

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UCC HISTORY, THEOLOGY, AND POLITY CLASS 2016

Once again the Illinois Conference UCC is offering a study of UCC History, Theology, and Polity. Class participants will be equipped to interpret the traditions of the United Church of Christ and will be strengthened to serve as authorized leaders in our congregations and ministries. This course is offered in a unique format and features three experienced teachers/ministry practitioners. There are two Saturday sessions at the Illinois Conference office in Westchester. The third session runs from the afternoon before our Conference Annual Celebration through that event. Read below for more details. This class satisfies the history, theology, and polity requirement for the Associations of the Illinois Conference.

COURSE OUTLINE

Session One: Saturday April 9 (8:30 am – 5:00 pm), Illinois Conference UCC Office (Westchester)

Key UCC Themes: Mission, Justice, Immigration, Diversity, Etc; Ministry and the Nature of Leadership; Boundaries and Accountability

Taught by Rev. Dr. Melbalenia Evans

Please bring your lunch with you for this class session.

Session Two: Saturday May 14 (8:30 am – 5:00 pm), Illinois Conference Office (Westchester)

Four Historical Traditions of Our Predecessor Denominations

Taught by Rev. Dr. Joe Gastiger

Please bring your lunch with you for this class session.

Session Three: Thursday June 16(3:00-6:00 pm & 7:00-9:00 pm) and Friday June 17– Saturday June 18 Embassy Suites Hotel, East Peoria, IL

Ecclesiology and Polity; What and How We Believe in the UCC

Taught by Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell

Faculty

Rev. Dr. Joe Gastiger is a Co-Pastor at First Congregational UCC, DeKalb. He is also a writer and has taught at Northern Illinois University and Kishwaukee Community College.

Rev. Dr. Melbalenia Evans is Associate Conference Minister for Stewardship & Vitality, Illinois Conference, UCC. She is also a former national UCC staff member and Executive Minister, Trinity UCC, Chicago.

Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell is the pastor of Mayfield Congregational UCC, Sycamore and is a spiritual director, retreat leader, and writer. She has previously been an adjunct faculty member at Eden Theological Seminary and Aquinas Institute of Theology, both in St Louis, MO.

Additional Information

- **Registration is due by March 18, 2016**
- The course fee is \$800 and includes the course charge, your Annual Celebration Registration fee, and your hotel for two nights during the Annual Celebration.
- The syllabus will be provided when you register.
- Advanced reading is required.
- Attendance at all three sessions is necessary for you to complete the UCC History, Theology, and Polity requirement for authorized ministry. Please be on time.
- Lay participants are welcomed.
- Scholarship assistance can be discussed with your Associate Conference Minister (ACM).

LOCATIONS AND DIRECTIONS

Illinois Conference UCC, 1840 Westchester Blvd, Suite 200, Westchester, IL 60154

The Illinois Conference is easily accessible from the interstate network around Chicago. Specific directions are available on the conference website.

Embassy Suites East Peoria, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611

The Embassy Suites can be reached from the Riverfront Drive Exit off Interstate 74. Detailed directions from your starting point can be accessed from their website.

For Further Information, contact Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell, 314.607.4852 (cell), marthabrunell@gmail.com.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE HISTORY AND POLITY COURSE 2016

Name _____ ACM _____

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Note any dietary restrictions _____

Enclosed is my fee of \$800. Checks are to be payable to Illinois Conference UCC History, Theology, & Polity. Mail this registration form and fee to Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell, 28405 Church Road, Sycamore, IL 60178.