

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) Fall 2026

Introduction to New Testament

Students will be challenged to become familiar with the content, development and message within each book of the New Testament canon. Students will use scholarship resources for Biblical study and exegesis and will learn to understand, interpret and apply the NT writings within the contemporary context of the mission and ministry of the Church.

Saturdays, August 8, September 5, October 10, November 14, December 12 (Semester Course)

Instructor: Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger

Presbyterian Virtual Assistant

Wondering about ways to faithfully and effectively use AI in the Presbyterian context. With a "hands-on" approach, an introduction to the practice and use of a "virtual assistant" to navigate our own church context.

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 12:30-3:30 pm

Instructor: Rev. Skip Noftzger, Brian Heath

Pastoral Care

At the heart of leading the people of God comes a responsibility to care for them in offering spiritual comfort and presence. Whether in times of crisis or everyday experiences, how might we become those who offer genuine pastoral care for the journey?

Saturday, September 5, 2026, 12:30-3:30 pm

Instructor: Chaplain Gary Gibson

Presbyterian Polity

What does it mean to do it "Decently and in order?" More importantly, why would it be important? Is it a matter of control or faith? How does our Presbyterian "polity" (ways of living out our faith) reflect our practice of being church?

Saturday, October 10, 2026 12:30-3:30 pm

Instructor: Rev. Randall Clow

Boundaries and Ethics

Whether pastor or elder, leadership within the church requires clear understanding of both personal and professional ethics. Where might it lead us to establish and clearly communicate boundaries that we might serve effectively and faithfully where God calls?

Saturday, November 14, 2026, 12:3-3:30

Instructor: Bryan Bass Riley

Working Through Conflict in Church

Even in the church context, conflict seems to be inevitable. Being able to assess its gradations is critical in navigating the distinctive characteristics of church conflict. An introduction to developing healthy pastoral approaches to conflict seeks to work through it in order to contribute to the health and leadership of both the congregation and ministry.

Saturday, December 12, 2026, 12:30-3:30 pm

Instructor: Dr. Leanna Fuller

EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT FOR ELDERS AND PASTORS ACROSS PRESBYTERIES

All courses and workshops will be hybrid offerings by ZOOM **and** through face-face sessions.

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