

Pathways

to Learning and Leadership

Upcoming Pathways courses for 2017/18

CRE and Church member courses, Phase I – Foundational (Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. ET):

- September 12 – October 10, 2017: **Biblical Interpretation**
- October 24 – November 21, 2017: **Reformed Theology and Church History**
- February 6 – March 13, 2018 (no class on February 27): **The Christian Life**
- April 10 – May 8, 2018: **Mission and Evangelism**

Elective:

- May 24 – June 21, 2018 (Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. ET): **Parables of Jesus**

CRE and Church member courses, Phase II – Practical (Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. ET):

- September 7 – October 5, 2017: **Worship and Sacraments**
- October 19 – November 16, 2017: **Teaching the Bible**
- January 11 – February 8, 2018: **Polity and Administration**
- February 22 – March 22, 2018: **Pastoral Care**
- April 12 – May 10, 2018: **Preaching the Bible**

Each five-week course costs \$100, and requires the purchase of one book. Contact Marilyn Johns (mjohns@upsem.edu) for more information, or go to www.upsem.edu/pathways to read about the program and/or to register.



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What is it? **Pathways to Learning and Leadership** is a program of nine courses offered over a two-year period to provide educational preparation toward leading a congregation as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (check with your presbytery first), and six courses for church members who want to increase their knowledge and discipleship. Each course is five weeks long. **Foundational courses** (Phase I - for everyone) are taught entirely online, using live instruction, readings, and peer discussion. **Practical ministry courses for CREs** (Phase II-a) are taught online, with some practical exercises carried out in the local church. **Electives for church members** (Phase II-b) are taught entirely online. Participants will need about six (6) hours per week, including two hours at a specific time online, to complete the work.

Who is it for? People studying to be CREs will be joined by interested church members in learning together. Courses will be taught from a Reformed (Presbyterian) perspective, but are open to all.

Who will teach the courses? Most will be taught by faculty from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Some will be taught by experienced practitioners in their field.

How much does it cost? The cost per five week course is \$100. In addition there will usually be one book to purchase per course.

Are there prerequisites to taking the courses? No. Anyone can participate.

Will I earn college credit for the courses? No. These courses do not earn academic credit. At the end of the two years, you will meet the educational requirements of your denomination toward becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder (or your denomination's equivalent).

When can I get started? Courses will be ongoing. We recommend that the foundational courses (Phase I) be taken first, but other courses may be taken in any order.

What kind of computer do I need? You will need a desktop or laptop computer, or a tablet or smart phone in order to participate. You must have a microphone; a webcam is recommended, but not required.

How do I register? Go to www.upsem.edu/pathways to register online, or contact Marilyn Johns at mjohns@upsem.edu with any questions.