

## **New York School of Ministry Supply Preacher Certificate Program**

This one-year program is for lay people who want to learn how to preach 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 sixteen 1½ hour webinars offered twice each month 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 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 participant's pastor, and the Committee on Ministry of the participant'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)  
**Minimum enrollment:** 8 participants.

**Cost for 2016-17 Program:** NY Conference Participants \$475 (auditors: \$350), plus books. For participants outside the New York Conference: \$475 (auditors: \$350), plus the Distance Learning Support fee of \$140, plus books. Participants are expected to have webcams (which can be purchased for less than \$30 at stores like Target).

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, it is the participant's responsibility).

**Schedule of Sessions:** **Monday evenings – 7-8:30 pm**

**First Session:** Exegesis for Preaching – Marjorie Purnine, instructor

**Second Session:** Communicating with a Congregation: Sermon Structure and Delivery – Quinn Caldwell, instructor

**Third Session:** Preaching from the Lectionary -- Marjorie Purnine, instructor

**Fourth Session:** Preaching the Old Testament – year A – David Cleaver-Bartholomew, instructor

**Fifth Session:** Preaching the New Testament – year A -- Jonathan Lawrence, instructor

**Sixth Session:** Christology – Steve Johnson, instructor

**Seventh Session:** Theological Reflection (Methods) – Steve Johnson, instructor

**Eighth Session:** Planning and Leading Worship – Marjorie Purnine, instructor

**Ninth Session:** Preaching the Old Testament – year B -- David Cleaver-Bartholomew, instructor

**Tenth Session:** Preaching the New Testament – year B – Jonathan Lawrence, instructor

**Eleventh Session:** Trinity -- Steve Johnson, instructor

**Twelfth Session:** Preaching the Old Testament – year C - David Cleaver-Bartholomew, instructor

**Thirteenth Session:** Preaching the New Testament – year C -- Jonathan Lawrence, instructor

**Fourteenth Session:** Ecclesiology -- Steve Johnson, instructor

**Fifteenth Session:** UCC Identity (theology, history, and polity) —Steve Johnson, instructor

**Sixteenth Session:** The Ethics of Supply Preaching – Jennifer Hamlin-Navias, instructor

**Two Preaching Practicum Sessions** (each includes preaching by all participants and feedback offered by all participants) – instructor: Marjorie Purnine – **date/time TBD in consultation with participants**

*(The order of particular sessions may be revised)*

**Texts:**

*The Preaching Life*, by Barbara Brown Taylor (Cowley, 1993)

*Understanding Christian Doctrine*, by Ian S. Markham (Wiley-Blackwell, 2007)

*The New Testament: A Very Short Introduction*, by Luke Timothy Johnson (Oxford, 2010)

*The Old Testament: A Very Short Introduction*, by Michael Coogan (Oxford, 2008)

Other assigned articles (web articles or pdfs)

**Technology:** Webex is used, 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](mailto:mpurnine@uccny.org) or call 315-446-3073x16 to set up a test.

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