

**THE NEW YORK SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
CHRISTIAN STUDIES PROGRAM**

This program is designed both for persons who want to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith through study that goes well beyond what may be reasonably expected in a local church adult education program and for those who are wrestling with a sense of call to authorized ministry but have not yet fully discerned that call. It does not prepare persons for authorized ministry. This program is designed to be completed in three years. Elements of this program are transferable to the Christian Leadership Program, if the participant becomes a Member in Discernment.

Pre-Requisites

Letter of Recommendation from home church

Requirements

1. Completion of the following six 20-hour courses:

Old Testament I & II

New Testament I & II

History of the Christian Church: From Resurrection to Reformation

Introduction to Christian Theology

2. Completion of two elective courses.

3. Twelve meetings with a mentor for discernment conversations, spread over a period of no less than two years.

4. Attendance at three NYSOM fall learning events and three NYSOM spring learning events.

Tuition

The tuition for the 2020-2021 academic year is \$375 for NY Conference participants. As the program is designed to take three years, annual tuition will be charged for only three years. The tuition is payable in annual or semi-annual installments. Tuition compensates mentors. Tuition must be paid in full before a Christian Studies certificate is granted. The cost of each New York School of Ministry course for NY Conference participants is \$250. For participants outside the NY Conference the cost is \$275 (plus the Distance Learning Support fee: \$70 per 20-hour course). Financial aid is available.