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*Education Working Group*

## ***Announcing the 2019 -2020 Commissioned Lay Pastor Course Offering***

We're excited to offer this foundational curriculum for the preparation of our next class of Commissioned Lay Pastors (CLPs), AKA Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) for Particular Pastoral Service. These classes are open to and recommended for any and all church leaders for personal growth and development.

### ***What's new with the Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) program?***

Sixteen classes are being offered among four major areas of study. CLP candidates will be required to complete requirements for 12 of 16 course offerings and 3 within each major area of emphasis. Advantages include:

- ✓ Increased choices of classes for each candidate's calling to a particular pastoral service
- ✓ Opportunity to take time off during the course to catch up on fulfilling class requirements or meeting personal needs
- ✓ More offerings for already-commissioned CLPs to fulfill continuing education requirements.

### ***What are the course offerings? \*required for CLP candidates***

#### **Theology**

- \*Reformed Theology
- Missional Ecclesiology
- Soteriology
- Contextual Theology (Cultural perspective)

#### **Pastoral Care and Ministry**

- \*PCUSA Church Polity
- Pastoral Counseling
- Healthy Pastoral Self-Care
- Multi-Generational Preaching and Communication

#### **Practical Ministry**

- \*Multi-Cultural Church Leadership
- Discipleship in our current context
- Ministry of Reconciliation
- Understanding the American Church Landscape

#### **Biblical Studies**

- \*Hermeneutics
- Old Testament Book
- New Testament Book
- Scripture and Culture

### ***Commissioned Lay Pastor applicants***

Contact CLP Phil Arzino ([pkarzino@comcast.net](mailto:pkarzino@comcast.net)) or Reverend Karl Shadley ([revshad@gmail.com](mailto:revshad@gmail.com)).

### ***For more information***

[www.sfeducationcenter.blogspot.com](http://www.sfeducationcenter.blogspot.com)

...to equip His people for works of service  
so that the body of Christ may be built up.  
*Ephesians 4:12*



## **Questions and Answers for the 2019 -2020 Commissioned Lay Pastor Course**

**Who is eligible to attend?** Any church leader interested in furthering his or her understanding of the Christian faith may attend any and all classes by pre-registration as long as space allows. Only ordained elders in the Presbyterian Church may apply for consideration as Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP).

**What is the cost of each class and what are the requirements?** For leaders auditing the course, the cost is \$40/class and there are no class requirements, though there will be highly recommended readings before each class. For CLPs, the cost is \$100/class and there will be pre- and post-reading and writing assignments. CLPs are required to attend and complete all assignments for at least 12 of the 16 classes offered between January, 2019 and April, 2020.

**When are classes offered?** Each class is offered the second weekend of each month, typically from 7PM-10PM on Friday evenings and 8:30AM-3:30PM on Saturdays unless otherwise stated.

**Where are the classes held?** Classes will be held at the Presbytery of San Francisco Education Center at 545 Ashbury Ave, El Cerrito and at other locations in the Bay Area as determined by the needs of the class members. Class attendees will have the option of digitally attending on Friday evenings via Zoom.

**Where do I get more information?** Registration, updated class schedule, application forms, instructor bios, and more can be found at [sfeducationcenter.blogspot.com](http://sfeducationcenter.blogspot.com). Contact Phil or Karl for more information.

CLP Phil Arzino ([pkarzino@comcast.net](mailto:pkarzino@comcast.net)) or Reverend Karl Shadley ([revshad@gmail.com](mailto:revshad@gmail.com)).

### **Class schedule as of November 4, 2018** \*blank dates are classes not yet scheduled

Friday	Saturday	Instructor	Course
1/11/2019	1/12/2019	Mark Hopkins	Missional Ecclesiology
2/8/2019	2/9/2019	Soong-Chan Rah	Understanding the American Church Landscape
3/8/2019	3/9/2019	Kamal Hassan	Church Polity
4/12/2019	4/13/2019	Eric Law	Multi-Cultural Church Leadership
5/10/2019	5/11/2019	Daniel Kirk	New Testament Overview
6/14/2019	6/15/2019	Kamal Hassan	Contextual Theology
7/12/2019	7/13/2019		
8/9/2019	8/10/2019	Mignon Jacobs	Old Testament Overview
9/13/2019	9/14/2019	Greg Love	Reformed Theology
10/11/2019	10/12/2019	Mindy Smith	Multi-Generational Preaching and Communication
11/8/2019	11/9/2019	DeAnna Christmas	Pastoral Self-Care and Boundaries
12/13/2019	12/14/2019		
1/10/2020	1/11/2020	Deborah Lee	Discipleship in Our Current Context
2/21/2020	2/22/2020		
3/13/2020	3/14/2020		
4/10/2020	4/11/2020		

## INSTRUCTOR BACKGROUNDS



### **DR. MARK HOPKINS**

*Ph.D., Fuller Theological Seminary*

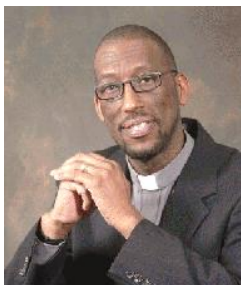
Mark is director of the Master of Arts in Global Leadership (MAGL) and the Doctor of Missiology programs and assistant professor of leadership in the School of Intercultural Studies. He has a strong desire to see the church more effectively engage contemporary Western culture.



### **REV. DR. GREGORY LOVE**

*Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary*

Greg is the Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at San Francisco Theological Seminary and a member of the core doctoral faculty at Graduate Theological Union. His passion for the local church compels Greg to teach hundreds of classes in Bay Area Churches, making theology accessible to the laity.



### **REV. KAMAL HASSAN**

*M.Div., San Francisco Theological Seminary*

Kamal has 25 years of ministry experience in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church USA. He is the pastor of Sojourner Truth PC. Kamal is a community organizer and Christian educator whose message is rooted in African-American prophetic tradition.



### **REV. DR. MINDY SMITH**

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Mindy is the Associate Director of the Office of Church Engagement at Whitworth University. Mindy's extensive experience in YoungLife, church and campus ministry settings is a wellspring of wisdom concerning how to do ministry during this time of immense cultural change.



### **REV. DOMINIQUE GILLIARD**

*M.Div., North Park Seminary*

Dominique is the director of Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation for the Love Mercy Do Justice (LMDJ) initiative of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). He serves on the board of directors for the Christian Community Development Association and Evangelicals for Justice.



### **REV. DEANNA CHRISTMAS**

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DeAnna is Chaplain at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, CA. An empathetic listener and skilled professional who is able to use her assessment skills and life experience to provide pastoral support to patients, families and staff during challenging times.



### **REV. DR. SOONG-CHAN RAH**

*Th.M., Harvard University*

D.Min, Ph.D, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Soong-Chan is the Milton B. Engebretson Associate Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary. He has extensive experience in church planting, social justice initiatives, racial reconciliation and cross cultural ministry. He has authored 19 books.



### **DR. MIGNON JACOBS Ph.D.**

Mignon is the Dean, Chief Academic Officer, and Professor of Old Testament Studies at Ashland Theological Seminary. As a recognized professor and noted scholar, Dr. Jacobs is known for her publications on the prophets and Old Testament narratives. Dr. served as Associate Provost for Accreditation and Educational Effectiveness at Fuller Theological Seminary. She currently serves on the Board of Commissioners of Association of Theological Schools.



### **DR. DANIEL KIRK**

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Daniel is a New Testament scholar whose work takes place at the intersection of history, biblical interpretation, and real life. He currently works for the Newbigin House of Studies in San Francisco, CA.



### **REV. DEBORAH LEE**

Deborah is the Executive Director of the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. IM4Human Integrity builds faith-rooted solidarity, direct actions and advocacy in partnership with frontline communities dedicated to immigrant justice and ending the criminalization of people of color.



### **REV. DR. ERIC LAW**

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Eric, an Episcopalian priest and author, has consulted with churches for over 25 years to provide training for building inclusive community, intercultural competency, community transformation, congregational vitality and stewardship.