none  |              |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |
| Friday                 | Session 1   | 6:00 – 8:00  |
| Saturday               | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  |
|                        | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |
|                        | Session 3   | 2:00 – 5:00  |
|                        | Session 4   | 5:30 – 7:30  |

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### In-Person Offering:

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| <b>Dates:</b>          | October 1-2   |              |
| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>TBD</b>  |              |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$30 book to be purchased prior to course                                     |              |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 15  |              |
| <b>Meals:</b>          | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch      |              |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | none  |              |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |
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| Saturday               | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  |
|                        | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |
|                        | Lunch Break   | 12:00 – 2:00 |
|                        | Session 3   | 2:00 – 5:00  |
|                        | Session 4   | 5:30 – 7:30  |

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## FINISHING STRONG: Empowering, engaging and nurturing our aging congregations

*“Finishing Strong” - empowering congregations to recognize and minister to the needs of aging members, maximize their engagement and honor their contributions to the Body of Christ.*

This course will encourage you to appreciate the gifts and contributions of older persons, no matter what stage of life they are in. It will help you to recognize the physical, spiritual, and social needs of these members so that your church can be more effective in older adult ministry and continue to benefit from the faith and wisdom of these individuals.

Lessons incorporate large and small group discussion, problem solving with real life scenarios, sharing of scriptures that relate to aging, humor, and use of multimedia. Written and online resources will be provided so that participants can share material with their pastor and church members.

Content includes: Physical, social and spiritual attributes of aging and the impact on congregations, discussion of how our churches can adapt environment and ministry to meet these needs, recognition of normal memory loss vs dementia, the importance of considering views about health issues and the advantages of communicating end of life wishes with family/close support persons. There is also attention to the role of Christian faith in helping us to finish strong, no matter what age we are when God calls us home.

**Instructors:** Margie Krut and Celeste Schiller

**In-Person Offering:**

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|------------------------|---|--------------|----------|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | October 1-2   |              |          |
| <b>Location:</b>       | Christ UMC, Fairless Hills  |              |          |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$30 book to be purchased prior to course                                     |              |          |
| <b>Number Students</b> | 15  |              |          |
| <b>Meals:</b>          | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch      |              |          |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | none  |              |          |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |          |
| Friday                 | Session 1   | 6:00 – 8:00  |          |
| Saturday               | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom |
|                        | Session 2   | 9:00 – 12:00 |          |
|                        | Lunch Break   | 12:00 – 2:00 |          |
|                        | Session 3   | 2:00 – 5:00  |          |
|                        | Session 4   | 5:30 – 7:30  |          |

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## A GOOD SAMARITAN'S VIEW ON CARING FOR OTHERS

This class will look at various areas in which individuals can care for church and community members by utilizing as a template the parable of the Good Samaritan given by Jesus Christ as recorded in Luke 10:25-37. Each session will focus on a key area of care which include: church family, the sick, shut-ins, and those who grieve.

**Instructor:** Rev. Zachary Hopple

**Virtual Offering:**

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|------------------------|---|-------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Dates:</b>          | August 6-7  |             |                              |
| <b>Cost:</b>           | \$10  |             |                              |
| <b>Number Students</b> | no limit  |             |                              |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>    | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction    |             |                              |
| <b>Class schedule:</b> | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |             |                              |
| NLT Aug 6th            | bring completed homework to Friday night session                              |             |                              |
| Friday                 | Session 1   | 6:00 – 8:30 | Caring for the church family |

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| Saturday | Plenary Session | 8:30 – 9:00  |                                   |
|          | Session 2       | 9:00 – 11:30 | Caring for the sick               |
|          | Session 3       | 12:30 – 2:30 | Caring for shut-ins.              |
|          | Session 4       | 3:00 – 5:00  | Caring for the dying and grieving |

**In-Person Offering:**

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| <b>Dates:</b>           | October 1-2   |              |                                   |
| <b>Location:</b>        | Christ UMC, Lansdale  |              |                                   |
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$30  |              |                                   |
| <b>Number Students</b>  | 15  |              |                                   |
| <b>Meals:</b>           | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch      |              |                                   |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>     | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction    |              |                                   |
| <b>Class schedule:</b>  | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |                                   |
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | bring completed homework to Friday night session                              |              |                                   |
| Friday                  | Session 1   | 6:00 – 8:30  | Caring for the church family      |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom                          |
|                         | Session 2   | 9:00 – 11:30 | Caring for the sick               |
|                         | Session 3   | 12:30 – 2:30 | Caring for shut-ins.              |
|                         | Session 4   | 3:00 – 5:00  | Caring for the dying and grieving |

**MAKING PRAYER COUNT: Making Every Prayer Count: Moving from ME to WE**

Have you ever had trouble connecting with God? Praying for Others? This course is designed to be a powerful resource aimed at making your personal prayer life more effective (**ME**) and equipping you to be a person of impact within your church and community (**WE**). We will begin our journey focusing on “me”. Diving into areas of God given identity and the impact that our belief system has on every aspect of our life. We will explore how we grow in intimacy with Jesus, our belief system and the importance of forgiveness. As we look at “WE” we will dive into developing a prayer ministry at the local church, learn some simple but effective prayer models (salvation, blessing, healing etc.), and explore what it means to be a people who call others into a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. This course is full of laughter, hand’s-on activation, Q&A, and God surprises!

**Instructor:** Pastor Ruth Hendrickson

**In-Person Offering:**

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|-------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| <b>Dates:</b>           | October 1-2  |             |  |
| <b>Location:</b>        | Doylestown UMC   |             |  |
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$45 includes access to online video training site and a book to be distributed in class |             |  |
| <b>Number Students</b>  | 20   |             |  |
| <b>Meals:</b>           | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch                 |             |  |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>     | online homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1.5 hr of instruction      |             |  |
| <b>Class schedule:</b>  | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class            |             |  |
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | complete online homework to Friday night session   |             |  |
| Friday                  | Session 1  | 6:30 – 8:30 |  |

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| Saturday | Plenary Session | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom |
|          | Session 2       | 9:00 – 12:00 |          |
|          | Lunch Break     | 12:00 – 1:00 |          |
|          | Session 3       | 1:00 – 2:30  |          |
|          | Session 4       | 3:00 – 5:00  |          |

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## PASTORAL CARE: What To Say When Someone Is Hurting

Do you find yourself in situations where you struggle with what to say? How do you provide comfort to them without sounding insincere?

The practice of Pastoral Care Ministry can leave even the most well-intentioned visitor searching for the right words. Pastoral care is not just a clergy responsibility, but a ministry of the church. Illness can cause physical, emotional and spiritual crisis and having some tools will help you be a reassuring presence. We will discuss visits to hospitals, nursing homes, or shut-ins, and utilize role-playing exercises. This course will give you practical knowledge you can use on your next visit. For CSM participants, this course is recognized as an advanced course in caring.

**Instructor:** Laurie Lewis

**Virtual Offering:**

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| <b>Dates:</b>           | August 6-7   |              |  |
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$10 book to be purchased prior to course                                  |              |  |
| <b>Number Students</b>  | no limit   |              |  |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>     | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction |              |  |
| <b>Class schedule:</b>  | an email containing Zoom links will be sent prior to class                 |              |  |
| NLT Aug 6 <sup>st</sup> | bring completed homework to Friday night session                           |              |  |
| Friday                  | Session 1  | 6:30 – 8:30  |  |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session  | 8:30 – 9:00  |  |
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**In-Person Offering:**

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| <b>Dates:</b>           | October 1-2   |              |          |
| <b>Location:</b>        | Doylestown UMC  |              |          |
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$30 book to be purchased prior to course                                     |              |          |
| <b>Number Students</b>  | 20  |              |          |
| <b>Meals:</b>           | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch      |              |          |
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| <b>Class schedule:</b>  | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |          |
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| Friday                  | Session 1   | 6:30 – 8:30  |          |
| Saturday                | Plenary Session   | 8:30 – 9:00  | via Zoom |
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|                         | Lunch Break   | 12:00 – 1:00 |          |
|                         | Session 3   | 1:00 – 5:30  |          |

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## THE PRACTICE OF HOSPITALITY IN TROUBLING TIMES

We live in an increasingly more diverse and complex society. How do we make meaning out of the community we once knew and respond to a community that is rapidly changing? How does one practice “hospitality” in the midst of social unrest?

This workshop seeks to engage you in thinking about what you observed, felt, and experienced during the social unrest we have all witnessed in the last year. How do you give voice to them; have honest conversations; and practice “hospitality” as Jesus reminds us “to love thy neighbor as thyself.”

This course will explore

- How do you understand the following?
- Diversity
- Multicultural
- Prejudice
- Bias
- Microaggressions

We will discuss:

- How do one’s biases/prejudices/stereotypes impact building community/unity?
- How does one create space for the “other” in building community/unity?

**Instructor:** Sharon Brown, Consultant and former Director, Office of Institutional Diversity  
Moravian College and Theological Seminary

**In-Person Offering:**

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| <b>Dates:</b>           | October 1-2   |              |          |
| <b>Location:</b>        | <b>TBD</b>  |              |          |
| <b>Cost:</b>            | \$30  |              |          |
| <b>Number Students</b>  | 20  |              |          |
| <b>Meals:</b>           | Saturday coffee will be provided, please bring your own snacks and lunch      |              |          |
| <b>Prerequisite</b>     | homework will be assigned prior to class equivalent to 1 hr of instruction    |              |          |
| <b>Class schedule:</b>  | an email containing Zoom links will be sent to each registrant prior to class |              |          |
| NLT Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> | bring completed homework to Friday night session                              |              |          |
| Friday                  | Session 1   | 6:30 – 8:30  |          |
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