

## "Women in Ministry"

Taught by  
**Dr. Cynthia Rigby**  
Professor of Theology

*Cynthia Rigby has been teaching at Austin Seminary since 1995. An ordained minister in the PCUSA, she is the editor of Power, Powerlessness, and the Divine, co-editor of Blessed One: Protestant Perspectives on Mary, and author of The Promotion of Social Righteousness. A new book, Renewing Grace, is due to be published by Westminster John Knox Press in the fall of 2014.*

This course will presume women are called to all areas of ministry, but will recognize that not all Christians believe this. We will consider the biblical arguments for and against women serving in leadership positions, including ordination as pastors. We will study examples of women who have shaped Christian traditions taken from the Bible and history. And we will spend a great deal of time exploring the insights, critiques, and contributions women have made to theological discourse and to contemporary understandings of what it means to minister to others. **Book study:** Beyond the Curse: Women Called to Ministry, by Aida Bensacon Spencer (Thomas Nelson Publishers). The book can be ordered through Amazon.

## "Spiritual Formation"

Taught by  
**Dr. David W. Johnson**

*Dr. David W. Johnson is Associate Professor of Church History and Christian at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Prior to joining the Austin Seminary, Johnson served churches in Galveston and Irving, Texas, and Watchung, New Jersey. Johnson is the author of Trust in God: The Christian Life and the Book of Confessions (Geneva Press, 2013) as well as a number of articles, including "Making Theology Come Alive in the Parish," in the fall 1995 issue of Pro Ecclesia. He contributed two entries to the Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation: "Cassiodorus" and "Pelagius." Johnson also writes occasional book reviews, stories, essays, and poems.*

This course examines the Christian spiritual life using the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a guide. The Book of Confessions can help us understand what it means to be a Christian and how one goes about living a Christian life. We will use the rubrics of faith, love, and hope to ground our understanding of spirituality and help us develop disciplines for our spiritual lives. These disciplines include listening and speaking, worship and Sabbath, giving and stewardship, patience and planning, and reconciling. Three appendices give concrete guidelines for engaging in Bible reading and prayer—the two central spiritual disciplines of the Reformed tradition. Johnson's helpful book invites laity and clergy to participate in the blessings and joys of a Reformed vision of the spiritual life.

## WHERE

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary  
100 East 27<sup>th</sup>. Street  
Austin, TX 78705-5797  
(512) 472-6736

## REGISTRATION

To register, complete the registration form in this brochure. The registration deadline is May 15, 2018. Registration fee of \$300.00 is payable to:

**Rev. Dr. James Oudom-SEA**  
**110 Water Wheel Ct. Cornelia, GA 30531**

## SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY: May 27

Students arrive and evening gathering & introduction to Courses.

### MONDAY – THURSDAY: May 28-June 1

7:00-7:30A.M.	Devotion
8:00A.M.	Breakfast
9:00-11:30 A.M.	First Course
12: noon - 1:00PM	Lunch
1:30 - 4:00 P.M.	Second Course
6:30PM	Dinner

### Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> Morning Devotion with Communion

*All students are encouraged to take super shuttle or taxi from and to airport. Online booking or just walk to service counter at Austin airport.*

## COST

A fee of \$300.00 covers food, double occupancy room at Austin Seminary, and others needed for the training and will not be refunded after May 20<sup>th</sup>. Once your registration form has been received, you will be provided with additional information.

**PS:** *Food will be prepared by all students. We will live as real family in Christ for this week! Commute students either audits or accreditations, registration fee is \$200.00.*

## ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

**Rev. Dr. James Oudom: 706-778-2822 office, or 706-969-2888 Cell, Email: jamesoudom@gmail.com**

## REGISTRATION FORM SOUTHEAST ASIAN LAY TRAINING PROGRAM 2018

Name: .....

Address: .....

City: .....

State: ..... Zip code: .....

Telephone: .....

Email:.....

Church: .....

Address: .....

City: .....

State: ..... Zip Code: .....

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Nights I will need accommodations:

..... Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

..... Mon. May 28<sup>th</sup> to Thu. May 31<sup>st</sup>

*Friday morning check out. Students are encouraged to leave after last class.*

***Detach and mail to:***  
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## WHAT IS THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN LAY TRAINING PROGRAM?

Presbyteries are looking for ways to help Southeast Asian congregations enjoy all the advantages of the Presbyterian Church (USA), including seminary - training leadership. The Southeast Asian Lay Training Program, initiated by General Assembly's National Laotian Presbyterian Council through Rev. Dr. James Oudom, educates key leaders in the basic Presbyterian doctrine and practice as prescribed for Lay Commissioned Pastors in the Book of Order.

The program consists of six core courses taught over the course of three summers: Reform Theology / Presbyterian Polity / Worship & Sacrament / Bible Interpretation / Teaching in the Reform Tradition / Reform Preaching.

Interpretation into SEA languages are provided by members of the National Councils of the Southeast Asian Committees of the PCUSA. Other languages can also be provided as needed.

Successful completion of the six courses earns certification that the graduate has received adequate education to carry out the duties of a lay commissioned pastor.

Austin Seminary via its Office of Continuing Education will issue 1.5 Credit Unit certification of each course study.

Courses for continuing education such as Pastoral Care or Mission & Evangelism and others may be offered, if requested.

It is not expected that presbyteries will delay commissioning until the training process is completed. Lack of lay commissioned pastors has resulted in Southeast Asian Congregations not celebrating the Holy Sacraments of the Lord in their own language, often for several years. The Lay Training Certification Program is meant to speed, not slow, the commissioning process. Full partnership in ministry and worship is the goal.

*Mail this form with registration fee to:*

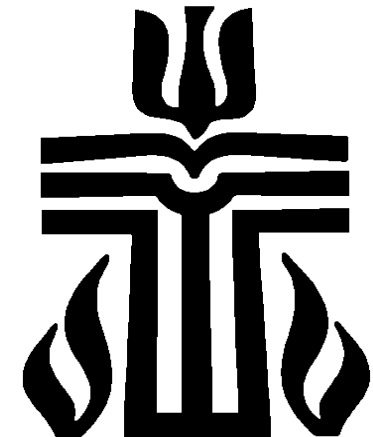
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***Before May 15: \$300.00  
After May 15: \$320.00***

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**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
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**SUMMER 2018**

**May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018**