



NORTHWEST OHIO ASSOCIATION

LAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Pastors and Christian Educators: Do you have folks in your congregation who are actively involved in the life of the church and would perhaps like to expand their knowledge about the Christian faith?

Lay Folks: Do you enjoy being a leader in your congregation? Would you like to know more about the church and the Christian faith?

Then the Lay School of Religion might be the answer you are looking for!

For more than fifty years, the Northwest Ohio School of religion has undergirded ministry in all parts of the Association. Informed and trained laity have strengthened the churches and enhanced the quality of spiritual life for all.

The hallmarks of the Lay School of Religion include: quality instruction, Christian fellowship, theological integrity, commitment to the United Church of Christ, and open dialogue.

There are courses offered each Spring and Fall. Each term covers a different topic. Typically, each class holds eight class sessions of two and a half hours each.

Current classes are offered in:

Preaching, Pastoral Care, Faith Formation, History and Polity of the UCC, Liturgy and Worship, Old Testament I, Old Testament II, New Testament I, New Testament II, and Christian Theology, Ethics and Morals.

In addition, a Stewardship workshop will be offered each Spring and an Evangelism Workshop each Fall of each year. Each workshop will present a different topic. These workshops are open to all interested persons of the association.

Class work may include: Presentations, class discussion, outside readings, reflection papers, and individual projects.

Tuition is \$90 for each course payable one week before class begins. \$100 tuition fee will be expected if the fee is received within the last week before class begins or after. In addition to this price, at least one book is required.

Presently the class is being held via Zoom from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm on Tuesday evenings. Class in the past, met on Tuesday nights at the Association Office located at 416 Wentz Street in Tiffin, Ohio. Sessions would begin at 6:45 p.m. and conclude at 9:15 p.m. Each future class location TBD. Oversight of the Lay School of Religion is provided by a Lay School Board.

To **REGISTER:** complete form below and return to the Northwest Ohio Association, UCC, 416 Wentz St., Tiffin, OH 44883 with payment.

Rev. Dr. Robert Bottoms, Bellevue, is the Dean of Lay School

Rev. Daniel Busch, Association Minister

Return this portion to register.

**Enrollment for Admission
to the
Lay School of Religion Program
of the
Northwest Ohio Association, United Church of Christ**

Name of Course _____ Cost \$90.00

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Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Phone # _____ Evening Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

Employer _____ Work Phone # _____

Home Church with City _____

- Are you taking this class: I am a Member in Discernment or being considered for Authorized Ministry and intend to complete all class work and assignments to complete the Lay School of Religion
- I am taking this class and plan to complete the Lay School program
- I am taking this course for personal enrichment
- Audit (active participation-no grade)

A letter of reference from your pastor must be presented to the Dean of the Lay School of Religion.

Please check highest educational background completed

High School College- Major _____ Degree _____

Graduate School- Degree _____

Please write a paragraph describing your Christian beliefs and your faith pilgrimage.

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