

# Lay School of Religion Spring Class 2023 “Faith Formation”



for lay members of the church  
interested in caring ministry

Class begins Tuesday, February 7, 2023 (6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) VIA ZOOM  
Seven remaining classes – Feb. 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16

## Meet the instructor – Rev. Ed Heilman

Ed is an ordained pastor in the UCC and serves as pastor at Park Congregational United Church of Christ in Toledo, Ohio. Ed is credentialed by the Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction, and taught World Religions as an adjunct at Bowling Green State University. He is a lifetime learner, and part of UCC Contemplatives in Action. He holds a clear vision that the way of Jesus Christ is a movement from estrangement to intimacy, and from injustice to justice.

### Faith Formation

- Explore its vitality in the faith community.
- Discover how essential faith formation is for ministries and missions of the faith communities.
- Engage faith formation as a spiritual practice.



### Goals of the class are:

1. Explore the meaning and purpose of faith formation and how faith formation is fundamental to the community of faith.
2. Examine the historical developments of faith formation in embracing vitality in the life of the faith community's ministries and missions.
3. Discover a holistic framework out of which to understand and implement faith formation in your own setting
4. Survey resources, methods, and planning to integrate faith formation and spiritual practices.
5. Discern, reflect, acknowledge, and celebrate a personal spiritual practice of faith.
6. Share personal practices of being life-long faith learners with the community of faith.

**“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen.”**

*Hebrews 11:1*

**“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”**

*Galatians 6:10*

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed to go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”**

*Luke 4:18-19*



The NWOA Lay School of Religion is open to all lay members of the Association who wish to grow and be enriched, whether in their personal life, or for further opportunities to serve God.

Individuals may take a single class or complete the course of study to become a graduate of Lay School.

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