

WHAT CAN CLS DO FOR YOU?

The **PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP SCHOOL** provides quality training to church members wanting to strengthen their faith, their church and their skills.

We've been doing this since 1999, producing positive results for churches in our Presbytery as well as other Presbyteries.



STRENGTHENING FAITH

Participants come to CLS with a wide range of Biblical knowledge, but all come away with a deeper understanding of scripture and Reformed theology. Courses include exploration of worship services, the Directory of Worship and the Sacraments.



STRENGTHENING CHURCHES

Graduates of the program often take on leadership roles in the church and the Presbytery. Many go on to teach Sunday School classes, while some take on Commissioned Pastor roles in smaller churches. Polity is also a part of the curriculum.



STRENGTHENING SKILLS

Pastoral care is not the exclusive domain of a pastor. Our school provides training in the basics. Students also find out more about what goes into preaching and planning worship services. History of the Church provides valuable background on our faith journey.

WHAT IS CLS?

The Church Leadership School is a course designed to help participants learn and grow in discipleship.

WHO ATTENDS?

Our students have diverse life experiences – some retired, some already leaders in their congregation, some simply seeking enrichment.

WHEN?

Every other Saturday September through May. Two sessions each day 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.



TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: Classes are held every other Saturday at **First Presbyterian of Morganton**. While in-person is encouraged, students can also attend via Zoom when necessary.

WHERE CAN CLS TAKE YOU?

For some participants, the Church Leadership School is the first step in becoming a Commissioned Pastor (also known as a Commissioned Ruling Elder), providing 170 hours of instruction.

For others CLS provides valuable insight into the practices of the church and tools to develop deeper ties to God and Scripture. Many to attend seek to be better teachers, elders and deacons.

WHO ARE THE TEACHERS?

With Montreat, Black Mountain and the lure of the Blue Ridge in the boundaries of our Presbytery, we are blessed with a large number retired ministers and seminary professors. In addition to this resource, we have highly qualified pastors currently serving churches. All faculty members are volunteers, dedicated to making CLS top notch.



Dean Kerry Border (left) with the Class of 2023.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Complete the accompanying enrollment form with basic information and briefly describe why you are applying and what your expectations are.

Obtain a letter of recommendation from your home church.

The CLS committee will review your application and answer any questions you may have.



WATCH a sample class on YouTube at https://youtu.be/4H46WOvf_ZE

COURSE SCHEDULE

FALL TERM 2023

6 Saturdays

Preaching (2nd-year students)

New Testament Survey (1st-years)

Theology I

WINTER TERM 2024

6 Saturdays

Old Testament Survey

Theology II

SPRING TERM 2024

5 Saturdays

Church History

New Testament Focus

■ Matthew

■ John

■ Luke

■ Hebrews

Worship workshop

IMPORTANT DATES

AUG. 15 Enrollment deadline

SEPT. 9 Orientation session

SEPT. 23 Fall term begins

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Tuition for each term (3 terms per year) is **\$75**. Tuition pays for books and other supplies needed for the coursework. Check with your church as many will cover tuition.

No charge for graduates of the program wishing to join us for refresher courses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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