

Northeast Ohio School of Ministry (NEOSOM) Course Offerings, Fall 2021

History and Polity of the United Church of Christ

Certification Track Course

Fee \$100

INSTRUCTOR Gene McAfee (faith.ucc.pastor@gmail.com)

OTHER INSTRUCTORS: Geoffrey Black, David Hill, Robert P. “Rip” Noble, and Mindy Quellhorst

DESCRIPTION

Who are we in this wonderful, wacky world of church we call home? Where did the UCC come from, why was it formed, who are we now, who do we believe God is calling us to be? And how do we get there? These are the sorts of questions we’ll explore as we learn about our history and our polity

MEETINGS Thursdays, Sept. 9 to Oct. 28, 2021 6:30-8:40 p.m. and
Association Annual Meeting Saturday, Oct. 30 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LOCATION Online via the free Zoom video platform (link will be provided by instructor)

REQUIRED TEXT(S)

1. Constitution and Bylaws of the United Church of Christ (available online at https://www.uccfiles.com/pdf/UCC_Constitution.pdf)
2. Post, Margaret Rowland, and Tom Dipko (rev.) History and Program of the United Church of Christ. (United Church Press, 2007)
3. Gunnemann, Louis, The Shaping of the United Church of Christ. (Pilgrim Press, 1977, expanded 1999)
4. Johnson, Daniel, and Hambrick-Stowe, Charles, editors, Theology and Identity: Traditions, Movements and Polity in the UCC (United Church Press, 1990)
5. Zikmund, Barbara Brown, editor, Hidden Histories in the United Church, volumes I and II (United Church Press, 1984, 1987)

Church History 1: Pre-Reformation

Certification Track Course

Fee \$100 Audit \$65

INSTRUCTOR Steve Johnson (stevej2home@netscape.net)

DESCRIPTION

This course will present an introduction to Church History from the time of first responses to the resurrection of Jesus until the dawn of the Reformation. It will focus on important institutions and ideas and the people who shaped them. It will explore the continuing relevance of the history of the church for the way people think about the church and conduct themselves as the Body of Christ.

MEETINGS Wednesdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021 7-9 p.m.

LOCATION Online via the free Zoom video platform (link will be provided by instructor)

REQUIRED TEXT(S)

Gonzalez, Justo. The Story of Christianity, vol. 1 (various publishers)