

# Church Leadership School and Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program



The Church Leadership School/Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLS/CLP) Training is a course of study designed to help you learn and grow in discipleship.

The program offers 170+ hours of training and class work in a two year cycle and begins with a required September kick-off retreat on a Friday evening and Saturday. The purpose of the retreat is to get to know one another, explore faith sharing and development, and to think about ways students can apply their learning and experiences. It is an opportunity to grow as a group committed to greater spiritual growth. In addition, during this Retreat, students will engage in special topics, acquire their textbooks and syllabi for the beginning term.

Many people take the course for their own personal enrichment or to strengthen their ability to serve their church. For others, the program is designed to meet some (but not all) of the requirements leading to commissioning as a Commissioned Lay Pastor.

The CLS meets 6 Saturdays each in the Fall and Winter, and 5 Saturdays in the Spring. The CLS/CLP curriculum is undergoing exciting changes and we will post all new information here. We meet at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.

Current tuition is \$75\* each term and includes the costs for textbooks. Students are occasionally encouraged to purchase other texts.

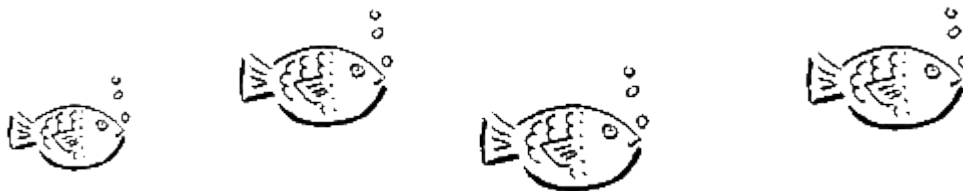
Please print this [Educational Plan](#) and [Enrollment Forms](#) from the Presbytery website ([www.presbyterywnc.org](http://www.presbyterywnc.org)), and have your church session complete the Endorsement Form. All forms, registration, enrollment and Session endorsement should be returned to the Presbytery Office, (114 Silver Creek Road, Morganton, NC 28655) addressed to Fred Van Itallie, Dean.

The CLS/CLP sub-committee of our Presbytery is excited about this opportunity for you. If you want to be more connected to God, to your neighbor, to your church, and to your community, this dynamic program will make it happen! You will have a renewed sense of purpose in your life.

To register, or for more information contact:

Fred Van Itallie, Dean  
828/692-1514 or [drvi@bellsouth.net](mailto:drvi@bellsouth.net)

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Presbytery Office, 828/438-4217 or [rbuchanan@presbyterywnc.org](mailto:rbuchanan@presbyterywnc.org)



*\*Fees Subject to Change*

## School for the Laity/ Commissioned Lay Pastor Program for 2015-16

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 11-12 at William Black Lodge, Montreat, NC – STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

### 2015 Fall Term (Morganton at 1st Presbyterian Church)

**First Year Students take Old Testament Survey - Second Year Students take Preaching**

September	19	AM	NT Survey (first year students)
			Preaching (second year students)
		PM	Theology 1
October	3	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology 1
October	17	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology 1
October	24	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology 1
November	14	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology 1
December	5	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology 1
December	19		SNOW DATE

### 2016 Winter Term

January	2	AM	OT Survey
		PM	Theology II
January	16	AM	OT Survey
		PM	Theology II
January	23	AM	OT Survey
		PM	Theology II
February	13	AM	OT Survey
		PM	Theology II
February	27	AM	OT Survey
		PM	Theology II
March	12	AM	OT Survey
		PM	Theology II
March	19		SNOW DATE

### 2016 Spring Term

April	2	AM	Church History
		PM	Matthew
April	16	AM	Church History
		PM	Gospel of John
April	30	AM	Church History
		PM	Luke
May	14	AM	Church History
		PM	Hebrews
May	28	AM	Church History
		PM	Graduation Luncheon/Service

**Easter is March 27, 2016**

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

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP SCHOOL  
AND COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR TRAINING PROGRAM  
REGISTRATION FORM - FALL TERM/RETREAT  
2015-2016**

**00-3**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE#: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

RULING ELDER \_\_\_\_\_ DEACON \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in becoming a Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP)**

Yes  
 No  
 Undecided

**ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MORGANTON**

**2015 FALL TERM (First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, EXCEPT for Retreat in Montreat)**

**September 11-12 Overnight Kick-Off Retreat – William Black Lodge, Montreat, NC  
(STRONGLY ENCOURAGED)**

September	19	AM	NT Survey (first year students) OR Preaching (second year students)
		PM	Theology I
October	3	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology I
October	17	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology I
October	31	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology I
November	14	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology I
December	5	AM	NT Survey or Preaching
		PM	Theology I
December	19		SNOW DATE

Make checks payable to Presbytery of WNC and Return TO: PWNC – CLS/CLP Program, 114 Silver Creek Rd., Morganton, NC 28655.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the retreat at William Black Lodge in Montreat on September 11-12 and participate in the Fall Term. My \$75.00\* tuition is enclosed, as well as, \$75.00\* for the retreat. I realize that tuition covers the basic text and that additional books may be selected. If Not a member of PWNC tuition is \$95.00\*

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Fall Term, but cannot attend the Retreat. My \$75.00\* tuition is enclosed. I realize that tuition covers the basic text and that additional books may be selected.

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP SCHOOL &  
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR TRAINING  
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FORM**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The following information will help us in planning the classes. (If necessary, you may use a separate sheet for your responses.)**

1. What are your primary interests and/or reasons for enrolling in this course?
2. Describe your present and past involvement in the life and ministry of the Presbyterian Church.
3. List other denominations where you participated (approximate membership dates):
4. What is your employment, home and/or retirement background?
5. What is your educational background? (Formal and/or informal)



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**SESSION'S ENDORSEMENT**

The Session of \_\_\_\_\_  
at its meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ endorsed our member (s)

\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Church Leadership School/Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program.

In making this endorsement, we agree to support the applicant during his/her training through one or more of the following ways:

- Provide encouragement and prayerful support.
- Realize that the person may not have the same amount of time to devote to specific church activities and allow the person to adjust church responsibilities.
- If necessary, provide financial help with the cost of the training and the resources required (transportation cost, tuition, etc.)
- Invite the participant to share with the pastor and/or Session the experience after the first year.

This Church Leadership School is designed for all persons who would like more study in the Biblical, theological and practical aspects of our faith and ministry. It is hoped that this person's knowledge can be shared to strengthen the ministry of your church. Also, graduation from the school is the first step for those interested in becoming Commissioned Lay Pastors in our Presbytery.

The Session understands that the entrance into this program is only the first step for someone who wants to be a Commissioned Lay Pastor. If the person decides to pursue commissioning, the Session's recommendation will be very important.

To become a Commissioned Lay Pastor, the person must be an ordained ruling elder. However, it is not required that the person be an elder to attend the Church Leadership School. The request for commissioning takes place only after the applicant has successfully completed the training process and has received a call from a church and/or other validated type of ministry.

Please return this form to the Presbytery office no later than August 14, 2015.

Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
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