

The Academy for Christian Education

A Ministry of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church



2008 Class Schedule:

February 8-9, 2008 First UMC, Ames, IA
April 4-6, 2008 Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center, Indianola, IA
August 15-17, 2008 Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center, Indianola, IA
October 3-4, 2008 First UMC, Ames, IA
November 7-8, 2008 First UMC, Ames, IA

Faculty Include:

Bishop Gregory Palmer, Resident Bishop, Iowa Annual Conference
Mary Fraser, Director of the Office of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Des Moines, IA
Steve Berneking, Translations Officer, E.A. Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship, American Bible Society
Mary Alice Gran, Director of Children's Ministries, General Board of Discipleship, Nashville, TN
Carol Krau, Director Of Christian Education, General Board of Discipleship, Nashville, TN
Mary Jane Pierce Norton, Director of Family Ministries, General Board of Discipleship, Nashville, TN
Linda Vogel, Senior Scholar at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL

Cost:

\$ 1,000.00 This includes all books and materials needed for class, all lodging and meals.

A registration fee of \$100 dollars is due following acceptance into the Academy for Christian Education and the signing of the Participation Agreement. **Do not send money with this application.** You may pay the remainder of the balance in full at the first class or in three installments of \$300.00. If it is helpful to pay over two budget years, you may pay a portion ahead of time from your 2007 budget.

We encourage you to look to your church and/or district for scholarship or continuing education money. Scholarship assistance is also available for laypersons from Board of Laity (contact Marilee Taber, Iowa Conference, 2301 Rittenhouse St., Des Moines, Iowa 50321-3101), or for clergy from the Board of Ordained Ministry (contact David Crow, Christ UMC, 708 15th St., PO Box 213, Belle Plaine, IA 52208). Members of Iowa Christian Educators Fellowship (CEF) are eligible for scholarship assistance (contact LuAnne Postel, Aldersgate UMC, 3600-75th St., Urbandale 50322).

EXPECTATIONS

The Academy for Christian Education is an *intensive course of study*. **Attendance at each session is expected.** Participants are to complete assignments in advance of each weekend.

Attendance

It is important that participants attend *each session* of the Academy in order to complete the coursework satisfactorily. ***A covenant agreement to attend each session must be signed before beginning the Academy.***

Assignments

Before each class there will be reading assignments to prepare for the upcoming class. After each class there will be written assignments related to that class.

Registration

To be considered for acceptance for the Academy for Christian Education, fill out the application on the reverse side of this page. *Please confirm that you be able to attend all scheduled classes.* Send your application and letters of references to: Kris Christensen, Academy for Christian Education, 838 N. 25th St., Ft. Dodge, IA 0501. Deadline for applications is **October 15, 2007**. Space is limited and class members will be chosen with an effort to create a balanced class. Participants will be notified by October 31, 2007 as to whether you have been accepted or not.