

New York School of Ministry Revised Supply Preacher Certificate Program 2017-18

This one-year program is for lay people who want to learn how to preach and lead worship well, so that they can act as supply preachers (able to fill in when ministers are ill or away) in their congregations or in their associations. This program does not prepare persons for any form of authorized ministry.

The program consists of fifteen 1½ hour webinars offered twice each month (three of them will last 2 hours) and two 3 ½ hour practicum sessions at the end of the program. There are reading/writing components for each session. The writing assignment for each session is generally a 4-5 page sermon that is due one week after the class session. Assignments receive written comments from the instructor and a grade. At the end of the program, the participant, the student's pastor, and the Committee on Ministry of the student's association will receive a narrative final assessment. Committees on Ministry use that final assessment to decide whether to put the participant on their supply list.

Pre-Requisite:	Recommendation from home church
Maximum enrollment:	15 participants (5 auditors)
Registration Deadline:	August 21
Minimum enrollment:	8 participants. If we do not have the minimum number on August 22, the program will be cancelled.

Cost: NY Conference participants \$500 (auditors: \$375), plus books. For participants outside the New York Conference: \$525 (auditors: \$375), plus the Distance Learning Support fee of \$150, plus books. All participants are expected to have webcams (which can be purchased for less than \$30 at stores like Target). Auditors are welcome to enroll and participate in the sixteen webinars; they will not do the writing components or participate in the two practicum sessions.

Distance Learning Support fee: Distance Learning requires technological support. For webconferenced programs, participants outside the New York Conference are welcome. The NY Conference subsidizes distance learning for participants in the Conference; participants outside the New York Conference should ask their Conferences or participating denominations to provide that support (otherwise, the fee is the participant's responsibility).

Schedule of Sessions

**Monday evenings – 7-8:30 pm
(except for 9/18, 10/2, and 11/13, which will run 7-9 pm)**

September 18: Communicating with a Congregation: Sermon Structure and Delivery – Quinn Caldwell, instructor (assignment due September 25)

October 2: Preaching from the Lectionary and Exegesis for Preaching– Marjorie Purnine, instructor (assignment due Oct 9)

October 16: Theological Reflection (Methods) – Steve Johnson (assignment due October 23)

October 30: Christology – Steve Johnson, instructor (assignment due November 6)

November 13: Planning and Leading Worship – Marjorie Purnine, instructor (assignment due November 20)

November 27: Preaching the Old Testament - year A – David Kaden, instructor (assignment due

December 4)

December 11: Preaching the New Testament – year A -- Jonathan Lawrence, instructor, (assignment due December 18)

January 15: Trinity -- Steve Johnson, instructor (assignment due Jan 22)

January 29: Ecclesiology -- Steve Johnson, instructor (assignment due February 5)

February 12: Preaching the Old Testament – year B – David Kaden, instructor (assignment due February 19)

February 26: Preaching the New Testament – year B – Jonathan Lawrence, instructor (assignment due March 5)

March 12: The Ethics of Supply Preaching – Jennifer Hamlin-Navias, instructor (assignment due March 19)

April 9: UCC Identity (theology, history, and polity) —Steve Johnson, instructor (assignment due April 16)

April 23: Preaching the Old Testament – year C -- David Kaden, instructor (assignment due April 30)

May 7: Preaching the New Testament – year C -- Jonathan Lawrence, instructor (assignment due May 14)

Two Preaching Practicum Sessions (each includes preaching by all participants and feedback offered by all participants) – instructor: Marjorie Purnine – **May 21 and June 18 (6-9:30 pm)**

Required Texts:

Craddock on the Craft of Preaching, by Fred Craddock
Doing the Deed: The Mechanics of 21st Century Preaching, by Martha J. Simmons
Understanding Christian Doctrine, by Ian S. Markham
The Old Testament: A Very Short Introduction, by Michael Coogan
The New Testament: A Very Short Introduction, by Luke Timothy Johnson
Other assigned material (web articles/videos or pdfs)

Recommended Text:

Preaching the Gospels without Blaming the Jews - A Lectionary Commentary, by Ronald J. Allen and Clark M. Williamson

We know books can be expensive, so we encourage the buying of used books at sites like: abebooks.com, amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com

Technology: Zoom is the platform we use, so that the webinars can be recorded and a link to the recordings sent out to the participants. Participants will be expected to have webcams. If uncertain whether your computer can handle web-conferencing, email Marjorie Purnine at mpurnine@uccny.org or call 315-446-3073x16 to set up a test.

Questions: Contact Marjorie Purnine, at mpurnine@uccny.org or 315-446-3073x16