



# School for Lay Ministry

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**To:** School for Lay Ministry Advanced Class  
**From:** Barb Mann, Registrar  
**RE:** January 6-8, 2012 Session  
**Topic:** Advanced Biblical Interpretation  
**Faculty:** Bill Cotton, Retired United Methodist Clergy  
Brigitte Black, Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Des Moines

**Reading Assignments:** In the book previously purchased The Unfolding Drama of the Bible by Bernhard W. Anderson, please read pages 99-105 "Reading the Bible in the Twenty-First Century."

Please read the article you received in November entitled "The Liturgy of Abundance, The Myth of Scarcity" by Walter Brueggemann.

And finally, please read these texts prior to class: Habakkuk 1:2; Luke 18:2-8; Matthew 20:1-16, Micah 6:1-8; Habakkuk 2:1-4.

**Bring:** Your favorite translation of the Bible, a hymnal and The Faith We Sing songbook if easily available, a journal or notebook for writing during reflective times **and your favorite coffee or tea cup.**

**Location:** McNeill Hall, 701 North C Street, Simpson College, Indianola Iowa. You can check [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) and [www.simpson.edu](http://www.simpson.edu) for the location of the specific addresses if you are not acquainted with this area.

**Details:** Our opening session will include a brief orientation on Friday evening. Registration is at McNeil Hall from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a meal together on campus in Pfeiffer Dining Hall/Great Hall. We usually close about 8:30 p.m. with evening devotions. Sunday's closing worship will close with communion. You will be headed home by noon.

**Money Matters:** Tuition is \$120 per class session and can be paid at the time of registration on Friday evenings. Tuition covers the cost of speakers, facilities, handouts, Friday and Saturday dinners and Saturday lunch. You are responsible for costs associated with travel, lodging, books, and breakfasts. Please make checks payable to the Iowa Annual Conference.

**Emergency:** In case of emergency, a call may be placed to the Simpson Security Office (515) 961-1711. Identify the School and indicate you are in McNeill Hall. They will deliver a message to the Dean. You may also want to share the phone number of your motel.

**Lodging: Make your reservations now!** We have negotiated special rates at the following motels. Be sure to tell them you are with the School for Lay Ministry:

**Apple Tree:** (515) 961-0551 or (800) 961-0551 1215 N. Jefferson St.  
Single \$58.50 Double \$64.80 \$72.00 King

**Super 8:** (515) 961-0058 1701 N. Jefferson St. \$60.88 Single (\$6/extra person); \$68.88 Double; breakfast, indoor pool. *Please check rates.*

**Wesley Woods** (515) 961-4523 (15 minutes from Simpson) \$12 for *rustic* cabins; \$28 for all lodges; sharing with other students is recommended. You will need to bring your own bedding and toiletries. **IMPORTANT:** If you are planning on staying at WW, you must let Tiffany know **two (2) weeks in advance** so they can be sure there are enough rooms available. If you have to cancel, please be considerate and let her know this as well. A continental breakfast is available **prior** to 8:00 a.m. **as long as you let Tiffany know in advance.** Contact Tiffany at 515-961-4523 or 1-866-684-7753. Make your reservations early! We are not notified when they are full.

We look forward to seeing you next session. Please contact Avon or I with any questions you may have.