



Summer 2015 Weekend Classes: Children's and Youth Ministries

MINI 340:

Christian Education Leadership Survey

June 13-14, 2015

In this class, you will learn about some of the "big picture" issues in leading Christian education programs for children and youth, including:

- Engaging clergy and vestry support
- Developing mission, vision, goals and objectives
- Budgeting
- Safety guidelines
- Gift discernment
- Recruiting, training, supporting and appreciating volunteers
- Exploring cultural issues
- Self-soul care

Required readings:

- *The Episcopal Christian Educator's Handbook* by Sharon Ely Pearson: Christian Ed Stuff (1-58), Paperwork and Checklists (89-110), and Your Sanity (139-159)
- *Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry* by Doug Fields **OR** *Sustainable Youth Ministry* by Mark DeVries

MINI 350:

Christian Education Teaching Survey

July 18-19, 2015

In this class, you will learn about teaching logistics and best practices for working with children & youth, including:

- Human growth and development
- Welcoming and hospitality
- Effective teaching and behavior management
- Curriculum evaluation and selection
- Designing, adapting and implementing lessons
- Relational ministry with children and youth

Required readings:

- *The Episcopal Christian Educator's Handbook*: Teaching Tips (59-88), Episcopal Stuff (119, 126, 135-138), Bible Stuff (164-168)
- *Creating Classrooms Where Teachers Love to Teach and Students Love to Learn* by Bob Sorenson

Who Should Attend?

These classes are designed for anyone currently serving in Christian education ministries for children and youth, or for anyone seeking to build/rebuild such ministries in their church. These classes will help you deepen your knowledge, share your experiences, and make connections with other children and youth leaders in the region. Although these classes are offered by the Episcopal Church, we welcome and encourage participants from other church traditions. You will receive a certificate of participation upon completion of each class.

What Should I Expect?

Before class meets, you will be expected to read the assigned materials, which will give you the necessary foundation to actively participate in the class. If you have not completed the online *Safeguarding Our Children* training, you will be asked to do that as well. Following the class, you will be asked to complete and submit a project one month later (July 15, August 19).

What is the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry?

The Bishop Kemper School for Ministry is a collaborative venture of the Episcopal Dioceses of Kansas, West Missouri, Nebraska and Western Kansas. It offers classes and programs to educate people for church leadership in both lay and ordained vocations.

General Information:

Location: Classes take place at the Upton Hall Conference Center, just south of Grace Cathedral in downtown Topeka, Kansas.

Schedule: Class begins at 8:30 on Saturday morning and will wrap up by 12:00 noon on Sunday. Participants will attend Holy Eucharist together at the Cathedral at 8:30 on Sunday morning.

Cost: Each class costs \$125 per person, per weekend. This fee includes all handouts, meals and overnight accommodations at Upton. It does not cover books.

Instructors: Both classes are taught by *Karen Schlabach*, Diocese of Kansas Youth Missioner, who holds an M.S. in Student Counseling and Personnel Services, and *Sue Crew*, Director of Christian Formation at St. Michael and All Angels, Mission, KS, who holds an M.S. in Adult and Continuing Education.

Register: For complete information and to register, visit www.bishopkemperschool.org.

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