

Course Overview:

This class will survey the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), from its foundations two centuries ago to the contemporary manifestations of the church. Emphasis will be placed on the context of American Christianity, the interaction of the church with the wider culture, and the establishment of the church within the western United States. Although the class will provide a critical examination of the history, we will focus on the usefulness of Disciples history for understanding the denomination's present and its resources for the future. The course will explore the present functioning of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in its general expressions. We will also analyze the theological roots and developments of the Disciples tradition, and discuss directions of mission and ministry within the contemporary Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



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History & Polity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Understanding Our Disciples Heritage

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Course in English

August 16-19, 2017

Location:

Disciples Seminary Foundation
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Days & Times:

Wednesday-Friday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Instructors:

Rev. José Francisco Morales Torres

Tuition

Certification* \$300
Continuing Education (1.5 CEU) \$150

* Successful completion of this class fulfills history and polity course requirements for the PSWR, OR-SWI, NW, AZ, and possibly other regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Disciples Seminary Foundation will issue a certificate of course completion upon request, pending successful completion of all course requirements and approval by the instructor.



Sarah Lou Bostick, the first African American female ordained in the Disciples (in 1892)

Course Textbooks

Sandhya Jha. *Room at the Table: Struggle for Unity and Equality in Disciples History*. Chalice Press, 2009.

Ronald E. Osborn. *The Faith We Affirm: Basic Beliefs of Disciples of Christ*. Chalice Press, 1979. (A Spanish translation is also available)

Mark G. Toulouse, Gary Holloway, and Douglas A. Foster. *Renewing Christian Unity: A Concise History of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*. ACU Press, 2011.

Additional shorter readings will be distributed on the first night of class (like magazine articles, essays, etc.).

Registration

To register by mail:

Mail a check to cover tuition costs to Disciples Seminary Foundation and put "History & Polity" in the memo line.

To register online:

Go online to dsf.edu/donate, "donate" the tuition amount, and email us at info@dsf.edu or call us at 909.624.0712 to let us know that the donation is payment for History & Polity.

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