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OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

This course explores Old Testament literature in its historical, cultural, and theological contexts. Using a variety of critical perspectives, it highlights the theological content and enduring significance of the biblical texts, helping participants connect them to contemporary faith, proclamation, and mission.

Rev. Dr. Eric D. McDonnell, Jr., is Adjunct Professor of Old Testament at Emory University's Candler School of Theology.



HISTORY, MISSION, & POLITY

Highly recommended for Ruling Elders and anyone new to the Reformed tradition, this course introduces the theology and polity of the church. Participants will explore Presbyterian ecclesiology and gain practical insight into issues and practices that shape church life.

John Wilkinson serves as VP and Director of Stewardship and Funds Development for the PC(USA)



ELECTIVE (In-Person-Only)

"GO TO A LAND I WILL SHOW YOU:" THE SURPRISING PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

An in-person retreat-style course on faithful decision-making through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Participants will explore scripture, tradition, community, and personal experience while developing practical tools for spiritual discernment. Led by Helen Blier, Director of the Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary.

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