

INTERIM MINISTRY EDUCATION AT UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

Date: November 14 - 18, 2016

Team Leader: Hart Edmonds

Event location: Union Presbyterian Seminary: Paisley Hall,
1204 Palmyra Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227

Registration: \$395 – cost includes lunches Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Thursday

CEUs: 3.0

For pastors interested in interim ministry and/or congregations in transition. The intense 30-hour course provides the basics for understanding interim ministry and transitional ministry.

Registration for this event is limited to 30. Interim Ministry Education will begin at 1:00 p.m. on November 14 and conclude at 11:15 a.m. on November 18. Evening sessions will be held on Monday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 15. Please note that dinners are on your own; those without vehicles will need to accompany someone who has a car, or make other arrangements.

[Click here](#) for more information about Interim Ministry.

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ABOUT THE TEAM LEADER



The Rev. Hart Edmonds, Team Leader

Currently, Rev. Hart Edmonds is serving as Interim Head of Staff with the Oxford Presbyterian Church, Oxford Ohio in the Presbytery of Miami Valley. This is Hart's fourth experience in interim/transitional ministry. His permanent residence is in the Cincinnati metropolitan area where his wife Cheryl serves as an installed pastor, within the Presbytery of Cincinnati. Hart and Cheryl have lived in Cincinnati for the last five years. Hart's ministry experience includes urban ministry, service in a racially integrated congregation, community organizing, campus ministry, new church development, and service in various sized congregations. He has served on the teaching faculty for interim ministry education at Austin Seminary and now at Union Presbyterian Seminary. In the larger ecumenical church, Hart serves as Chair of the Board for the Center for Parish Development, based in Chicago. Together with Cheryl he is the parent of three twenty-something sons at various stages of getting launched in their careers.

Hart values the importance of the connectional church in our Presbyterian tradition and affirms that God's Spirit is at work in these transitional and frequently chaotic times.

PRE-CLASS READING

Please read these before coming to class. All of these books are available on Amazon.com and in Kindle editions

1. *Transitional Ministry Today: Successful Strategies Successful Strategies for Churches and Pastors*, ed. Norman Bendroth (Roman and Littlefield, 2014).
2. *Changing the Conversation: A Third Way for Congregations*, by Anthony B. Robinson (Eerdmans, 2008).
3. *Strategic Leadership for a Change: Facing Our Losses, Finding Our Future*, by Kenneth J. McFayden (Alban, 2009).



***Transitional Lenses for Interim Ministry
November 14-18, 2016***

Paisley Hall – 1204 Palmyra Avenue, Richmond VA

Tentative Schedule of Sessions and Activities

Monday, November 14 – Putting on New Lenses for WHY? HOW? and WHAT?

10:00 a.m.	Registration and Check-in
12:00 noon	Lunch on your own
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	<i>Welcome, Orientation, and Creating Community</i>
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Worship: “Why Church?”
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Create Community and Table Groups</i> <i>Personal Leadership Journey</i> <i>Discussion of Learning Objectives</i>
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	<i>The Lenses of Transitional/Transformational Ministry</i> <i>Guiding Question: “The Power of Why?”</i>
8:30 p.m.	Refreshments and Conversation

Tuesday, November 15 – Discovering the WHY? Lenses of WHY?

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Worship
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Break
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	<i>Five Developmental Tasks</i> Assigned reading: <i>Transitional Ministry Today</i> , Chapters 1, 5, 7 “Readiness Factors for Calling a Pastor” in <i>Temporary Shepherds</i> (in Dropbox)
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – noon	<i>Biblical and Theological Lenses</i> Assigned reading: <i>Changing the Conversation</i> , Chapters 1 and 2
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	<i>Why Church?</i>
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Tools for Taking a Closer Look</i>
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own
7:15 – 9:00 p.m.	Movie Night: Cinema Divina <i>Whale Rider (2002)</i>

Wednesday, November 16 – Navigating the HOW? Lenses of HOW?

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	<i>Feedback/Discussion on “Whale Rider”</i>
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	<i>The Self-Differentiated Leader</i>
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	<i>Five Process Tasks</i>
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Break
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Worship with the Seminary Community (Watts Hall)
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Lunch with the Seminary Community (Early Center)
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	<i>Systems Theory and the Dynamic of Hope</i>
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	<i>Knowing Our Conflict Style</i>
5:00 p.m.	Free Evening (a list of restaurants will be provided)

Thursday, November 17 – The Yield of WHAT? Lenses of WHAT?

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Worship
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon	<i>Seeing and Joining God in the Neighborhood</i>
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	<i>Deepening the Vision through the Lens of the Spirit</i>
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	<i>Contracting and Negotiating for Interim Ministry</i>
4:15 – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Interim Ministry Dynamics Related to the Board of Pensions</i>
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Break – continued conversations with the Board of Pensions representative, as you see fit
5:30 – 6:15 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Social time: come and enjoy as long as you wish (wine and cheese provided by the seminary)

Friday, November 18 – WHERE do you go from here?

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<i>Examining the Power of Why, What, and How in the Congregation</i> <i>Sharing Strategies</i> <i>Personal Learning Goals</i> <i>Exiting Model</i> <i>Growing Edges</i>
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Closing Worship
11:15 a.m.	Departures . . . traveling mercies