



SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY'S  
J. RICHARD BASS

School of the Laity



**March 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2024** (Register by February 16<sup>th</sup>)

**NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY:** Participants will survey the New Testament scriptures and explore the inspiration, authorship, context, and criteria used to determine which books became part of our canon. Participants will develop a deeper understanding of NT themes and early Christian theology and examine how contemporary Christians interpret Old Testament (*Hebrew*) scriptures through a Christian lens.



**Pre-course assignment:** Participants are required to acquire *The New Testament, A Student's Introduction* by Stephen L. Harris and read the text alongside the *New Testament* in their Bibles.

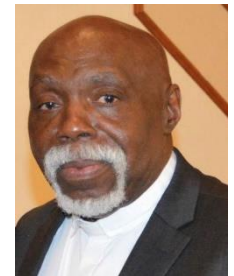


**ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP:** This course focuses on what constitutes faithful Christian worship and explores the theological underpinnings of the key elements of worship including scripture, confession, prayer, music, sacraments, and sermon. Participants will learn to think critically about each element of worship and will dive into some tenets within Reformed theology.

**Pre-course assignment:** Participants are required to read *A More Profound Alleluia; Theology and Worship in Harmony* by Leanne Van Dyk. The course is led by **Rev. Rick Douylliez, Savannah Presbytery's Director of Pastoral and Ecclesial Care and longtime pastor of First Presbyterian, St. Marys, GA.**

**ELECTIVE COURSE:** A *must* for all members of congregations:

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** Have you or someone you know experienced the loss of a pet, a friend, or a family member? Perhaps someone was trying to comfort you and you just wanted them to stop. Or you wanted to help someone and did not know how to start. This course introduces participants to the practices of congregational care and the responsibilities in caregiving. Through this course, participants will learn to implement appropriate types of care in a variety of settings, to discern and implement appropriate boundaries, and learn to "*listen and see*" with their whole being. They will have the opportunity to reflect on and practice skills of sensitive caregiving and to recognize the ongoing need for and how to develop a personal plan of self-care.



**Pre-course assignment:** Participants are to submit a narrative (2-4 pages in length) of a time when they provided care to someone, or received care from someone, with dialogue, scene description, with no actual name or descriptors that can be identified. Participants should obtain and read *Pastoral Visitation* by Nancy J. Gorsuch and *The Concise Guide for Congregational Care* by Melissa Gepford. Course will be co-led by Rev. Jamil el-Shair, pastor of Altama Presbyterian, and Chaplain Jarda Alexander, a Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor at the Atlanta Veterans Administration



***All courses are open to anyone who would like to participate.***

## SOL Registration Form: March 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**You can choose to participate online via Zoom or in-person.** In-person accommodations (*which include meals*) will be held at Epworth-By-the-Sea, St. Simons, GA. According to our contract with Epworth, commuters must pay the “commuter fee” which pays for meals *even if they do not intend to eat meals.*

**Tuition & accommodation are required fees for in-person attendees.**

**Please read the registration form carefully,** there are sections for both “in-person” and “online” participants.

**Every participant is required to complete this two-page registration.**

Make checks payable to the SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY indicating “SOL” in the memo section. **Mail this form and your fee to:**

School of the Laity C/O Marty Susie  
Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church  
450 N Cromwell Rd  
Savannah, Ga 31410

**To PAY ONLINE, you must REGISTER ONLINE as well at [www.savannahpresbytery.org](http://www.savannahpresbytery.org) EVENTS.** To pay, enter FEE AMOUNT IN the **“School of the Laity Fees” box and follow the prompts.** (*Please consider adding an additional 2% to your total registration cost to pay online convenience fee. Thank you!*)

**PLEASE REGISTER by Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**for one:**

***New Testament Survey***  
***Essential Elements of Worship***  
***ELECTIVE: Congregational Care***

**\*\*Complete the Fee Worksheet on the next page**

# FEE WORKSHEET

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## COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN-PERSON

		<u>Fee Enclosed</u>
<b>1. COURSE FEE</b> ( <i>Tuition</i> )- <b><u>ADD TO</u></b> accommodation fee:		<b>\$110.00/person</b>
<b>2. Choose <u>ACCOMODATION FEE</u>:</b>		
<u>COMMUTER</u> ( <i>includes all meals</i> )	<b>\$85.00</b>	\$ _____
<u>SINGLE @ Booth/Pitts</u>	<b>\$190.00</b>	\$ _____
OR <u>WITH A ROOMMATE</u> (DBL)	<b>\$140.00</b>	\$ _____
<u>SINGLE @ Robertson Inn</u>	<b>\$210.00</b>	\$ _____
OR <u>WITH A ROOMMATE</u> (DBL)	<b>\$160.00</b>	\$ _____
	<b>Total Fee Enclosed (1+2=):</b>	\$ _____

\*Roommate Name (if DOUBLE): \_\_\_\_\_

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## THIS SECTION FOR ONLINE PARTICIPATION:

I will participate ONLINE via ZOOM at a Course Fee of \$110.00 per person

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*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:*

*Marty Susie, SOL Registrar, at 800-616-3671 ext. 703 or  
MSusie1@savannahpresbytery.org*