SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY'S
J. RICHARD BASS
School OF THE Laity

OCTOBER 3-4, 2026

Registration Deadline is September 4, 2026

ALL PRE-COURSE ASSIGNMENTS: *Can be viewed online at* ***savannahpresbytery.org/sol*** *or by Scanning the QR Code*

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

This course explores Old Testament literature in its historical, cultural, and theological contexts. Using a variety of critical perspectives, it highlights the theological content and enduring significance of the biblical texts, helping participants connect them to contemporary faith, proclamation, and mission.

Rev. Dr. Eric D. McDonnell, Jr., is Adjunct Professor of Old Testament at Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

HISTORY, MISSION, & POLITY

Highly recommended for Ruling Elders and anyone new to the Reformed tradition, this course introduces the theology and polity of the church. Participants will explore Presbyterian ecclesiology and gain practical insight into issues and practices that shape church life.

John Wilkinson serves as VP and Director of Stewardship and Funds Development for the PC(USA)

ELECTIVE (In-Person Only)

"GO TO A LAND I WILL SHOW YOU:" THE SURPRISING PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

An in-person retreat-style course on faithful decision-making through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Participants will explore scripture, tradition, community, and personal experience while developing practical tools for spiritual discernment. Led by Helen Blier, Director of the Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary.

<u>THIS COURSE IS IN-PERSON ONLY</u> and guided by Helen Blier, Director of the Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Leslie McCracken School of the Laity Scholarship Fund

The scholarship honors Elder Leslie McCracken's dedication to St. Simons, the Savannah Presbytery, and the School of the Laity. It helps cover tuition and fees for School of the Laity participants who are members of the Savannah Presbytery. Scan the QR code to apply online or visit: **www.savannahpresbytery.org/sol**

SOL Registration Form: October 3-4, 2026

NAME: _____ **CHURCH:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

COURSE TITLE: _____ **TODAY'S DATE:** _____

For most courses you can choose to participate virtually via Zoom or in-person. In-person accommodations (which include meals) will be held at Epworth By-the-Sea, St. Simons, GA. (Per Epworth's contract, commuters are required to pay the "commuter fee" for meals.

Tuition plus accommodation are required fees for in-person attendees.

How to Register:

Online Registration visit:

https://www.savannahpresbytery.org/sol/

Mail-in Registration:

- Print and complete this two-page registration form.
- Write check payable to the **SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY** indicating "SOL" in the memo section.
- Mail this form with your payment to:

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

REGISTER by Friday, September 4th, 2026

for one:

- ☐ Old Testament Survey
- ☐ History, Mission & Polity
- ☐ ELECTIVE: *The Surprising Practice of Spiritual Discernment* (*IN-PERSON ONLY)

*****Complete the following Fee Worksheet***

COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN-PERSON

Fee Enclosed

1. **COURSE FEE (Tuition)-** ADD TO accommodation fee: **$110.00**/person

2. **Choose ACCOMODATION FEE:**

COMMUTER (includes all meals)	$110.00	_____
SINGLE @ Booth/Pitts	$210.00	_____
OR WITH A ROOMMATE (DBL)	$150.00	_____
SINGLE @ Robertson Inn	$230.00	_____
OR WITH A ROOMMATE (DBL)	$165.00	_____

3. **I would like to donate this amount to the Leslie McCracken School of the Laity Scholarship Fund:** _____

Total Fee Enclosed (1+2+3) $ _____

*Roommate Name (if DOUBLE):_____

COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ONLINE PARTICIPATION:

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

IMPORTANT NOTE: Surprising Practice of Spiritual Discernment is IN-PERSON ONLY

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