



The Maine School of Ministry

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Pre-Announcement (8August18): Fall semester 2018 Courses

ChHi-Fdn 1: “Church to 1453” and PrTh-Pb 5: “Church Practice--Pastoral Care”

The Maine School of Ministry announces that it will offer two Fall semester 2018 courses; please see the co-location of these courses on **Table 2** which describes the School’s 4-year, 20-course “Christian Studies and Leadership” curriculum.

- **ChHi-Fdn 1:** “Church to 1453,” a foundational (“Fdn”) course. It is the first of two Church History courses offered for the School year 2018-19. **ChHi-Fdn 1** and its Winter/Spring semester 2019 complement **ChHi-Fdn 2** “Church from 1454” follow deliberately upon the previous two years’ foundational course sequences:
 - 2016-17: BibSt-Fdn 1: “Gospels, Acts” and Fdn 2: “Apostles, Epistles, Apocalypse.”
 - 2017-18: BibSt-Fdn 3: “Torah, Histories” and Fdn 4: “Prophecy, Poetry, Wisdom.”

The Instructor will be Dr. Deborah Goodwin, recently of Gustavus Adolphus College, who comes fresh upon teaching the practice-based June Intensive 2018 course ChHi-Pb 2: “Practicing Torah—Branches of Judaism.” The course will meet 10:00am-3:00pm at the Maine UCC Conference Center in Augusta on four successive Saturdays: 8September18, 6October18, 3November18, and 1December18.

- **PrTh-Pb 5:** “Church Practice--Pastoral Care,” a practice-based (“Pb”) course. It is the fifth of six Practical Theology courses offered for the School years:
 - 2016-17: PrTh-Pb 1: “Church Practice--UCC History and Polity” and Pb 2: “Church Practice--Congregation Life, Admin.”
 - 2017-18: PrTh-Pb 3: “Church Practice—Whence Ministry?” and Pb 4: “Church Practice—Worship.”
 - 2018-19: PrTh-Pb 5: “Church Practice--Pastoral Care” and Pb 6: “Church Practice—Preaching.”

The Instructor will be the Rev. Dr. Ron Baard, recently of the Andover Newton Theological School and Bangor Theological Seminary where he served as Imes-Lowry Professor of Pastoral Studies. The course will meet twice 10:00am-3:00pm at the Maine UCC Conference Center in Augusta and three times at locations within no more than 45 miles distance from Augusta on five successive Saturdays: 22September18, 20October18, 17November18, 15December18, and 12January19.

Registration will open August 22nd. Registration link, course Syllabi, and Instructor Bio’s will be emailed via the Maine Conference UCC’s Constant Contact MESOM “Students” and “Friends” lists on that day. If you have previously registered for a MESOM course, you will receive this email; if not, please contact Ms. Anne Hodgman at conference@maineucc.org or tel. 207-622-3100 for assistance. Registration link, Syllabi, and Instructor Bio’s will be posted August 22nd as well at the Maine UCC website (<http://maineucc.org/>) and in the Maine UCC “All-conference Email” (ACE) newsletter.

Table 2. MESOM CSL 1 and CSL 2 Curriculum: Courses offered by Year (Four years, Five courses/year), Division (Biblical Studies, Church History, Theology/Ethics, Practical Theology), Type (Foundational, Practice-based), and Venue (Semester, June Intensive) (draft 26July18)

Division:	Biblical Studies	Church History	Theology/Ethics		Practical Theology	June Intensive
Course Type:	Foundational	Foundational	Foundational	Practice-based	Practice-based	Practice-based
Year 2016-17 Fall semester	BibSt-Fdn 1: Gospels, Acts				PrTh-Pb 1: Church Practice--UCC History and Polity	ChHi-Pb 1: Practicing the
Winter/Spring Semester	BibSt-Fdn 2: Apostles, Epistles, Apocalypse				PrTh-Pb 2: Church Practice--Congregation Life, Admin	Word—Branches of Christianity
Year 2017-18 Fall semester	BibSt-Fdn 3: Torah, Histories				PrTh-Pb 3: Church Practice—Whence Ministry	ChHi-Pb 2: Practicing Torah—
Winter/Spring Semester	BibSt-Fdn 4: Prophecy, Poetry, Wisdom				PrTh-Pb 4: Church Practice—Worship	Branches of Judaism
Year 2018-19 Fall semester		ChHi-Fdn 1: Church to 1453			PrTh-Pb 5: Church Practice--Pastoral Care	ChHi-Pb 3: Practicing Koran—
Winter/Spring Semester		ChHi-Fdn 2: Church 1454 to date			PrTh-Pb 6: Church Practice—Preaching	Branches of Islam
Year 2019-20 Fall semester			ThEth-Fdn 1: Christian Theology	ThEth-Pb 1: Theological Reflection		ChHi-Pb 4: Practicing Spirit—
Winter/Spring Semester			ThEth-Fdn 2: Christian Ethics	ThEth-Pb 2: Ethical Reflection		Branches of Native American religion