

“And [Jesus] went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.”

Matthew 4:23



The aim of the Lay School of Religion Program has been to maintain quality instruction, to create an atmosphere for Christian fellowship and dialogue, and to encourage growth in faith and understanding so as to enhance the local church's efforts to develop deeper and stronger faith communities for nurture, witness, mission and leadership.

Individuals may take a single class, or pursue Lay School of Religion graduation. For more information about the Northwest Ohio Association Lay School of Religion please contact:

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Meet the Instructor



Rev. Carl E. Robinson was ordained on May 31, 1987, in his home town of Bremen, Indiana. He has served three congregations: Zion UCC, Junction City, Kansas; Christ Church UCC, Evansville, Indiana; and Shiloh Church UCC, Dayton Ohio. He served Shiloh from 2000 to 2017, before answering the call to become the SONKA (Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association) Association Minister, commencing on August 1, 2017. Carl has a genuine passion for the ministry of the United Church of Christ, where we are working together toward being actors in the process of shaping communities of justice and peace, because we cling to the promise of a just world for all.



Northwest Ohio Association Lay School of Religion



“PREACHING”

Fall 2023

*Classes will be held via ZOOM,
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*

Class dates are:

September 12

September 19

September 26

October 17

October 24

November 14



Exegesis

According to the Anchor Bible Dictionary, “Exegesis is the process of careful, analytical study of biblical passages undertaken in order to produce useful interpretations of those passages. Ideally, Exegesis involves the analysis of the biblical text in the language of its original or earliest available form.”

Synonyms for Exegesis are analysis, explanation, and exposition.

Preaching – Kerygma

In the New Testament “Kerygma” (from the ancient Greek word “kerugma) is “preaching” (see Luke 4:18-19, Romans 10:14, and Matthew 3:1). It is the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Goals of the class are:

- 1. Working familiarity with the Liturgical Church Year.*
- 2. Explore the Revised Common Lectionary.*
- 3. Examine the historical/critical method for exegetical Biblical Interpretation.*
- 4. Begin the process of exegesis.*
- 5. Engage in expository preaching centered on the texts of the Revised Common Lectionary.*

Students will explore the meaning and purpose of preaching. It will be an opportunity to understand how they are proclaimers of the message of faith in Jesus Christ through spoken words. Students will discover their own style, message, and voice through preaching.

This preaching class will be an opportunity to engage in preparation and presentation to present messages, sermons, meditations, and devotions in their local church setting.

The instructor will be providing class materials for use for each class.

Class Schedule

September 12: The Liturgical Church Year as a tool for relevant preaching, and introduction to the Revised Common Lectionary.

September 19: The liturgical Church Year and Revised Common Lectionary, five-part liturgical worship design.

September 26: Review, beginning exegesis (Historical/Critical Method).

October 10: The exegetical exercise (from exegesis to message), surfacing the theme, online resources (HCM applied to RCL).

October 17: The exegetical exercise (applying HCM to RCL to discover the theme).

October 24: Expository Preaching as expression of the HCM applied to RCL, and cultural analysis.

November 14: The ten-minute preaching exercise.