

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!

Welcome to the School for Ministry Development in the Diocese of Southwest Florida! You are about to enter a wonderful world of opportunities for gaining knowledge and insight, friends and fellowship, a deepened faith in our Lord, and an appreciation for the traditions of the Episcopal Church.

The first year of the School for Ministry Development has been received well by students and faculty. Interest and enthusiasm for the coming year is growing. **Any** layperson may attend **any** of the courses being offered! The curriculum is listed in this brochure. Anyone who is interested in the subject being presented may attend any course in the list. The one-day format makes it possible for the student to take for credit, or to audit, any course in any sequence.

Won't you consider joining the School for Ministry Development this year?

In His Service,
Dennis McManis, Dean

Class Schedules

Classes will be offered twice a month on Saturdays. Most courses are one day in length.

Cost per class:

\$55 for credit and \$45 to audit

Lunch is included.

Learning materials are paid for separately. Information on ordering course reading materials will be sent after your registration is received.

Usually includes Preliminary Reading Assignments and a Written Report after class.

All students must register at least 3 weeks before class.

For course credit:

Written Report due within 30 days after class.

Registration is required 3 weeks prior to each class date, to allow students time to order books and read preliminary assignments.

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School for Ministry Development 2009-2010



Our Mission is to equip the faithful baptized to live into the Great Commission of our Lord by providing Adult Christian Education and Training for interested Laypersons, Nominees to the Vocational Diaconate, and Clergy seeking Continuing Education.

AREAS OF STUDY OPEN TO ALL...

Our Purpose

To provide adult Christian Education and Training for:

All Interested Lay Persons

Persons interested in discerning a call to lay or ordained ministry

Nominees to the Vocational Diaconate

Clergy seeking Continuing Education

*Anyone may attend any of the courses being offered! Diaconal students are required to complete ALL courses in Religious Studies and Scriptural Studies for credit, before they will be permitted to attend a separate series of diaconal formation classes.

Religious Studies*

August 22 St. George's, Bradenton	Orientation
September 12 Redeemer, Sarasota	Ministry: Call, Discernment and Gifts
September 26 St. Peter's Cathedral	An Introduction to the Life of Prayer
October 17 Redeemer, Sarasota	Listening to Silence: Contemplative Prayer
October 31 St. Peter's Cathedral	Introduction: Prayer Book Worship & Theology
November 14 Redeemer, Sarasota	The Ministry of Pastoral Care
December 12 Redeemer, Sarasota	Liturgy and Worship
January 9 Redeemer, Sarasota	Early Church History
January 23 St. Peter's Cathedral	Medieval Church History
February 13 Redeemer, Sarasota	Reformation Church History
February 27 St. Peter's Cathedral	Anglicanism
March 13 Redeemer, Sarasota	The Episcopal Church in the U. S.
April 10 St. Peter's Cathedral	The Beliefs of the Church Part I
April 24 Redeemer, Sarasota	The Beliefs of the Church Part II
May 8 St. Peter's Cathedral	Evangelism: Sharing Jesus Without Fear
May 22 Redeemer, Sarasota	An Introduction into Christian Ethics

Scriptural Studies*

September 12 Redeemer, Sarasota	Introduction to Bible Study
September 26 St. Peter's Cathedral	The Historical Books of the Old Testament
October 17 Redeemer, Sarasota	The Prophets I
October 31 St. Peter's Cathedral	The Prophets II
November 14 Redeemer, Sarasota	Wisdom Literature
December 12 Redeemer, Sarasota	The Torah: The Books of Moses
January 9 Redeemer, Sarasota	Isaiah
January 23 St. Peter's Cathedral	Matthew, Mark & Luke I
February 13 Redeemer, Sarasota	Matthew, Mark & Luke II
February 27 St. Peter's Cathedral	The Acts of the Apostles
March 13 Redeemer, Sarasota	John, Apostle and Writer
April 10 St. Peter's Cathedral	General Letters to the Early Churches
April 24 Redeemer, Sarasota	Paul, His Life and Letters I
May 8 St. Peter's Cathedral	Paul, His Life and Letters II
May 22 Redeemer, Sarasota	The Book of Revelation