

For all Pastors, Ruling Elders, Deacons, CRE/CLPs and other PCUSA Members
2021 – 2022 Classes *Held the 2nd weekend of each month*

Homiletics – Creative and Impactful Preaching

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Rev. Donna E. Allen, PhD was as an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church for fifteen years serving as a pastor in Tennessee, Missouri and California. Rev. Allen is currently the Founder and Senior Pastor of New Revelation Community Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America with ministries in Oakland and Vallejo California. Dr. Allen has taught in a number of graduate schools preparing persons for ministry. Including: Saint Paul School of Theology a United Methodist Seminary in Kansas City, MO; Lancaster Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Pacific School of Religion and American Baptist Seminary of The West, in Berkeley, CA; San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA and currently at Pacific Lutheran Theological seminary in Berkeley, CA.

When: ***Thursday and Friday, October 14 and 15 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm***
 Saturday, October 16 – 9:00 to 11:30 am; 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Where: ***Zoom Class – Please Register on all the links below:***

Thursday https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrcuqqrTlvGtYqQkxL_NevrspATh4UMeH3
Friday https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvcOuqpzgiGtxK4D27iomfmmmXFF_9RuIl
Saturday https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sc-ypqD0uG9cadSO0N1H4skxQ7635_beQ

Cost: ***\$100 for credit*** for Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidates
 \$40 to audit and open to all

Class Description: This course will explore some basic exegetical skills for preaching and creative components of impactful preaching. Students will create and preach a brief sermonic component in the class and engage in constructive reflection with one another.

Pre-class Readings:

Video: https://youtu.be/4_spnvydlF0

Online Article: http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/pdf/preaching/ExegesisAndPreaching_RachelClair.pdf

Online Article: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/exegesis>

PDF Provided upon registration: Eisegesis Vs. Exegesis

Questions: Contact Phil Arzino, CRE/CLP Coordinator, pkarzino@comcast.net, 510-828-5596

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Further information for CRE/CLP Students

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Recommended Readings:

Provided during the first class

Pre-course Assignment:

Please review all assignment materials before class.

Please submit by October 12 - via email a short sermon by you in any format you would prefer such as manuscript, video, audio, etc. the sermon by you - can be something you preached some time ago and it can be something you have done recently; you can even feel free to record something specifically for this class if so, make it no more than 10 minutes.

Post-course Assignment

In-class oral presentation of a single sermon component. You will choose a single component of a sermon (introduction, illustration, theological analogy or emancipatory praxis) as taught in class and developed throughout the class. Do not worry if you do not know what a sermon component is now, we will thoroughly explore it in class.

The presentation will be on the last day of class. Each student will present and will receive feedback from instructor and fellow students. Accommodations can be made for students who desire to submit the assignment in writing.