

Harvest Conference Churches,

Since our merging into the Pittsburgh Conference, then becoming the Harvest Conference, there has been one thing that Pam and I have become absolutely certain of, the love for the Churches by the leaders of the Conference. When we came into the Conference, the School of Ministry was just being established, built upon a vision by then Supt. Doug Rabe and the foundation was laid by Wayne and Becky Sawyer. We have considered it the greatest of honors to serve, first under their leadership and even more so now, as Pam and I serve in the positions that Wayne and Becky have retired from. Just as the School of Ministry began with love and a vision, Pam and I share this same love and have a vision for its next steps.

First and foremost, we view Ordained Pastoral Ministry as something sacred, as the classes we offer are meant to prepare women and men to be as prepared as possible to serve the Churches of the Harvest Conference, you deserve that, but more importantly, God expects the best of us all. In our vision, yes, we want to continue to offer top quality courses to our Ministerial Candidates, but we also have a heart for our laity that hunger and thirst for more. Beginning with the courses that we will be offering in this upcoming Spring Term of the School of Ministry, we want to invite any of those laity to join us at a discounted rate.

Why invite laity to take classes in the School of Ministry? First, there is no downside to having educated / equipped laity serving in our Churches, they can only benefit their respective congregations. Second, we are fully transparent in our motive, we hope to identify folks struggling with calling and helping them embrace it. Third, we have a hope that God's calling may be awakened in folks that have never considered that God could use them. And finally, the additional income into the School of Ministry would help us have the resources to offer more and more opportunities to invest in lives that do Kingdom work, whether it is Ordained or Lay led ministries.

Laity that would enroll in and take courses that the School of Ministry offers will receive a certificate of completion for each course they pass. If at some point in the future these laypeople embrace a calling into ministry and decide to become a Local Ministerial Candidate, Conference Ministerial Candidate, or Deacon, they may pay the price difference between the laity rate for a course with that of the Ministerial Candidate rate and have full credit for the courses passed.

Please share these upcoming courses with your people.

Thank you

Larry Bailey (Dean of the Harvest Conference School of Ministry)

Pam Bailey (Director of Ministerial Candidates)

**Spring Session #1 (March 8 & 9)**

**Friday: 1:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Saturday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

***FM History & Polity***

with Doug Rabe

***Wesleyan Theology***

with Wayne Sawyer

***The Gospel of Mark***

with Larry Bailey

**Spring Session #2 (April 12 & 13)**

**Friday: 1:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Saturday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

***Evangelism***

with Ken Walls

***Scripture Interpretation***

with Larry Bailey

***Administration & Leadership***

with Doug Rabe

**Registration Checks to  
The Harvest Conference**

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**Cost:**

\$75 – Certificate of Completion

\$125 – Ordination Credit