



Courses for Lay People, Clergy & Professionals

Take one course, or plan to complete the Lay Certificate

Take the following non-university, short-term courses singly, for your own interest, or toward the Lay Certificate in Theology. There are no prerequisites; we are happy to offer lay people this opportunity to take special interest courses in a wide variety of topics. All courses meet at Huron University College.

The Lay Certificate in Theology

If you choose to take the following courses toward the Lay Certificate, you will complete a project successfully at the end of each course to earn a course credit. This year, we are offering both full courses and half-credit courses.

Accumulate 10 full credits, and you will receive the Lay Certificate.

Cost and How to Register

\$125 per full course, unless otherwise stated in description

Click here for [Registration Form](#) (pdf file) or [contact us](#) for a form. Please register at least 10 days before beginning of course.

Courses for 2010-11

This year's courses will commence in January 2011.

* *appropriate for lay people*

+ *appropriate for clergy/professionals*

Preaching: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly *

The good news is that the art of preaching is being reclaimed and celebrated. The bad news is that we have barely learned how to preach to modern, sceptical people. This practical workshop will address these issues and raise the questions: Why is storytelling so important? Why do many sermons evoke yawns? How can we speak to contemporary people so that they will catch on fire with the Spirit of Christ? What does it take to transform lives today? Especially valuable for Lay Readers, Deacons, Pastoral Visitors, and those who have preached fewer than 50 sermons.

Instructor: Archdeacon Ken Anderson; Cost \$65 (half course)

Date: Saturday, January 22 from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. (followed up by two hours of personalized coaching with each participant ... times by mutual agreement)



For Anglican Eyes Only ...Not!! * +

All churches, all denominations have roots, theologies, histories, traditions. When these work at their best they shape and inform and bring us closer to the person of Christ in a timeless way; when they are not understood or have passed their “best before” date they become stagnant. Many people have asked for a mini-course on what it means to be Anglican. Professor Doug Leighton, a leading church historian, will explore some of the roots and traditions of Anglicanism. Archdeacon June Hough will look at the joys and challenges of being an Anglican in a contemporary society.

Instructors: Dr. Douglas Leighton and Archdeacon June Hough; Cost \$120 (full course)

Date: Saturdays, January 29 and February 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Am I Religious? * +

Religion and identity are in a dynamic state of flux in Canada today. With reference to Stephen Prothero’s best-selling book “God is Not One”, this short course will discuss three themes: What is ‘religious’? Will religion be organized? How will we all get along in a multi-cultural, multi-faith society? Our guarantee: no one ever dozes when Bill Acres is in the room!

Instructor: Dr. Bill Acres; Cost \$65 (half course)

Date: Saturday, February 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All in the Family * +

Do you remember sitting at the kid’s table at a big family meal? Was it a wobbly card table added on to the end or was it in another room? Did you feel like part of the feast or an afterthought on the edges of conversation and celebration?

Family ministry programs in our churches are no longer optional. They are necessary! They are necessary not only as tools in helping parishes be stronger, they are essential in that God has a plan for all of us young and old alike. How does one start a program? What personnel and financial resources are critical? What has a proven track record?

Instructor: The Rev. Gerry Adam; Cost \$65 (half course)

Date: Saturday, February 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Standing On Holy Ground * +

There is a vast and sometimes confusing array of spiritual practices within the Christian tradition – how do you find the one that’s right for you? Join the Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford as we explore a number of historic ways of praying including: Christian meditation (John Main), lectio divina, praying with scripture, contemplation with an object, and others. The workshop includes opportunities for learning, practice and evaluation.

Instructor: Dr. Kate Crawford; Cost \$65 (half course)

Date: Saturday, March 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Does the Bible Really Say That? * +

Canon Bill Cliff has a passion for making scriptures leap off the page. Those who have studied with him before, and those who are seeking fresh ways to explore the Bible, will be challenged and stimulated. Deepening our faith is profoundly connected to deepening our understanding of what scripture *really*

says. This course will continue to intensify familiarity with the scriptures and with the life changing message they contain.

Instructor: Canon Bill Cliff; Cost \$120 (full course)

Date: Monday evenings, March 21, March 28 and April 4, 7 till 9:30 p.m.

Communicating the Gospel in a Post-Christian World * +

In a world bombarded with technological gadgets its becoming increasingly difficult to communicate God's truths in an effective manner. In addition, we have a generation apathetic toward the church and her story of hope. This reality has many discouraged, and some feeling helpless, but this is not the whole picture. Increasingly, many are learning new ways to communicate biblical truths in a way that grips the hearts and minds of a new and changing world. If you are serious about reaching the next generation and developing your communication sense, you don't want to miss this two day class where we will learn how best to tackle some of today's most pressing communication challenges facing the Church.

Instructor: Pastor Dom Ruso; Cost \$120 (full course)

Date: Saturday, March 26 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Monday, March 28 from 7 – 9:30 p.m.

Ethics–What's In A Word? * +

Come to better understand the methods and application of ethical theories and their relationship to contemporary critical issues in our world today. It is anticipated that the participants will develop an informed ethical conscience and glean some tools that can be used in making ethical decisions in the areas of business, medical issues, and professional life.

Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Wayne Dawes; Cost \$65 (half-course)

Date: Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Got a Good Book to Read? * +

With thousands of books about religion, faith, and spirituality being published each year, it is almost impossible to know where to start. Which will be life-changing? Which will be theologically sound? Stimulating? This course will look at a few current, controversial and acclaimed authors (Bass, Tickle, McLaren, Gullely, Tutu) which are on the leading edge of exploration and change. You will be challenged to digest at least one book from a short-list of recommended books and then enter into dialogue with one another.

Instructor: Archdeacon Ken Anderson; Cost \$65 (half course)

Date: Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Our Facilitators

Archdeacon Ken Anderson

has 36 years of experience growing congregations. He has also served as camp director, lectured in Church History and Systematic Theology (in the Caribbean) and is currently Interim Field Director at Huron University College where, in the large first and second year classes, seven different



denominations are represented by the students. His recent book of sermons "Face to the Sunshine" has sold out of its third printing.

The Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford

has just joined the ministry team at First-St Andrew's United Church in London, arriving from St John's, Newfoundland. She has a Ph.D. in Church History (St Michael's), and a love of teaching, both of which enrich her ministry among God's people. Kate is also the mother of two teenage girls, and owner of Sophie the Wonderdog.

Dr. Bill Acres

a church historian, specializes in English and European history and culture. Widely sought after as a guest speaker (Paris, Granada, Chicago...), he has been working on the creation of a computational database program for the mapping of knowledge networks in historical communities.

Canon Bill Cliff

the Chaplain at Huron University College, is well-known through the Canadian Church as one of the acclaimed "Three Cantors." His passions and expertise include liturgy, music and interpreting scripture in fresh, life-giving ways. Bill has been involved with the national youth program "Ask and Imagine" and has served on the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

The Rev. Dr. Douglas Leighton

is an ordained Anglican priest and Associate Professor of History at Huron University College. His areas of interest include First Nation/Settler relations, automotive history, themes of reconciliation, and the historical role of the Diocese of Huron in southwestern Ontario. Doug believes that teaching is a "high calling" which takes long and careful preparation ... this philosophy, perhaps, helped lead to his receiving the coveted Huron University College Teaching Award.

Archdeacon June Hough

might be one of the few clergy with a degree both in Theology and Physical Education! Presently rector of ELAM in east London, June has served the church in Nova Scotia, Toronto and Ottawa in diverse congregations. After one dynamic experience of ministry she writes: "walking out in faith is a courageous thing to do, yet in spite of the difficulties there is an excitement in the search for the promised land ... then we realize it has been with us all along." By the way, no one falls asleep when June is presiding at worship.

The Rev. Gerry Adam

has been working with children, youth and their families for over 30 years in libraries, art galleries, theatre, recreation programs and the Church. She has written for the Christian Education curricula "Whole People of God" and "Seasons of the Spirit." Working at Huron Church Camp for the past 20 years in the areas of art, chaplaincy and leadership development, she has served as its Director since 1997. She also serves as a Deacon at St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church with special responsibilities for Children, Youth and Liturgy with particular focus on involving and feeding all ages, empowering them to go out and feed the world.

Pastor Domenic (Dom) Ruso

is the “teaching pastor” at North Park Community Church in London, one of the largest congregations in southwestern Ontario. Raised in Montreal, Dom grew up in an eclectic cultural setting and this, along with his passion for music and scripture, has helped prepare him to be a uniquely gifted teacher. Presently working on his Ph.D. (from Wycliffe College), Dom is also an adjunct lecturer in Church History at Huron University College.

The Rev. Dr. Wayne Dawes

is an ordained minister with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. His academic interests include classical and modern theologies, ethical methodologies and their application to various areas of life, and the concept of personhood as it relates to medical ethics and the Christian life. He has taught at both the college and university levels.