

## School for Ministry Annual Program Costs

**Purpose:** The School for Ministry seeks to prepare “men and women to serve as Commissioned Ministers (DOC) and Lay Ministers (UCC) for the 21st Century.” The program is delivered through a Cohort structure that will facilitate leadership development, academic growth, and spiritual formation. A Cohort Leader will provide for mentoring, spiritual direction, and life coaching based on students’ individual needs as a learner. Our goal is help aspiring members of the laity gain the ability to become faithful, well-qualified pastors and ministers. Students who complete the process will earn a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. The Certificate will also serve as a prerequisite for Commissioned Ministers (DoC) and Lay Ministers (UCC).

**Audience:** Laity who discern a call to ministry. Emphasis is on rural and small congregations.

**Delivery:** Online and on-ground; ecumenical interaction; Cohort Leader; workshops; field experience

### **Course of Study:**

3-year process

Every Year – Spiritual discernment retreat (Winter)

Year 1 -Overview of the Bible; Intro to OT (Spring and Fall)

Year 2 – Intro to NT; History of the Church (Spring and Fall)

Year 3 - Mission of the Church; Practice of Ministry (Spring and Fall)

Every Year – Summer Intensive Retreat based essential competencies for ministry

Every Year - Ecumenical Workshops

**Credit hours:** 27 credit hours

**Cost:** \$1450 per year (less than \$54 per credit hour)

Your annual tuition will include:

- Discernment Retreat (2 days)

- Winter Class

- Summer Intensive Retreat (5 days)

- Fall Class

- Workshops

- Cohort Leader (Coach, Spiritual Director, Mentor)

- Administrative Costs

**TOTAL COST PER STUDENT: \$1,450 PER YEAR**

(4 quarterly payments)

Scholarships are available

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