

Acts 12:24 Churches MVP Course List

Required for All - Taken by LMC's on the Pathway to CMC

- Free Methodist History & Polity

This course presents the origin, development, beliefs, and practices of the Free Methodist Church, which has a rich heritage and history. The pastoral candidate will likely already be acquainted with much of the content of this study. They should give special attention to the matters with which they are not yet familiar. The course will bridge the gap to the current mission of the Free Methodist Church.

Required for All - Taken by CMC's on the Pathway to Ordination

- Wesleyan Theology

This course explores the lives, thoughts, and legacy of John and Charles Wesley while considering the historical and social background that led to the revival of 18th century England. It will investigate the implications of the Wesleyan heritage and theology in respect to the nature of God, human nature, salvation, sanctification, church life, worship, and social witness. It will explore the ongoing relevance of Wesleyan Theology for ministry in the contemporary church.

MVP Courses - Taken by CMC's on Pathway to Ordination if they are not Pursuing a Formal Ministry Degree or Certificate

1. Old Testament Survey

This course will introduce pastoral candidates to the literature of the Old Testament. Written over a span of more than 1,000 years by numerous authors, the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament were written in a variety of literary genres and provide the reader with a clear description of who God is through his dealings with humanity and the nation of Israel.

2. New Testament Survey

This course will introduce you to the New Testament; New Testament Survey provides essential historical and cultural background information and carefully examines the content of each book in the New Testament.

3. Leading the Church in the 21st Century (Church Leadership or Administration)

This course will focus on selected issues facing Christian leaders in an ever-changing world. Particular attention will be given to understanding the context in which the pastoral candidate lives and serves and how to develop effective forms of ministry that remain faithful to biblical principles. The relationship between spiritual formation and leadership development will be included as well as Church Administration.

4. Inductive Bible Study Methods in Acts or a Minor Prophet

This course is an introduction to exegesis, the art of biblical interpretation based primarily on the text, the development of interpretive skills, and the use of various reference tools which are applied to specific books of the Bible.

5. Introduction to Christian Doctrine

This course is an introductory course in theology from an evangelical, Wesleyan perspective that seeks to give pastoral candidates a clear foundation in Christian Doctrine to further their personal discipleship; enabling them to minister with theological integrity and biblical faithfulness.

6. Caring for the Flock (Pastoral Care)

This course equips pastoral candidates to understand the nature and practice of pastoral care based on a Biblical, Theological and practical approach. This course is designed to address systematic understandings of pastoral care for individuals, families, congregations, and the broader community.

7. Homiletics (Preaching)

This course introduces the pastoral candidate to understanding the call to preach, the spiritual formation of the preacher, sermon preparation resources, the creation of sermons, and best practices of public communication.

8. Spiritual Formation & Prayer

This course provides an opportunity for pastoral candidates to develop self-awareness in the context of their personal Christian walk and preparation for ministry. It equips pastoral candidates to reflect critically and constructively on their personal spiritual journeys with the goal of developing the tools for healthy, sustained ministry. It also provides an opportunity for pastoral candidates to develop deeper and more satisfying prayer lives.