

All about Pathways

Who may participate?

Everyone! Individuals from local congregations, Lay Leaders, and Pastoral Leaders who are seeking to broaden their spiritual, biblical and Presbyterian governmental understanding.

Where will courses take place?

All classes will be held at Old Scots Hall, Old Tennent Presbyterian Church, 448 Tennent Road, Tennent, NJ 07763

When will courses be held?

Courses will run on an every other week rotation in agreement with instructor and participants. Each course will be given on Saturday mornings (9:30am-12:30pm) based on the needs of the instructor and participants.

Will there be a fee?

Yes, a fee will be charged to cover expenses for the instructors. There may be additional cost to cover materials.

How can I sign up?

You may either complete the registration form attached, or contact Patty Williams, Christian Education Consultant, Monmouth Presbytery at 732.276.9800 or: pwilliams@monmouthpresbytery.com.

Is there a deadline for registration?

Yes, the Old Testament class registration deadline is January 5, 2015.

Old Testament:

The Old Testament Course will be an overview of the types of literature which make up the Hebrew Scriptures, looking specifically at how God worked through the Hebrew people to form and sustain a relationship with our ancestors in the faith.

Classes will begin on January 2015

New Testament:

The New Testament Course will spend three weeks on the Gospels, learning about Jesus Christ as seen by his contemporaries. We will follow that with two weeks of study on the Epistles, looking especially at how Paul built the Church and defined Christianity. The final week will be spent on the Revelation of John.

Classes will begin in the Spring of 2015

There are no prerequisites for these courses.

FUTURE COURSES OFFERED:

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| <i>Polity</i> | <i>Fall 2015</i> |
| <i>Evangelism</i> | <i>Winter 2015/2016</i> |
| <i>Christian Education</i> | <i>Spring 2016</i> |
| <i>Preaching/Sacraments</i> | <i>Fall 2015</i> |
| <i>Pastoral Care</i> | <i>Winter 2016/2017</i> |
| <i>Spiritual Formation</i> | <i>Spring 2017</i> |

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Please check the course (s) you are registering for at this time:

_____ Old Testament - \$75.00

_____ New Testament - \$75.00

Total amount due: _____

Thanks to a generous donation from a congregation limited partial scholarships may be available.

You may contact Dierdre Thomson at dealty@hotmail.com for more information.

Please mark subject line of e-mail:

Re: Pathways to Leadership

Mail completed registration form & fees to:

Monmouth Presbytery
Attention: Marie Luthringer
617 Hope Chapel Road
Lakewood, NJ 08701

**Please make checks payable to:
Monmouth Presbytery**

Monmouth Presbytery



Are you an Elder or Deacon seeking to serve the church in a new capacity?

Are you a parishioner seeking to further your biblical knowledge and understanding?

Does Presbyterian Polity confuse you?

Have you responded to the on-line survey Monmouth Presbytery Pathway to the Future?

If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions.....

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU!

Pathways Course Instructor

Suzanne Shafer-Coates: Old/New Testament

The Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates is currently serving as Parish Associate for the Cranbury Presbyterian Church. Suzanne has also served as the Minister of the Meadow Lakes Congregation, of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. Suzanne previously served as the Associate Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in East Brunswick.

Monmouth Presbytery Pathways to Leadership



Furthering our commitment to Spiritual Formation and Education:

Monmouth Presbytery is offering a new and exciting enrichment program to anyone who wishes to deepen their relationship with Christ and broaden their understanding of the church.

**Sponsored by
Monmouth Presbytery's Educational
Ministries Workgroup**

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CLASSES!

Come meet other youth, as you have fun with polity and enjoy Pizza!

Pizza & Polity

When?

Sunday
February 22, 2015
3:00-5:30PM

Where?

First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown
320 North Main Street
Hightstown, NJ 08520
609.448.0055

Cost?

\$5/ person (youth & chaperones)

Facilitators:

Presbytery-wide Youth Worker Team members

Contact persons:

Mary Maleski First Presbyterian Church Hightstown
Patty Williams Monmouth Presbytery

Please respond to:

pwilliams@monmouthpresbytery.com
732.276.9800(Genesis Center)

No later than Tuesday, February 19, 2015

Equipping the Saints: Leadership Training Day

Developing congregational leaders through the educational ministries of Elizabeth, Monmouth and New Brunswick presbyteries, in partnership with Princeton Theological Seminary and the Synod of the Northeast [PC(USA)]

Saturday, January 10, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Princeton Theological Seminary

*In case of inclement weather, **Equipping the Saints: Leadership Training Day** will be rescheduled to Saturday, January 24, 2015.*

Registration Information

There are several ways to register.

- Online by [clicking here](#).
- By fax or mail, using this registration form.
 - 609-497-0709 (PTS, Continuing Education)
- Mail to:
Equipping the Saints Registration
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To download a pdf flyer, please click here.

Program Description

Equipping the Saints is a day of workshops, worship, resources and fellowship planned especially to support and equip church members in their ministries. This day is for new and ongoing church officers, pastors, worship leaders, educators, and any interested others. Workshops are led - almost exclusively - by volunteer experts in their fields. This program is free and open to the public.

Program Agenda

Saturday, January 10, 2015

7:30a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Stuart Hall, basement

Registration and
Coffee

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Morning

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| Stuart Hall, various locations; Hymnal Workshop in Scheide Hall | Workshop |
| 11:10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | |
| Miller Chapel | Worship |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | |
| Mackay Campus Center | Lunch |
| The Resource Fair will also be available during this time. | |
| 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | |
| Stuart Hall, various locations; Hymnal Workshop in Scheide Hall; | Afternoon |
| PTSem History/Library Tour in Library | Workshop |
| 3:00 p.m. | Program ends |

Morning Workshops - 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Please, choose one.

Creative Worship By Any Other Name? Finding ways to create and order alternative styles of worship: *Often, worship seems locked in to standard labels - for example "Traditional" vs. "Contemporary," both of which have seemingly well understood content and form. But some worship leaders are finding there's room for more creativity than either standard can offer. Often such worship is described under the broad category of "Alternative Worship," where planners use a variety of forms, music and content to engage worshippers with a multi-sensory and participatory experience, often using the traditional framework and rubrics. Join a panel of worship planners as they provide knowledge based on their experience of creating alternative worship, and as they also provide resources to help participants to approach creating such worship experiences in their own settings.*

Leaders: Rev. Sharyl Dixon (Kingston/New Brunswick), Rev. Beth Scibienski (Grace/New Brunswick) and Rev. Jeffrey Vamos (Lawrenceville/New Brunswick).

Conquering Compassion Fatigue in the Helping Professions: *In today's world of reduced finances and resources, helping professionals are at increased risk for burnout. We'll teach you why it's important to take care of yourself – and show you how to do it. You'll also learn how to recognize and beat "compassion fatigue", maintain healthy emotional boundaries with the people you care for, and build a strong support system.*

Leader: Dr. Bob DiCuio, Licensed Psychologist (Cigna/Board of Pensions)

Training/Orientation for Session Clerks: *The Clerk of Session has three basic and very important responsibilities in the life of the local congregation. First, the Clerk is the keeper of the congregation's story. In the Minutes, the Clerk formulates and manages the collective memory of the Body of Christ in a particular time and place. This is not just done for posterity, but to express a church's living identity. We will discuss strategies for keeping effective Minutes and records. Second, the Clerk, along with the Moderator, oversees the process and procedures of the session and*

congregation, ensuring good order and organization. We will discuss the basics of Presbyterian polity and effective organizational principles and practices. Finally, the Clerk helps the church keep the teachings of Jesus about inclusiveness, which the Presbyterian Church has historically embraced. Our system works best when there is a healthy and broad participation in decision-making. We will discuss ways within our system to be open to the many different voices in a congregation. Join us for a lively conversation on the work of the Session Clerk.

Leader: Rev. Paul Rack (Elizabeth & Monmouth)

Elders 101: "I Will, With God's Help": Training for Ruling Elders: *This session will focus on the ordination vows of Ruling Elders and how each vow informs, empowers, and equips men and women to faithfully serve God and their particular congregations.*

Leader: Rev. Shelley Gardner (Woodbridge/Elizabeth)

Deacons 101: Ministry of Care & Compassion – Being a Faithful Deacon: *For all Deacons and Christians engaged in ministries of care and compassion. Participants will explore what it means to “teach, urge and direct the congregation to show Christ’s love to the friendless and those in need”; practice active listening; identify pastoral needs in times of illness, depression, end of life, grief and life transitions, and develop healthy systems of trust and communication with the pastor and the care receiver.*

Leader: Rev. Christina Hindley (Lakehurst/Monmouth)

Structuring Terms of Call– Save Money, Save Taxes and the New 2015 Medical Dues Model: Tools You Can Use: *Sessions and Teaching Elders need to annually review the terms of call (G-2.0804). This can be confusing! Learn how to structure terms of call to be more effective. We’ll cover the basics and go in-depth, exploring Flexible Spending Arrangements and other Section 125 plans to permit qualified medical expenses to be paid with pretax dollars (and their potential savings of thousands of dollars) as well as considering if your church is eligible for the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit (hint: it most likely is!). We’ll also look toward the new 2015 Medical Dues Model, and share an overview of resources the Board will provide.*

Leader: Rev. Allison Seed (Board of Pensions)

The Young(er) Saints: Nurturing Youth Ministry in the PC(USA): *“If we only had more (or more faithful) young people” is a phrase we hear all the time from our church members. Most churches long for a thriving youth ministry while guessing at what one might look like. In this workshop we’ll discuss the nuts and bolts for healthy, sustainable youth ministry in a PC(USA) context. Topics include volunteer recruitment, staff and volunteer training, ministry models, curriculum and connecting youth to the ministry of the wider congregation.*

Leader: Rev. Abigail Visco Rusert, Assistant Director, Institute for Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary

Teambuilding 101: How to Lead Teambuilding: *Need help building your team, back at your church, but not sure how to do it? Come experience a variety of activities and learn how to weave hands-on experiences and debriefing together to help your team. We promise you will leave with great tools to build a more effective ministry team back home!*

Leaders: Elise Bates Russell and Staff, Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center

A Hymnal with a Story to Tell: *Salvation history is the organizing principle of Glory to God. This results in a structure of the hymnal that is like a musical and poetic systematic theology, as well as a clear illustration of the structure of Reformed worship. This workshop would illuminate that structure and give pastors and musicians alike the tools to read the hymnal with theological eyes - and provide teaching tools for their congregations - new and old members alike.*

Leader: Noel Werner, Director of Music (Nassau Presbyterian/Princeton)

Spiritual Direction: Is this Someone Who Tells Me How to Pray??? *My definition of spiritual direction is: "Counseling is going in and talking with a counselor about how I am doing. Spiritual direction is talking about how God and I are doing." A director is someone who helps me discern how God is at work in my life, especially during those times where I cannot see it at all. Come learn more about this ancient practice of "spiritual companionship..."*

Leader: Rev. Lisa Lancaster, Chaplain/Director, Pastoral Care (CentraState Health Care System)

When the Time Comes: What You Need to Know About End-of-Life Issues for Yourself and Your Loved Ones: *Learn about personal and legal choices you can make now that will communicate your wishes to those who love you as you face health and aging issues; discuss how to care for others facing difficult medical choices or a final illness; and find out about how hospice can make a final illness a time of grace, dignity, and greater quality of life for individuals and their families.*

Leaders: Jo Carolyn Dent-Clark, Caregiver Specialist-Senior Well-Being Coordinator, Greater Trenton Behavioral HealthCare and Elder (Covenant Presbyterian/Trenton), Mary Ellen DuPree Leonard, Elder (Grace Presbyterian/Kendall Park); Dawn Neglia, Deacon (Grace Presbyterian/Kendall Park)

Afternoon Workshops - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please, choose one.

Small Group Ministry: *Small Group Ministry is all about growing disciples. As such, Small Group Ministry is a way to not only help congregants meet and grow closer to one another through shared interests and dialogues, but to also grow closer to God in the process. Whether it be through casual small groups like hiking or knitting, discernment groups interested in prayer or a book study, or a missional group keen on endeavoring a hands-on mission opportunity, small group ministry can provide*

meaningful community and spiritual formation alike for one and all. Please join us as we explore the program at one church and its effect on the congregation and beyond.

Leader: Barbara DeCarlo, Coordinator, Discipling Ministries (Trinity Presbyterian/East Brunswick)

The Practice of Adaptive Leadership: *Drawing upon the work of Ronald Heifetz and Marty Linsky, this workshop will explore practice of adaptive leadership, which mobilizes people to tackle tough challenges and thrive. Heifetz has written that, "The most common cause of failure in leadership is produced by treating adaptive challenges as if they were technical problems." What's the difference? As leaders how do we mobilize discovery, shed certain entrenched ways, tolerate losses, and generate the capacity to thrive anew? We'll identify some of the adaptive challenges faced by churches today and discuss how we might create cultures of learning in our congregations*

Leader: Rev. Cheryl Galan, Transitional Leader, The Presbytery of Elizabeth

Conquering Compassion Fatigue in the Helping Professions: *In today's world of reduced finances and resources, helping professionals are at increased risk for burnout. We'll teach you why it's important to take care of yourself – and show you how to do it. You'll also learn how to recognize and beat "compassion fatigue", maintain healthy emotional boundaries with the people you care for, and build a strong support system.*

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Records and Archives in the Digital Age: *We'll help you understand the kinds of records you're creating, and whether to keep them forever. We'll talk about how digital archives are like the ancient Greek arkheion. We'll sketch a satisficing path to authenticity for born-digital text documents, we'll talk about preserving email accounts, and we'll talk about your storage environment. We'll discuss what to do with personnel files, insurance policies, and other temporary administrative records. We'll also examine the FEMA floodplain map layers in Google Earth and talk about what climate change means for records in New Jersey.*

Leader: David Staniunas, Records Archivist (Presbyterian Historical Society/Philadelphia)

Elders 201: Elder as Spiritual Leader: *The role of ruling elder in a congregation is expanding in the church today. Elders should expect that a call to leadership in the church will not only demand their time and energy in service to the maintenance of worship, education and mission programs, but it will challenge them to grow in their faith. This workshop will explore the demands of adaptive leadership in the church, the sacredness of the call to leadership, and the expectations and possibilities of spiritual growth as an elder (both while actively serving on the session and once rotating off the board).*

Leader: Rev. Wendy Bailey, General Presbyter (Monmouth)

Deacons 201: So Much Need – So Little Time: Finding Peace and Hope Amidst the Turmoil: For all Deacons and Christians engaged in ministries of care and compassion. Participants will discuss Scriptural directives for setting boundaries and self-care; examine our gifts, motivations and preferences; distinguish life-giving care from hopeless enabling; develop spiritual practices to deepen our trust in God as the healer, and learn that God is God, and we are not.

Leader: Rev. Christina Hindley (Lakehurst/Monmouth)

Sharing Hope: Understanding Mental Health Needs in Congregations: *1 in 4 adults live with a mental illness in any given year. But stigma prevents people from seeking help and finding treatment resources. The church can be a major part of the solution and share accurate information and support to their members. Come to hear directly from individuals and family members who live with mental health challenges as they share their perspectives on recovery and how a congregation can promote their wellness. The workshop will provide resources on mental illness and information on community resources, as well as some specific mental health ministries that have worked in congregations. Representatives of NAMI Mercer will participate in the leadership.*

Leader: Sally T. Osmer, LCSW, Executive Director, NAMI Mercer, facilitator.

Best Practices in Education for Your Congregation: Sharing What Works: *Be a part of a collaborative discussion about the things that actually work in our congregation's educational ministries; learn about innovative resources to serve your congregation, including multigenerational programs and one-room Sunday Schools.*

Leader: Patty Williams, Genesis Center (Monmouth)

Creating a Culture of Generosity: *Is your congregation's approach to stewardship stuck in a rut? Are you living in a state of scarcity and longing for abundance? You will leave this workshop with ideas for organizing your generosity/stewardship leadership group, communicating with the various generations composing your congregation, integrating all aspects of your church into the life of generosity and teaching the spirituality of generosity.*

Leader: Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer, Presbyterian Foundation

Youth in Crisis: Constructing Systems of Support in the Congregation and Community: *Depression, cutting, suicide threats, addiction, bullying and abuse: these are the issues that young people in our congregations face on a daily basis. This workshop will address the questions that arise for volunteers and staff when we encounter these young people in crisis. Who is a mandated reporter? How can I offer support to a young person/family in crisis? How do I identify resources and facilities for counseling and rehabilitation in my community? What are the legal and congregational ramifications of my action or inaction? Join us as we work through case studies, identify pressure points and construct a holistic congregational response to youth in crisis.*

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Teambuilding 201: Teambuilding for Small Groups: *Bring your leaders and/or group members... deacons, elders, youth chaperones/leaders, church staff.. and experience groupbuilding with the Johnsonburg team! Work together to solve challenges and communicate effectively to achieve goals through hands-on experiences. This is not a sit-and-git workshop! Join us- we promise it will be fun and productive!*

Leaders: Elise Bates Russell and Staff, Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center

New Streams of Congregational Song: *Attendees will have a chance to explore the resources in the hymnal which represent trends in congregational song from the mid 20th-century through the 21st-century. Many genres will be explored including Black gospel, praise and worship, and music from the World church, particularly African, South American, and Asian countries.*

Leader: Noel Werner, Director of Music (Nassau/Princeton), organizer

Princeton Theological Seminary: A Family Picture Album, followed by a Guided Tour of the Seminary's new Library and its Treasures: *Listen to an illustrated talk on Princeton Seminary's history and learn the stories of its founding, the lives of some of the people who have lived and worked here, and about the campus which you are visiting today. This presentation will feature nineteenth and twentieth century historic photographs from the Seminary's archives. This talk will be followed by a guided tour of the new library from top to bottom. We will spend some time in the Special Collections department viewing some of its rarely displayed treasures, including an 11th century Greek Orthodox manuscript lectionary, a copy of the first edition of Calvin's Institutes, and a pre-Luther (1494) vernacular German Bible with hand-colored woodcuts depicting scenes from the Biblical stories. This workshop will limited to a maximum of 20 participants.*

Leader: Kenneth Woodrow Henke, Curator of Special Collections and Archivist, Princeton Theological Seminary.

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Registration FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

When does registration close?

Registration closes at noon on **Thursday, January 8, 2015**.

How do I buy lunch?

You may buy lunch for \$10.00. **Lunch reservation and payment must be made by noon on Wednesday, January 7, 2015.** If you register online, you will be required to pay for lunch by credit card; if you wish to pay by check, please register using this registration form and mail in your registration with your lunch check by Friday, January 2, 2015. You will receive a lunch ticket when you check-in on the morning of the event.

May I bring my own lunch?

Yes. Please know that anyone bringing lunch is welcome to eat in the Mackay Campus Center. **For the safety of those with severe food allergies, Princeton Theological Seminary has a strict policy of no food allowed in Stuart Hall or any classrooms.**

May I change my workshop choices?

Yes. Changes to existing registrations may be made until noon on **Thursday, January 8, 2015**. Change your mind at the last minute? We will do our best to accommodate your workshop choices on the day of the event. Please know that some classes may be full due to room capacity limits.

Are walk-in participants welcome?

Yes. If you have not registered by noon on Thursday, please come anyway, and bring your lunch! Please check the webpage for workshop cancellations and schedule changes. Register for workshops in the basement of Stuart Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m. and receive up-to-date information on workshop offerings at that time. Please know that some workshops may be full due to room capacity limits.

Will workshops change or be cancelled?

It can happen. Because most workshops are led by volunteers, we give leaders the option of canceling due to low enrollment. Please note the following:

- Cancellation of workshops due to low enrollment will be determined by the end of the day **Monday, January 6, 2015**.
- If your selection is cancelled, you will be notified via email on the morning of Wednesday, January 7, 2015. At that time, you may go back into the registration system and select another workshop until noon on Thursday, January 8th. You are welcome to select another workshop on the day of the event, but please know that some workshops may be closed due to room capacity limitations.
- Every effort will be made to keep workshop offerings current on the website; please check for any updates.

What happens if the event is cancelled due to the weather?

In case of inclement weather, **Equipping the Saints: Leadership Training Day** will be rescheduled to Saturday, January 24, 2015. All participants will be notified by email and updated information will be available on the website. For those who cannot access email or the internet, the outgoing message at 609-497-7990 will be updated to note the cancellation.

For campus map and directions, please [click here](#).

If you have any questions, please email us at coned@ptsem.edu or call 609-497-7990.



ADVENT RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE!!

The Genesis Center of Monmouth Presbytery is a non-profit Resource Center. We offer over 5,000 resources for your church to borrow at NO COST.

Visit us online at www.genesiscenternow.com to start browsing our Resource Library. We will ship the resources to you! Or visit The Genesis Center located at Lakewood Hope Church. Contact Patty Williams to set-up an appointment:
pwilliams@monmouthpresbytery.com

Just In...

New DVD's

“Ashes to Glory”

“So, Who is this
Jesus”

“Encounters” with
John Wesley

Adult Education

“Being Reformed”

“Creation”

“What Christians
Can Learn From
Other Religions”

New VBS

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