

## **NEW YORK SCHOOL OF MINISTRY CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

This program, with a focus on Pastoral Leadership, has been the standard preparation for individuals discerning a call to licensed ministry and, in combination with the Word & Sacrament Program, is an educational and formational path for individuals discerning a call to ordained ministry. It is designed to be completed in three years. We administer this program for all NY Conference participants. We gladly work with Committees on Ministry and Conference staff when non-NY Conference participants take our courses (we expect that the COM or the Conference will provide oversight of other elements of the program).

### **Pre-Requisites**

1. Letter of Recommendation from home church
2. High School Diploma or equivalent
3. A letter from the Chair of the individual's Committee on Ministry, stating that they are a Member in Discernment and that the committee has decided that this program is the appropriate educational and formational path for them.

### **Requirements with a focus on Pastoral Leadership**

1. Completion of the following twelve 20-hour courses:
  - Old Testament I & II
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  - History of the Christian Church: from Resurrection to Reformation
  - Introduction to Christian Theology
  - American Church History
  - UCC (Post 1957) History & Polity
  - Liturgy & Worship
  - Pastoral Care
  - Congregational Life
  - Ethics
2. Eighteen meetings with a mentor for discernment conversations
3. Completion of Boundary Awareness Training
4. Attendance at six NYSOM learning events
5. Completion of one year of supervised ministry. At least six months of this ministry must be of a pastoral nature in a local church setting. Supervised Ministry must take place in a setting other than the participant's home church.

**Tuition:** The tuition for the 2020-2021 academic year is \$625 for NY Conference participants. As the program is designed to take a minimum of three years, annual tuition will be charged for only three years. Tuition compensates mentors and supervisors.

**Course Fees:** The cost of each New York School of Ministry course for NY Conference participants is \$250. For participants outside the NY Conference, the cost for each course is \$275 plus the Distance Learning Support fee (\$70 per 20-hour course). Financial aid is available.