

United Church of Christ History, Theology and Polity
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Jan 20

9:30am Introductions & Why are you taking this course? Why the UCC?
 Spiritual Journey and Ordination Paper
 Call Powerpoint
 Ordination Paper doc
 Final Paper Guideline doc
 Four Streams and More
Break
 History Class 1 Powerpoint
 Chart of Origins doc
 Thoughts of Various Puritan Leaders doc
 Pre-1800 Congregationalism
 Pre-1800 List doc
Lunch
 Pre-1800 Congregationalism continued
 Post-1800 Congregationalism
 Post 1800 Congregationalism list doc
 Autonomy and Covenant
 Autonomy and Covenant Statements PowerPoint
 Pietism and Enlightenment
4:00 End

January 27

9:30am History Cass 2 Powerpoint
 The Christian Connection
 Christian Disciples Powerpoint
 Christian Connection list
 The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Break
 The Afro Convention and Black Congregationalism
 Multi-Racial/Multi Cultural
 Evolution of a UCC Style, Chapter 2 & 3
Lunch
 The Reformed Church
 Reformation Leaders Powerpoint
 German Reformed Church list
 19th Century Mercersburg Theology doc
 The Evangelical Synod of North America
 Evangelical Class Powerpoint
 Evangelical Church list
 The Evangelical and Reformed Church

4:00 End

February 3

9:30am Contemporary Streams coming into the United Church of Christ
The General Convention of the Congregational Christian Church
Chronology of Union Steps
The United Church of Christ 1957-Present
1957 to Present Powerpoint

Break

The UCC Ecclesiology (and the various settings of ministry)
The Committee on Ministry
Forms of Authorized Ministry
Ordained Ministerial Partners
Formula of Agreement

Lunch

The Ministry Issues Implementation
Members in Discernment
Ecclesiastical Councils and Installations
Standing and Privilege of Call

4:00 End

February 10

9:30am Manual On Church
Manual On Church Powerpoint
Periodic Support Consultation
Situational Support Consultation
Informational Review
Evolution of a UCC Style Chapters 4&5

Break

Ministerial Codes
Clergy Boundaries Powerpoint
Fitness Review

Lunch

The Ministerial Profile
The Local Church Profile
Search and Call
Financial Support of the UCC Ministry and Mission
The Ecumenical Vocation of the UCC
The Unfolding Polity of the UCC
Discussion on Final Paper Strategy

Resources:

All of the documents, powerpoints, etc for this course will be available to registered student in a Dropbox.

All classes will be recorded. By registering for this course, you agree to be a part of these recordings. Each student will receive a link to the recorded class within 48 hours after the class. All recordings will be removed online upon the date when the final paper is due.

There are two required books for this course:

The Evolution of a UCC Style, Randi Walker (United Church Press)

That We May All (finally!) Be One, Mary Susan Gast (Pilgrim Press)

Students may also choose to read:

The Shaping of the United Church of Christ by Louis Gunneman (United Church Press)

All students taking the course for authorization purposes are required to complete a final paper and have it submitted to the instructor no later than April 1st. If a re-write of the final paper is required, the instructor agrees to read only ONE re-write.

Each student has TWO OPTIONS for the final paper, choose OPTION 1 or OPTION 2.

OPTION 1

Submit your ordination, licensure, or privilege of call paper as required by your local Committee on Ministry.

OPTION 2

History, Theology and Polity Paper (Final Paper)

This paper, in two sections (20 pages total) is intended to provide POC students with their required polity paper. The paper is also the basis for the polity section of an ordination paper for MIDs.

The **first section** of this paper is intended to provide an opportunity for the student to demonstrate his or her knowledge and understanding of the history and theological roots of the United Church of Christ. The student could write an interpretation of the history and theology of the UCC referring to and commenting on key dates, persons, events and documents that illustrate his or her interpretation. Themes such as autonomy and covenant, pietism and enlightenment, ecumenism, and unity amid diversity should be addressed in this paper. In addition, the student may comment on her or his personal theological perspectives as they contrast or concur with the theological roots of the UCC.

The **second section** of this paper should reflect upon the following questions:

1. What is the creative tension of covenant and autonomy in the UCC as outlined in the practices of the UCC?
2. Describe what lay and ordained ministry share in the practice of ministry in the UCC? Where are there differences?

3. There is no hierarchy of authority in the UCC, however there is an inter-relationship between the settings of ministry in this denomination. Describe them.
4. Reflect on the Ministerial Codes in the UCC and how these guide us/shape us as a denomination.

Proper grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc. will be taken into consideration.

Other Class Policies

Reverend Gaewski will not agree to serve as a written or telephone reference for the MESA profile for any student in this class prior to the termination of the course (submission of final paper).