**Cohort C**

**2017 &-2018 Schedule**

**Year 2: Biblical Foundations**

Face- to-face meetings on third Saturday of each month. Each meeting 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Hermeneutics & Pentateuch**

Instructor**: Rev. Barry W. Szymanski, J.D.**

2 Face-to-Face Seminars: Sept 16 and Oct 21, 2017

Location: First Congregational Church, Wauwatosa

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**The Historical Books**

Instructor: Rev. Randall Kohls

1 Face-to-Face Seminar: Nov 18, 2017

Location: Faith Community Church, Franklin

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**Wisdom Literature**

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Cindy Bacon Hammer

1 Face-to-Face Seminar: Dec 16, 2017

Location: Heritage Congregational Church, Madison

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**Prophets & Intertestamental Period**

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Sue LeFeber

2 Face-to-Face Seminars: Jan 20 and Feb 17, 2018

Location: Faith Community Church, Franklin

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**Gospels**

Instructor: Rev. Joy Baumgartner

1 Face to Face Seminar: March 17, 2018

Location: Faith Community Church, Franklin

**Acts**

Instructor: Rev. Dr Stu Merkel

1 Face-to-Face Seminar: April 21, 2018

Location: Faith Community Church, Franklin

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**Pauline Epistles**

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Mark McAnlis

1 Face-to-Face Seminar: May 19, 2018

Location: Faith Community Church, Franklin

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**General Epistles & Revelation**

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Mark Dieter

1 Face-to-Face Seminar: June 16, 2018

Location: Lancaster Congregational Church, Lancaster

**Year 3: Ministry Applications**

**September 2018 -May 2019**

Topics include Church History; Evangelism; Church administration; Pastoral Care; Worship; Teaching and Preaching; Discipleship; and Worship

**Interested in joining** **Cohort C?** Whether continuing your journey from Year 1, or just starting out to advance your knowledge of Biblical Foundations, you are welcome to join Cohort B. Fill out an application and send it to:

Polly Bodjanac

pollybodjanac@gmail.com

920-655-3597

**Applications due by August 15, 2017**

**What about Credentialing?**

Congregationalists have long held that ordination and credentialing lies with the local church. Completion of this program does not promise either. The program is designed to help train you to fulfill your calling in whatever ministry capacity you and your church deem fit. Though a

certificate is presented to the student at the conclusion of each year, ordination, licensing, and empowerment are conducted by the local church.

**Am I called to Lay-Ministry?**

“Lay-ministry” can be a confusing term. Within the Congregational Tradition, there are lay people who have been called by God to assume the role of a vocational pastor of a congregation. Formal training programs aid in preparation for such a calling. Yet, on the other hand, Congregationalists recognize the Bible’s teaching of the priesthood of all believers. We own a tradition of “an every-member ministry” in addition to the vocational ministry. This training program is for both types of lay-ministry in our churches. The first two years of this program are designed for all who minister: those called to be Lay-Ministers and those called to be lay people ministering in other capacities (Sunday school teachers, deacons, trustees, custodians, and even pew warmers). The third year, though not exclusive, is more specific to the Lay-Minister in a pastoral role.

**Preparation for Christ Centered Ministry**

The Leadership and Lay-Minister Training Program seeks to equip individuals to carry out the work of ministry. The program entails three successive one-year modules completed in a cohort. A mixture of individual study, reading and reflection is combined with monthly gatherings held at various locations of hosting WCA Churches.

**Year 3 Ministry Applications**

The third year is for application of ministry techniques in teaching and preaching, pastoral care, worship and church administration. Those called to be official lay-ministers will work with a settled pastor through this last year.

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**What is the Cost?**

 The fee is waived for returning students from Year 1. New incoming students will pay a fee of $25 to help with administrative needs. All students, returning and incoming will incur other expenses such as: books, lunch costs at the Saturday gatherings, and travel to host churches.

**Applications due by August 15, 2017**

**What is Necessary?**

**Students will need**:

Open hearts, minds & teachable spirits

A yearly covenant-commitment

College level literacy

Computer and Internet access

Transportation to face-to-face Saturdays

Church support or participation

For more information and/or

an application to the program please contact:

Polly Bodjanac

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or check the WCA website

[www.wiscongregational.net](http://www.wiscongregational.net)

We look forward to walking with you to discover God’s plan and will for you and your ministry.

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Sept 2016-

June 2019