

## WHAT IS THE MAC LAY MINISTRY INSTITUTE?

MAC LMI is a series of courses designed to help lay leaders grow spiritually and carry out the work of Christ within the context of a congregation. Students may take one course, a few courses or all twelve courses.

Each course consists of ten hours of class time, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday through 6 p.m. on Saturday. Students learn through a combination of lecture, interaction with students from other Christian traditions, reading one or more texts and completing a pre- and post class paper or project.

Is God calling you

To Learn

To Grow

To Equip

Yourself for

Christ's Service?

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Course I want to take \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Course \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be received at least six weeks prior to the beginning of the course. Registration fees of \$110 per course are due two weeks before the course begins. Fees are non-refundable (except in cases of illness.)

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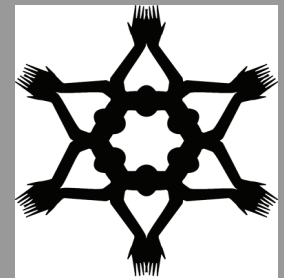
Disciples of Christ  
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## LAY MINISTRY INSTITUTE

Equipping lay leaders  
for Christ's service



Courses held in  
Bozeman, Montana  
Sept. 2010 through  
July 2012

## Course Offerings

**September 17-18, 2010**

### **Called by God**

**The Rev. Ron Greene**

*How do I understand my call from God? What is prayer and why is a life of prayer essential for leaders in the church? What wisdom can we learn from some of the great spiritual teachers in the history of the church? What are my particular gifts and values and how can I use them to respond to God's call? How can I care for myself so I can care for others?*

**November 12-13, 2010**

### **Old Testament Overview**

**Dr. Tom Lee**

*What are the various genres of literature in the Old Testament? What factors must be considered when seeking meaning in a text? What are the broad themes present in the Old Testament?*

**January 28-29, 2011**

### **Worship and Music In The Small Church**

**The Rev. Kama Morton**

*What are the particular dynamics of worship in a small church? How can I plan meaningful worship that flows? How can music enhance worship? How can I pray meaningful prayers in public? How can I be an effective worship leader? How can image display systems enhance worship?*

**March 25-26, 2011**

### **New Testament Overview**

**The Rev. Susan (Elli) Elliot**

*What are the various kinds of literature in the New Testament? What factors must be considered when seeking meaning in a text? What are the broad themes present in the New Testament?*

**May 20-21 and July 22-23, 2011**

### **How to Prepare, Write and Preach Sermons**

**The Rev. Peter Shoher and  
The Rev. Amy Carter**

*What are the Biblical tools needed to prepare to preach? How can I communicate in a way that I can be heard? How should I go about addressing controversial issues? (Please note this class assumes that you have taken substantial New Testament and Old Testament courses. If you have not had those courses as prerequisite to this class, you may have difficulty.)*

**September 23-24, 2011**

### **Educational Ministry: Teaching for Transformation**

**The Rev. Su Debree**

*How do people grow in faith and discipleship? As a teacher, how can I help facilitate spiritual growth in youth, children, adults and families? What are the dynamics of small groups? How can I lead an effective Bible study? How can I choose appropriate curriculum resources?*

**November 18-19, 2011**

### **Congregational Dynamics**

**The Rev. Ruth Fletcher**

*What are the dynamics involved in a congregational system? What are the dynamics of change/transition? How can I help manage conflict? How does size, age, and history affect a congregation's culture? What skills do I need to function as a leader in a congregation?*

**January 27-28, 2012**

### **Caring Ministries**

**Sr. Eileen Hurley**

*How do I care for people, acknowledging the limits of my training and education? How do I make a hospital call or a visit to the homebound? How do I conduct a funeral? How do I minister to those in grief? What are appropriate boundaries in pastoral care?*

**March 23-24, 2012**

### **The Body of Christ**

**TBA**

*What does it mean to belong to the Body of Christ? What is the history of how the various denominations came to be? How are the MAC denominations like/unlike each other in authority and style? How are the MAC denominations like/unlike other denominations? What are some practical ways churches can work together in a community?*

**May 21-22, 2012**

### **Mission and Evangelism**

**TBA**

*How does faith connect with justice? How can we live out the mandate of the Great Commission to "go and make disciples"? What difference do we make as a church in mission here and now? How can the church offer hospitality to strangers, respond to the needs of the poor and work at changing unjust systems? How can I effectively share my faith?*

**July 27-28, 2012**

### **Nuts & Bolts of Effective Administrative Leadership**

**TBA**

*What is the process for preparing a budget? How does a congregation implement a stewardship campaign? How can I lead effective meetings? What are "safe church practices" and why are they important? What kinds of records should congregations keep? How can I lead short and long range planning? How can I recruit and work effectively with volunteers?*