

**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
CHURCH LEADERSHIP SCHOOL
Dr. Fred Van Itallie, Dean of CLS
JULY 29, 2014**

The Presbytery is pleased to recognize the students that have completed a two-year Church Leadership School Program. The Church Leadership School, formerly known as the School for the Laity/CLP Program, is a program of the Committee on Ministry and is managed by the Commissioned Lay Pastors Sub-Committee. The program is designed for persons desiring to increase their faith and knowledge, to strengthen their church and expand their ministry, and for elders desiring to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastors.

The course work for the Church Leadership School includes Bible, Theology, Church History, Worship and Sacraments, Christian Education, Preaching, Pastoral Care, Polity, and Church Leadership. This program is an exciting opportunity to learn and grow for members of our churches. This September, we begin a new, two-year cycle with Bible-New Testament, Preaching, Principles of Pastoral Care, and Church History. The Church Leadership School is believed to be one of the Presbytery's best-kept secrets.

The program provides opportunities for individual growth in faith, knowledge, and leadership, and graduates have the opportunity to become catalysts for change and growth in their congregations. Nine people completed the current two-year program, with three of the graduates being from other presbyteries. These graduates join more than 100 other graduates, of which, twenty-six are Commissioned Lay Pastors within our Presbytery. In addition, there are students who have completed one or more of the required six quarters.

When asked why they continued to drive long distances, study between classes, and sit from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. two Saturdays a month, participants said they felt called by God to be there, were challenged by excellent teachers, and encouraged by each other. Members said they grew in faith and knowledge, and desired to share that with the church.

We ask that each church identify people in the church who would enjoy and benefit from the program. We need your help to get the word out and your support to keep this important resource going. A schedule for the coming year is currently posted on the Presbytery website www.presbyterywnc.org, along with an application. The program offers 150 plus hours of training and class work during this two-year cycle and begins with a required September kick-off retreat on Friday evening and Saturday, September 12-13, 2014. The application deadline is August 25, 2014.

The following people will receive certificates for having completed the two-year program:

Katie Adams (Kenilworth)	James Harley (Salem Presbytery)
Sandy Blackwelder (Charlotte Presbytery)	Everett M. Thomas (Black Mountain)
Elizabeth Hall (Grassy Creek)	William Upchurch, Jr. (Cherryville, First)
John H. Hall (Grassy Creek)	Robert Ward (Rutherfordton)
LaQreshia A. Harley (Salem Presbytery)	

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July 1, 2014

Dear Pastor Colleague,

Our Church Leadership School, formerly known as the School for the Laity, is ready to start its new year in September. We would like for our new Associate Dean, Ric Stapleton, to come to your church and provide a brief (5 minutes or less) introduction to the school - in order to help with our recruiting.

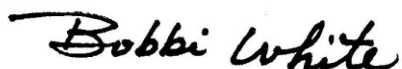
Our school has an outstanding reputation for training church leaders and future Commissioned Lay Pastors. As a testimonial to our program, this year on May 24th, three graduates from the program were from other presbyteries!

Church leadership is so important. We are trying to enhance our training in this area so that our mission of helping churches find qualified pastors and enable strong church leadership will be achieved. Most of the people that attend the school do so to gain greater understanding and grow in faith, and to become stronger disciples in their church. A few each year become Commissioned Lay Pastors.

Please give our officers of the Church Leadership School the opportunity to speak with your congregation, either in worship or at a social event. Either Barbara Ross (828/387-6332) or Robbin Buchanan (828/438-4217) at the Presbytery office can schedule someone to visit with your congregation.

Thank you in advance for helping us to get more students in this very worthwhile program.

Peace,



Bobbi White
General Presbyter

Church Leadership School/ Commissioned Lay Pastor Program for 2014-15

Classes begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 3:00 PM, with lunch on your own from noon until 1:00 PM.

Morning Session 9-12 Afternoon Session 1-3

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, MORGANTON

Retreat September 12-13 at William Black Lodge, Montreat, NC – STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

2014 Fall Term (Morganton at 1st Presbyterian Church)

First Year Students take New Testament Survey - Second Year Students take Preaching

September	20	AM	NT Survey (first year students) Preaching (second year students)
		PM	Principles of Pastoral Care
October	4	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Principles of Pastoral Care
October	18	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Principles of Pastoral Care
November	1	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Church History - Early
November	15	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Church History - Medieval
December	6	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Church History – Early Reformation
December	13		SNOW DATE

2015 Winter Term

January	3	AM	Directory for Worship
		PM	Polity - Foundations
January	17	AM	Directory for Worship
		PM	Polity G -1
February	7	AM	Book of Common Worship
		PM	Polity G - 2
February	14	AM	Book of Common Worship
		PM	Polity G - 3
February	28	AM	<i>Glory to God</i> Hymnal
		PM	Polity G - 4
March	14	AM	Church Administration
		PM	Polity G-5&6
March	21		SNOW DATE

2015 Spring Term

March	28	AM	Baptism
		PM	Christian Education
April	11	AM	Christian Education
		PM	Worship Practice
April	25	AM	Lord's Supper
		PM	Worship Practice
May	9	AM	Funerals
		PM	Weddings
May	23	AM	Worship Practice
		PM	Graduation Luncheon/Service

Easter is April 5, 2015

**Please note that ALL classes will be
held at Morganton, First Presbyterian Church**