

Lay School of Religion

Fall Class 2024

“Morality and Ethics”



for lay members of the church
interested in caring ministry

Class begins Tuesday, September 10, 2024 (6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) VIA ZOOM
Remaining classes – Sept. 17 – Oct. 1 – Oct. 15 – Oct. 29 – Nov. 5 – Nov. 12 – Dec. 3

Meet the instructor – Tamara Kagy

Starting her 17th teaching year at Terra State Community College, Tamara Kagy, currently teaches the courses of Critical Thinking and Introduction to Ethics in the department of Business, Liberal Arts and Humanities. Through her work experience as a musician and academic teacher, Tamara has been able to build a worldview of how morality/ethics and human relationships impact the quality of one’s spiritual connection to family, church, and community at large. Her extensive reading and study of ethics brings the contemporary issues we face as neighbors, church members, and community to the table for analyzation and discussion. She is an active free-lance musician (flutist). She is a current member of the Lakeside Symphony Orchestra, the HIGH FREQUENCY Flute Quartet and the American Federation of Musicians. Tamara holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Toledo and a master’s degree from B.G.S.U. She resides in Norwalk with her U.C.C. pastor husband, Tom, and several co-dependent cats.

WHY ETHICS?

“We go to church, so we got this down!” This is a common statement when the topic of ethics comes up. About everyone has what they consider to be their core beliefs. But seldom do they reflect upon where those beliefs come from and if they are truly sound. This course will provide an overview into the nature of philosophy/morality/ethics as it relates to daily life in its small and large applications. A course in ethics will not tell you what to think, but rather how to come to conclusions of right/wrong, good/bad, just/unjust and to determine how to get to a manageable degree in fairness when the situation calls for it.

GOALS OF THE CLASS

- ❖ *Gain an understanding of what constitutes moral thought and how it differentiates from etiquette or opinions.*
- ❖ *Learn how to build and how to listen to logical moral arguments.*
- ❖ *Become familiar with the idea that morality may not depend on church experience.*
- ❖ *Understand the many theories that can be used to substantiate one’s stance in logical thinking.*
- ❖ *Become able to see the connection of Jesus’ teachings with western moral thought.*
- ❖ *Apply moral arguments to the student’s own lived experience.*

FOCUS OF CLASS

Like critical thinking, the use of ethical thought is a learned skill that involves logic, critical thinking, and the ability to analyze one’s own stance regarding others. This course will provide the tools necessary to engage in an active moral life. There will be assigned weekly readings and 2 written projects. The instructor will supply enrichment resources. A detailed syllabus with reading assignments will be shared at the first class.



The NWOA Lay School of Religion is open to all lay members of the Association/Conference 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 of Religion.

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