

2014 Mission West Clergy Commission and Lay Education Opportunities

These formation and education events are first for commissioned ministers to meet their educational requirements. These courses provide education within the 16 Areas of Ministerial Practice as required by the Disciples of Christ Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry. Commissioned ministers must complete three (3) of these classes each year. Each class is offered three times, one time in each geographic area. Participants are welcome to attend in any area, where and when convenient.

Ordained clergy are encouraged to attend for their continuing education and community building with their fellow clergy. Lay folk are also welcome. When we say all are welcome, we really mean all are welcome.

Tres Rios

- Mar. 1 Evangelism/Charlotte - FCC Ruidoso, NM - 8 AM - 2 PM
- May 3 Pastoral Care/Lee Franklin - Northgate CC El Paso, TX - 8 AM - 2 PM
- Sept 12-13 Worship/Suzanne Castle - Monte Vista CC Albuquerque, NM 7 - 9 PM Friday night, 9 AM - 1 PM Saturday
- Nov 22 Communication/Chuck - FCC Ruidoso, NM - 8 AM - 2 PM

HPA

- Jan. 11 Pastoral Care/Lee Franklin-Chalice Abbey 9 AM - 3 PM
- Jan. 24-25 Matthew Fox @ Chalice Abbey Amarillo
- May 16-17 Worship/Suzanne Castle-Chalice Abbey 7 - 9 PM Friday, 9 AM - 1 PM Saturday
- August 23 Evangelism/Charlotte-Chalice Abbey 9 AM - 3 PM
- Oct. 10-11 Jesus Seminar on the Road @ Chalice Abbey Amarillo
- Nov 8 Communication/Chuck-Chalice Abbey 9 AM - 3 PM

CEA

- Feb 7 - 8 Worship/Suzanne Castle - FCC Abilene - 7 - 9 PM Friday, 9 AM - 1 PM Saturday
- April 5 Communication/Chuck - FCC Abilene - 9 AM - 3 PM
- Sept 6 Evangelism/Charlotte - FCC Abilene - 9 AM - 3 PM
- Oct. 4 Pastoral Care/Lee Franklin - FCC Abilene 9 AM - 3 PM

Clergy Commission and Lay Education Cost and Registration Procedure

Each event, other than Matthew Fox and Jesus Seminar on the Road (see Mission West website for their pricing), costs \$75. This includes cost for the program and a light lunch. Contact the Mission West office to register. Call, 806-358-9590; email, hpa@ccsw.org; mail payments/checks payable to:

Hi Plains Area
2717 Stanley St. Ste A
Amarillo, TX 79109

Those attending events at Chalice Abbey who want to arrive the day before can receive a discounted rate at the nearby Holiday Inn Express. Call the Mission West office (806-358-9590) and ask for Angeline. For further course questions, please contact Charlotte Hoppe at choppe@ccsw.org

Course Descriptions

Evangelism - Embracing Emergence Christianity

An examination of the changing face of Christianity and culture. What are the implications both culturally and spiritually? What are the key questions and issues that need to be addressed? What does this mean for congregational evangelism practice? This course also introduces a resource that can be used with congregations for study.

To prepare read: Embracing Emergence Christianity, A 6-Session Study by Phyllis Tickle and Tim Scorer - source - [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [cokesbury.com](https://www.cokesbury.com) \$12.95

Presenter - Rev. Charlotte J Hoppe, Area Minister for Transition for Central and Tres Rios Areas of the CCSW. Charlotte served in congregational ministry from 1982-2003 and judicatory ministry from 2003-present. She has an MDiv from Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX and Certificate of Pastoral Studies from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX with an emphasis in Mission and Evangelism

Communication - Practicing Right Relationship in Your Congregation

People long for meaningful relationships. Strong programs and lovely facilities are not enough. God intends for our relationships to be effective, fulfilling, and generative. But, right relationships are messy. They require intentional, deliberate work that will be uncomfortable at times. They demand that we learn new skills and practice them. These skills can be learned. The difference they make for us as individuals, for our congregations, and for the world makes it worth every ounce of effort.

To prepare read: Practicing Right Relationship: Skills For Deepening Purpose, Finding Fulfillment And Increasing Effectiveness In Your Congregation, by Mary Sellon. Available through Amazon.

Presenter-Dr. Chuck Fisher, past Hi Plains Area Minister (2002-2014) and now retired, served as a local pastor for more than thirty years and as Area Minister for twelve. A graduate of TCU (68) and Brite (72 and 80), Chuck served churches in Missouri, Idaho, Oklahoma and Texas.

Pastoral Care - Practical Pastoral Care

What does it mean to offer our best pastoral care to God's people as they face difficult or even devastating circumstances? In this interactive workshop, we will engage real-life scenarios as we work on some essential skills for Pastoral Care, as we think about how our theologies inform our pastoral care, and as we engage situations of loss, grief, dying, and death. Participants will add to their pastoral care toolbox of skills, resources, and practical ways to embody Christ's compassion to those entrusted to their care.

Presenter - Rev. Lee Franklin, MDiv, MBA, is an ordained Christian Church (DOC) minister, Board Certified Chaplain (Association of Professional Chaplains), and Certified Grief Specialist (Grief Recovery Method). She is currently serving as a Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator for Gentiva Health Services. Previously, Lee has served as a chaplain in level-one trauma hospitals in Dallas and Fort Worth, TX. and as a pastor in a church in Prairie Village, KS. She is author of several books, including *The Pastor's Practical Guide to Funerals: Offering Help, Assurance, and Hope* (Abingdon Press, 2013) and *The Art of Support: Reaching Out to Others in Times of Loss* (Hallmark, 2008), as well as being a regular contributor to Cokesbury's *Adult Bible Studies*.

Worship

A study of the major Christian seasons, basics for the four-fold pattern of worship, resources for planning Christian worship, including worship leadership and basic discussion of trends and styles and worship. Each participant will engage in class discussion, planning of worship, and leave with tools for worship design.

Presenter – Dr. Suzanne Castle. Suzanne is a self-professed "Worship Junkie" who loves to spend her time worshipping the Living God. She is ordained in the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), and a Gen-Xer who is extremely passionate about communion and emerging trends in worship. She has a doctorate in liturgical studies and earned her M Div degree from Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California in May of 2001, where she specialized in worship studies. She earned undergraduate degrees from West Texas State University (A & M) in Musical Theatre and Elementary Education.

Suzanne has authored articles and devotional material, the book - *Brim, Creative Overflow in Worship Design*, and has recently completed a book on postmodern worship in mainline traditions. She has served the greater church community as a Worship Consultant and as a featured workshop leader and keynote speaker. She has also had the honor of serving in worship planning for Regional Assemblies and two General Assemblies with the Christian Church, (D.O.C.). Rev. Castle also participated in The Institute for Worship Studies, where she was granted a Certificate of Worship Studies. She has served churches in California, Florida and Texas. She has assisted with the planting of two DOC churches as well.

Clergy Commission and Lay Education Sites

First Christian Church Abilene
1420 N. Third, Abilene, TX

Chalice Abbey
2717 Stanley St. Amarillo, TX

Ceta Canyon Retreat www.cetacanyon.org
3720 FM 1721, Happy, TX

Northgate Christian Church
5430 Yvette Dr, El Paso TX

Monte Vista Christian Church
3501 Campus Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM

First Christian Church Ruidoso
1211 Hull Rd., Ruidoso, NM

Calendar of Opportunities Throughout Mission West and Beyond

January

- 11 Pastoral Care/Lee Franklin at Chalice Abbey Amarillo
- 17-19 HP/TRA CYF Mid-Winter Retreat @ Ceta Canyon
- 17-19 CEA CYF Mid-Winter Rally @ LBCR
- 17-19 Razing Church: Being God's People Now. For 18-25 Year Olds & those that minister with them. <http://www.razingchurch.com>
- 24-25 Matthew Fox at Chalice Abbey Amarillo

February

- 7-8 Worship/Susanne Castle at FCC Abilene
- 14-16 CEA Chi Rho Late Winter Rally & JYF Round Up @ LBCR
- 17-20 Ministers Week in Fort Worth
- 21-23 HPA Chi Rho & JYF Mid-Minter Retreat (TRA is welcomed to join us!) @ Ceta

March

- 1 Evangelism/Charlotte Hoppe at FCC Ruidoso, NM
- 19-21 The Progressive Youth Ministry Conference: Fresh Voices, Radical Ideas. For Youth Ministers. Chicago, IL <http://pym.thejopagroup.com/>
- 27-29 Disciples Youth Ministry Network Gathering (DYMN) For Youth Ministers, Corpus Christi, TX <http://www.dymn.org/>

April

- 4-6 CEA CYF Spring Rally @ LBCR
- 5 Communications/Chuck Fisher at FCC Abilene
- 11-12 Lay Institute Polk Street UMC, Amarillo
- 20 Easter
- 25-26 TRA Area Assembly

May

- 3 Pastoral Care/Lee Franklin, El Paso
- 3 CEA Area Assembly, Brookhollow CC, Abilene
- 5-7 Clergy Spiritual Retreat at Ceta Canyon, near Amarillo
- 12-14 Clergy Spiritual Retreat at Norbertine in Albuquerque
- 16-17 Worship/Susanne Castle at Chalice Abbey in Amarillo

June

- 8-14 CEA CYF Conference @ LBCR

15-19 TRA JYF Camp @ Black River
15-18 TRA New Beginnings @ Black River
16-21 HP/TRA CYF Conference @ Ceta Glen
23-27 Mission West Chi Rho @ Black River
27-29 CEA Grand Beginnings @ LBCR
30-Jul 4Disciple Summer Mission in Oklahoma City, OK, \$250 per person for Jr. High & High School Students. Visit www.disciplesummermission.com for more details.

July

6-12 Mission West 8ers Camp @ Disciples Crossing, Athens, TX
7-11 CEA JYF Camp @ LBCR
21-26 Christian Youth Leadership Seminar (CYLS) @ Ceta Glen
28-31 HPA JYF Camp @ Ceta Glen

August

23 Evangelism/Charlotte Hoppe at Chalice Abbey in Amarillo

September

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12-13 Worship/Susanne Castle - Monte Vista CC Albuquerque, NM

October

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November

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Youth, Young Adults, and Youth Minister Specific SAVE THE DATES

18-25 Year Olds, Chaplains, Campus Ministers and those who work with young adults

- January 17-19, 2014 Razing Church: Being God's People Now. Bruceville, TX <http://www.razingchurch.com>

Youth Ministers

- The Progressive Youth Ministry Conference: Fresh Voices, Radical Ideas. Wednesday March 19-Friday, March 21, 2014. Chicago, IL <http://pym.thejopagroup.com/>
- Disciples Youth Ministry Network Gathering (DYMN) March 27-29, 2014. Corpus Christi, TX <http://www.dymn.org/>

Central Area Camps

- June 8-14, CYF Conference@ LBCR
- June 23-27, Mission West Chi Rho @ Black River (Cooperative Camp between Central, HPA & TRA)
- June 27-29, Grand Beginnings @ LBCR

- July 7-11, 2014 JYF Camp @ LBCR

Hi Plains Area Camps

- June 16-21, CYF Conference @ Ceta Glen (Cooperative Camp between HPA & TRA)
- June 23-27, 2014 Mission West Chi Rho @ Black River (Cooperative Camp between the three areas)
- July 28- 31, 2014, JYF Camp @ Ceta Glen

Tres Rios Area Camps

- June 16-21, 2014 CYF Conference @Ceta Glen (Cooperative Camp between HPA & TRA)
- June 23-27, Mission West Chi Rho @ Black River (Cooperative Camp between Central, HPA, & TRA)
- June 15-18, New Beginnings @ Black River
- June 15-19, JYF Camp @ Black River

Cooperative Camps

- June 16-21, 2014 CYF Conference @ Ceta Glen (Cooperative Camp between HPA & TRA)
- June 23-27, Chi Rho @ Black River (Cooperative Camp between the three areas)
- July 6-12, 8ers Camp @ Athens (Please contact Karakay and/or your Chairperson for Carpool Options)

Other Opportunities:

- July 21-26, 2014 Christian Youth Leadership Seminar (CYLS) @ Ceta Glen
- June 30-July 4, 2014 Disciple Summer Mission in Oklahoma City, OK, \$250 per person for Jr. High & High School Students. Visit www.disciplesummermission.com for more details.
- July 18-22, 2015 General Assembly, Columbus, OH
- July 27- August 1, 2015 Christian Youth Leadership Seminar (CYLS) @ Ceta Glen