

List of Continuing Education Opportunities...

**(CC=Cultural Competency Training; AR=Anti-Racism; BT=Boundary Training;
ABT=Advanced Boundary Training)**

(ALL Authorized Ministers, please note: We will be identifying these kinds of continuing education opportunities – The policy was effective starting January 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Penn Northeast Conference Office at 610-826-3113. Thank You!)

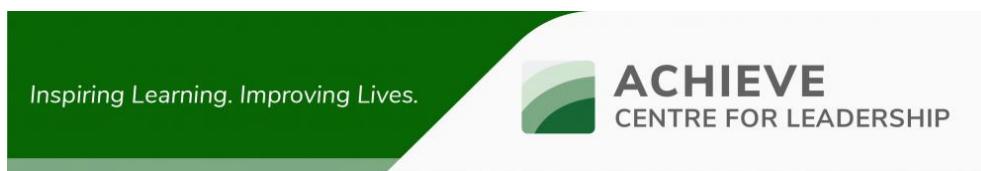
- The PATHWAYS Theological Education -- PATHWAYS Website Addresses:

Website: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/>

Course Calendar: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/calendar/>

Our Stories: <https://www.pathwaystheological.org/our-stories/>

Online Boundary Training: To date, we have trained over 450 clergy and worked with 15 regions to offer online boundary training at an affordable price and on a convenient platform. Our course includes boundary training regarding pastoral relationships, finances, self-care, children and youth, and social media. **If your conference/region is interested in offering this to your clergy at a discounted price, please reach out to Gregg Carlson at gregg@convergenceus.org.**



[Click Here for Webinars](#)

Development: chhsmpublic@chhsm.org

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Trainings - [LMPC | Home \(lmpeacecenter.org\)](http://lmpeacecenter.org)

Boundary Training in 2024: (BT) [Click here for list.](#)

2024



Authorized Ministers: This counts as your antiracism training...sign up!

June 8,15,22 (CC)

In association with the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago, CTS is excited to offer a FREE virtual course on the Zoroastrian religion this June! This three-session course, taking place entirely online (with an optional in-person visit to a Zoroastrian place of worship the week after the class concludes), will provide students with a brief introduction to Zoroastrianism and its doctrines, rituals, practices, and history, giving the student a window into Zoroastrianism and its influence on other succeeding faiths and raising appreciation of this ancient, relevant, and living faith in our modern society.

WHEN: Saturdays, June 8, 15, & 22 (with optional visit to Dar-e-Mehr, Burr Rudge, on June 29)

TIME: 11:00 am CDT - 12:30 pm CDT **LOCATION:** Virtual Event

COST: No Cost, but Registration Required - **Open to the public;** [registration required](#)

June 24-August 18

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS June 10: **Spiritual Development** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian – On-line - The purpose of this course is to establish and maintain spiritual disciplines that lead to personal growth and help others develop a rich spiritual life. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Phillips Theological Seminary

June 24-August 18

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS June 10: **Disciples History & Polity** – Instructor: Rev. Jeff Gill - This course will present an overview of the history and practices of the Stone-Campbell movement as foundational to its current forms of Disciples worship, missions, and ministry: denominational, ecumenically, and culturally. *Please note this course week runs from Sunday-Thursday. The start date for class will be June 23rd. This is an online course. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Phillips Theological Seminary

June 24-August 18

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS June 10: **Communications** - Instructor: Kurt Gwartney, MDiv, APR - Students in this course will discover tools and techniques for understanding the need for media literacy and developing their own media literacy skills. They will also explore the theological underpinnings of the use of digital media in the sharing of the church's message. Students will be challenged to demonstrate effective use of communication tools in ministry through a practical project - online course - The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Phillips Theological Seminary

June 24-August 18

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS June 10: **Ecumenism** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr. - Christian unity is a gift of God to the whole church. The ecumenical movement is the vehicle through which diverse church bodies live out their unity in spiritual, biblical, and practical manners. In this course, we will probe the biblical urgency behind ecumenism, discuss its theological and historical meanings and implications, and consider the links between the ecumenical movement, Christian faithfulness, and movements for social justice and inclusion. Education and Leader Development - online course - the price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#)

July 24

Narrative Budget: Telling Your Story by the Numbers – 7:30 PM - A narrative budget translates the line items of a traditional budget into a story of how your congregation makes a difference in the world. It can be a helpful tool for a stewardship campaign or annual meeting. By telling the story of our congregations' impact, we can inspire generosity in our donors. [Register for A Narrative Budget](#)

August 19-Oct. 13

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS August 5: **UCC History and Polity** - Instructor: Rev. Margot Pickett - This course will explore the history, theologies, polity, practices and ethos of the United Church of Christ in order to provide an understanding of its structure, ministries, and mission commitments. The course will include an exploration of denominational identity, hidden histories within the denomination, emerging trends within the UCC, and more - online course - The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Phillips Theological Seminary

August 19-Oct. 13

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS August 5: **Evangelism** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian Evangelism in the North American context has "lost its luster" in many respects. Because faith is

considered a "private" matter, many in our churches and parishioners have foresworn to simply let it be ... no faith-sharing for them. And yet, this stands in complete contrast to Jesus' great commission to go and make disciples of all nations (people groups). The Evangelism course is not simply an online study about evangelism. Rather, it is an eight week training course that will give you the tools to evaluate and articulate your own theology of evangelism and to exegete both your community's and your congregation's culture in order to design and lead effective evangelism efforts. The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Phillips Theol. Sem.

August 19-Oct. 13

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS August 5: Overcoming Conflict - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian- The purpose of this course is to explore congregational conflict: how to recognize, identify, and analyze it so that students will be able to develop strategies that will allow them to relevantly and practically intervene, confront, neutralize or negate, and use it – online course - The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Phillips Theol. Sem.

August 19-Oct. 13

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS August 5: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible - Instructor: TBA- This course is for persons preparing for ministry outside a degree program (or who are interested in learning more about the Hebrew Bible). Students will learn about the historical backgrounds of these texts as well as the process of their composition and canonization. The biblical materials will be approached from an academic/critical perspective with insights into how they can be used in different ministerial contexts. Online course - The price of the course is \$100. [Click here to register.](#) Phillips Theological Seminary

September 13-15

[Chant as Meditation, Sound as Spiritual Practice](#) - Dates: **Friday, September 13, at 4pm to Sunday, September 15, at 1pm** - Facilitator: **Jim Reale** - In this retreat for Christian lay people and spiritual leaders, we will explore sound as prayer and meditation. Chanting the words of mystics prepares you to move from the mind, to the heart, the seat of the soul. Silence and other contemplative practices will aid in integrating insights into experience.

September 17-19

[Wonder, Wisdom, and Witness: The Legacy of the Beguines for Our Time](#) - Dates: **Tuesday, September 17 at 4pm to Thursday, September 19 at 1pm** - Facilitator: **Joyce Hollyday** - Come to the mountain as the autumn breezes begin to stir and dive into the mystery of the stunning medieval mystics known as the Beguines. They will be our guides as we explore themes of community and sustainability, resistance and resilience through walking the land, writing, resting, or sitting by the pond. During the Tuesday evening lunar eclipse, we will gather on a ridge around a bonfire to share in a ritual of remembrance and celebration.

Sept. 23-Dec. 2

Cultivating Generous Congregations Seminar for the Fall - The CGC Seminar for pastors and leaders offers an opportunity to explore faithful, practical, and tested ways to promote generosity in our congregations. Be sure to recruit at least a team of two for this program. Changing the culture of your congregation requires more than one dedicated leader.

This is a virtual seminar hosted runs on the following Mondays: Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, and Dec. 2 from 7:30 – 9pm Eastern (local times may vary).

The registration fee is \$300 (per team of two) and \$150 for each additional team member. [Learn more or Register for CGC Seminar](#)

Sept. 27-29 (CC)

[Embodied Decoloniality: Partnering with Land and Ancestral Kin in Transformative Work](#) Dates: **Friday, September 27 at 4pm to Sunday, September 29 at 1pm** - Facilitator: **Amber McZeal, Ph.D.** - Come cultivate critical consciousness, exploring the theoretical foundations of coloniality and how this psychic phenomenon is still quite pervasive in our social agreements. We'll invite the sacred through ritual and fireside storytelling and explore how cultivating deeper relationships with our wise ancestors can foster healing from cultural and intergenerational trauma. Throughout, we will center the body and nature as our primary teachers.

October 4-6

This Sweet Earth: Walking with Our Children in the Age of Climate Collapse - Dates: **Friday, October 4, at 4pm, to Sunday, October 6, at 1pm** - Facilitator: **Lydia Wylie-Kellermann** - Climate anxiety touches nearly everything we do, but perhaps nothing so tenderly as our parenting. What does it mean to bring children into such an uncertain future? What do we do with the fear, grief, and anger we feel? This retreat will offer time for story sharing, wandering the woods, rituals around our grief and anger, silence, rest, and summoning that wild possibility of hope.

October 11-13 (AR)

Tending Our Fear, Building Our Resilience: White People for Collective Liberation - Dates: **Friday, October 11, at 4pm through Sunday, October 13, at 1pm** - Facilitator: **Lucy Waechter-Webb** - Fear so often gets in the way of accessing our power as white people to participate in the dismantling of white supremacy. Through somatic practices, ritual, storytelling, discussion, and resiliency practices, we will learn to tend our fear so that we can take bigger risks in the service of collective liberation.

October 15,16 (BT)

2024 Boundary Training For Clergy and Commissioned Lay Pastors

October 15/16 -- 10:00AM - 1:00PM ET -- Register by Sept 29th

Not-Your-Average Boundaries Training is tailored to focus on strategies to foster clergy emotional resiliency and well-being. While we still cover the "requirements," we believe the best prevention involves encouraging leaders to take steps to manage their stress in order to maintain balance and perspective when temptation to violate boundaries arises. These live online boundaries training is 5 total hours split over 2consecutive days (2.5 hours each day). Following the first session, participants are asked to engage in a bit of reflection work in preparation for the second session. This online boundaries training will be conducted via secure Zoom video conferencing. [Click Here](#) for detailed flyer and registration information.

October 21-23, 2024; February 10-12, 2025; and April 28-30, 2025

It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about attending **Advanced Clergy Clinic** and learning from our distinguished guest speakers. The training dates for 2024/2025 are **October 21-23, 2024; February 10-12, 2025; and April 28-30, 2025**. As usual, we will be holding ACC as a hybrid event. Those attending in person will go to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, IL on training days. Those attending online will receive a Zoom link to join in. Below you will find information about our distinguished guest presenters we are proud to work with this year. [CLICK HERE for full details.](#)

November 1-3

Walking Awake into the Celtic New Year - Dates: **Friday, November 1st at 4pm to Sunday, November 3rd at 1pm** - Facilitators: **Denise Crawn and Nick Prance** - On the Celtic Wheel of the Year, we will be entering the time of Samhain, the last of the three Celtic Harvest Festivals and the return of the dark half of the year from which, the ancient Celts believed, everything began. Teachings on Celtic spirituality, nature walks, ceremony and ritual, song, poetry and more will help us "walk awake" into this potent time of year.

December 6-8 (CC)

Queering Spirituality - Dates: **Friday, December 6, at 4pm to Sunday, December 8, at 1pm** - Facilitator: **Ashe VanSteenwyk** - To "queer" something is to re-examine, deconstruct, or subvert it. Join us as we unearth toxic myths that weave through our own consciousness and challenge how these ideas take concrete expression in the world.

Others...

-**Communities of Practice** – participation qualifies for ½ of the continuing education requirements

-**Crossroads Lay Leadership Program at Moravian Sem.** – <https://www.moravianseminary.edu/academics/crossroads>

-**Moravian Seminary** – 610-861-1512 - - <http://moravianseminary.edu/academics/continuing-education>

This site gets a person directly to continuing education programs. The calendar is on the same page.

-**Center for Family Process** – www.centerforfamilyprocess.com

-**Lehigh Conference of Churches** – <https://lehighchurches.org>

-**Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies** – <https://icjs.org/> - usually (CC) qualified