



SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY'S
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School
OF THE Laity



WHAT: *Three courses to choose from at the October 2023 Session*

WHERE: Epworth by the Sea, Saint Simons, Georgia **OR** online via Zoom

WHEN: Saturday, October 7th at 8:30 AM through Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 PM

COSTS: \$110 tuition for everyone **PLUS** accommodations & meal fees for those participating in-person

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: Led enthusiastically by **Dr. Brennan Breed**, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Pre-course requirement: The Old Testament is the principal text for the class. Dr. Breed will generally use the NRSV translation but encourages participants to consult a variety of translations such as CEB, NJPS and NIV. *The Old Testament: A Concise Introduction* by Brent Strawn (Routledge, 2019) is recommended.



HISTORY, MISSION & POLITY: This course is highly recommended for Ruling Elders serving their churches as well as anyone curious to learn how to use Presbyterian polity to address specific issues and practices in church life. Participants will have opportunity to understand the historical and theological foundations of the PC(USA) and how these inform the way Presbyterians “do church.” Led by **Rev. Jihyun Oh**, Director of Mid Council Ministries for the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary.

Pre-course assignment: Participants should obtain and read *Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders*, (4th edition, Geneva Press 2012) by Gray, Joan S. and Joyce C. Tucker and the *Book of Order*, (released July 2023 or 2019-2023) *The Foundations of Presbyterian Polity*, pages 1-15.

ELECTIVE COURSE: SURVEY OF WORLD RELIGIONS

Participants in this course will examine the historical roots, sacred texts, catechesis, and major belief systems of Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. *This course is led by Rev. Jacob Douylliez, pastor of Eatonton Presbyterian Church located in Eatonton, GA.*

Pre-course assignment: Acquire and read *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor and *The World's Religions* by Huston Smith. Please write down any questions that come to mind. *These questions should be emailed to MSusie1@savannahpresbytery.org by September 22nd.*



****For more information and to register visit:** [School of the Laity Classes - Savannah Presbytery](#)