

K-O Conference Lay School of Theology

Registration Form & Syllabus

Saturday, January 8th 2011

HTP101: History, Theology and Polity of the United Church of Christ

This basic course meets the requirements for persons interested in being ordained, licensed or commissioned in the K-O Conference of the United Church of Christ. Although this is a required course for authorized ministry it is also recommended for anyone wanting to have a greater understanding of the United Church of Christ history, theology and polity.

Instructors: Rev. Kevin Olsen and Rev. Krista Betz

I. Class schedule and meeting place:

The class will meet at: **Central Congregational UCC, 1248 S.W. Buchanan, Topeka, KS. 66604.**

The class will meet three times: *(snow days will meet the following Saturday)*

- Saturday, January 8th from 9:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. *(Lunch on your own noon-1:00p.m.)*
- Saturday, February 12th from 9:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. *(Lunch on your own noon-1:00p.m.)*
- Saturday, March 19th from 9:30a.m. to 3:30p.m *(Lunch on your own noon-1:00p.m.)*

II. Registration and Fee's:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ cell _____ email _____

Home Church : _____

☐ I will be taking this course for credit (tuition fee \$120.00)
(some scholarship money may be available check with your local church and association)

☐ I will be auditing this course - not for credit (tuition fee \$60.00)

Signature: _____

Send registration with fee enclosed to: K-O Conference, 1245 Fabrique, Wichita, Kansas 67218

***Registration deadline: January 5th, 2011.**

See page two, three and four for a copy of syllabus and reading list.

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Syllabus for HTP101

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Session One: Saturday, January 8th

In preparation for the first class session read the following material.

- Read chapters 1-4 from *"Theology and Identity,"* Johnson, Hambrick –Stowe
- Read chapters 6&7 from *"The Shaping of the United Church of Christ,"* Gunneman
- Go to: <http://ucc.org/about-us/short-course> : download and read *"Short Course in the History of the United Church of Christ"* (pages 1-38).

Assignment One: Write a 6-8 page paper (double space) comparing and contrasting two of the four historical streams. Example, Evangelical Vs. Congregational, or German Reformed Vs. Christian historical stream. Cover things like- covenant theology vs. confessional theology, history, key figures, sacraments, polity, and impetus for the movement. You may want to use your home church historical origins as one of the streams...then compare/contrast with one your less familiar with.

***First assignment paper due Saturday, February 12th (bring it to class)**

Session Two: Saturday, February 12th

In preparation for the second class session read the following materials.

- Read chapters 1-5, *"The Shaping of the United Church of Christ,"* (Gunneman).
- Read chapters 10-17 plus the Afterword, *"Theology and Identity,"* (Johnson, Hambrick-Stowe).
- Go to: <http://ucc.org/about-us/hidden-histories>: download and read *Hidden Histories*.

Assignment Two:

Part A-write 3-4 pages (double spaced) on the founding of the United Church of Christ. Why was the UCC formed and what was its hope and mission?

Part B –write 3-4 pages (double space) identifying and briefly describe one or two theological movements and hidden histories in the United Church of Christ since 1957.

(Example) American Indian, Chinese Congregationalism, LGBT, Liberation theology, Feminist theology, etc. You may want to cover something that interests you.

Part C – write 1-2 page reflection on your appreciation for the History and Theologies of the United Church of Christ.

***Second Assignment paper (part A, B &C) due Saturday, March 19th (bring it to class)**

Session III. Saturday, March 19th

Reading and preparation for this class session on UCC Polity is still under development: reading material and assignments will be available on or before the first class Saturday, January 8th.

Papers:

Please write in double space with 1 inch margins, include a cover page with your full name, mailing address and phone number or email address. Cite references in APA format.

Grading:

The class for credit will be a pass/fail format. Papers will count for 75% percent of final grade and classroom attendance and participation will count for 25%. If you cannot be in attendance please call the instructor in advance of scheduled class.

Instructors:

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Required Reading List:

“Theology and Identity: Traditions, Movements and Polity in the United Church of Christ,” Daniel L. Johnson and Charles E. Hambrick-Stowe.
United Church Press, Cleveland, Ohio
ISBN: 0-8298-0807-8

“The Shaping of the United Church of Christ,” Louis H. Gunnemann, United Church Press, Cleveland, Ohio. ISBN: 0-8298-1345-4

“Confessing Our Faith,” Roger L. Shinn, United Church Press, Cleveland, Ohio. ISBN: 0-8298-0866-3.

Optional Reading Resources:

“The Evolution of a UCC Style,” Randi Jones Walker, United Church Press, Cleveland, Ohio. ISBN: 0-8298-1493-0

“United and Uniting,” Louis H. Gunnemann, United Church Press, Cleveland, Ohio. ISBN: 0-8298-0757-8.

“Freedom with Order,” Robert S. Paul, United Church Press, Cleveland, Ohio. ISBN: 0-8298-0749-7.

“The Living Theological Heritage of the United Church of Christ,” Barbara Brown Zikmund, (a series of seven volumes). United Church Press, Cleveland, Ohio. Available in some theological libraries.