

NEOSOM Steering Committee 11/21/20 report to association

Classes:

- a. Summer/Fall classes
 - i. History and Polity of the United Church of Christ (team taught, coordinated by Gene McAfee) – 7 students
 - ii. Homiletics (an Accreditation/advanced course taught by Jeff Nelson) – 6 students
 - iii. Introduction to Biblical Studies (being taught by David Cleaver-Bartholomew as an Independent Study course for two students who need it to proceed with further Bible courses);
 - iv. Old Testament 3A-B (a double course -- another first -- taught by Gene McAfee and is the first of our Ordination Track courses to be offered) 9 Students
 - v. Personal Ethics (taught by Sharon Alberson) – 4 Students
- b. Winter up-coming
 - i. Intro to Theology - Dr. Steve Johnson (Monday evenings via Zoom, mid-January to mid-March),
 - ii. Worship – This will be team taught. Lead teacher and host: Rev. Mark Suriano, other instructors: Jill Lovett and Jeff Gerber, Anissa Glaser-Bacon, Gene McAfee and Susi Kawolics.
 - iii. Old Testament 3B – Gene McAfee instructor
- c. Spring up-coming
 - i. Process Theology, taught by Dr. Gary Halstead (after Easter). Students wishing to enroll in Process Theology are expected to have taken Introduction to Theology first, so please reserve Monday evenings this winter for theology.

Collaboration with National Offices:

- a. Gene received an invitation from Elizabeth Dilley of UCC National offices to attend AM21 Authorizing Ministry in the 21st Century December 8-11, 2020 – Digitally on Whova. Steering committee approved \$100 to cover his registration fee, plus a \$500 Partner Sponsorship to help support the event and to raise the School's visibility.
- b. The Council for Theological Education will be meeting online Nov. 10-11; Gene will be attending.

Steering committee members

Our document says: *The Steering Committee shall consist of: The Dean (ex officio); two students currently enrolled in the Certification Track of the program – one from*

each association; two graduates of the program – one from each association; and one to three members-at-large. We discussed and decided that there is no longer a need to provide for the distinction between the Associations. We are missing one person currently enrolled in the Certification Track and will seek to fill.

We congratulate Karen Brocco-Kish on completing accreditation process.

Respectfully submitted,

Susi Kawolics, NEOSOM Steering Committee Chair