

## **The New York School of Ministry**

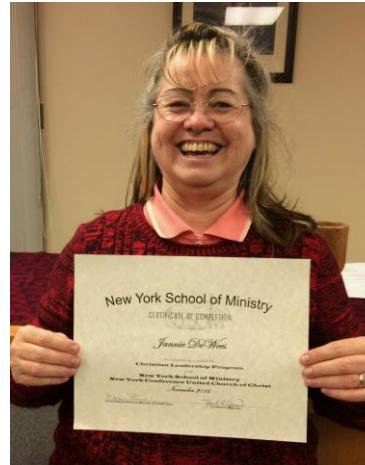
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Our courses offer folks a chance to learn about the bible, theology, religious history, pastoral care, and more, with excellent instructors, in a relaxed setting. They are web-conferenced, so participants can connect with others, across the miles, from the comfort of their homes via their computers. We use the zoom platform, which allows participants to see everyone in the virtual classroom and enhances discussion and the building of relationships. Our courses can be taken for a grade or audited. Auditing is a great option for pastors who need continuing education and for folks who love to learn but aren't interested in writing papers or taking tests.

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The Supply Preacher Certificate Program  
The Christian Studies Program  
The Christian Leadership Program  
The Advanced Christian Leadership Program  
The Ministry of Word and Sacrament Program

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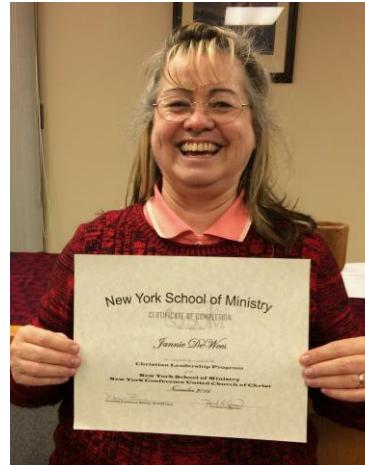
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