

Theological Training

Dear Christ Church,

We are excited about taking the next steps in our journey from “no-church” to “new-church” to “organized-church”!

After six plus years of working to establish Christ Church, we are ready to begin theological training with a view to ordaining church officers - deacons and elders - December 16, 2012.

We thank God for getting us this far! And we pray that God will bless us beyond imagination in this next leg of the adventure.

You may be wondering about the who, when, how, and what of this process, and we seek to address those questions below with the hopes that many of you will be able to participate in this unique opportunity.

Grace and peace,

Bart and Jonathan

Who?

You are invited to six months of theological training. We hope this is an opportunity to:

- Give you quality theological and spiritual formation in a community context.
- Help you discern your gifts, passions, and calling in the mission of Christ Church.
- Ultimately appoint and ordain a handful of deacons and elders.

We want to open this theological training as wide as possible for the first six months. Thus, we are inviting as many people in our congregation to participate, including our current leaders of Parishes, Community Groups, and Ministry Teams.

By April, the pastors will appoint deacons and elders who will be asked to carry out the training from September to December to prepare for ordination. Those who are not appointed will be encouraged to continue serving in their current ministry posts and will be considered for nomination when the first term of service for deacons and elders draws to a close.

When?

- **Weekly meetings** - Mondays 7:00-9:00pm
 - First Mondays are off
 - We will begin with evening prayer and refreshments
- **January-June** - During this season, participants will prayerfully discern their call, which might involve the call to deacon, elder, or some other opportunity for service at Christ Church.
- **March 23-25 Bay Area retreat** - Prayer, sharing, and development.
- **July-August** - Summer break with reading and writing projects.

- **September-November** - A smaller group of appointed candidates will resume training together and focus more on the roles and responsibilities of elders and deacons.
- **October 19-21 Bay Area retreat** - Prayer, sharing, and development.
- **December 16, 2012** - When the training is complete and the candidates are examined and approved, we will have a special worship service to ordain our deacons and elders and officially organize our church. Mark your calendar and plan for a big party!

How?

The syllabus below will require a pretty serious commitment of time and energy. Some people will have the capacity and flexibility to do this training while continuing to be in a mid-week Community Group. Others will need to choose this training over other commitments for a season. We hope this will provide great opportunities for potential leaders to step in. For example, a Community Group leader would select an apprentice leader to step in and take over in their absence.

A church organizes only once, so we have this one opportunity to offer officer training that is this extensive and intensive. We hope that your investment of time, energy, money, prayer, and heart will be a great benefit to you for years to come.

The one thing we require: You must decidedly and consistently come to the weekly meetings unless providentially hindered (illness, work travel, car accident, etc.).

For those with childcare needs: We want to work with you to help you participate! What are your needs?

One more thing: We all remember the feeling of being overwhelmed on the first day of class when the professor handed out the syllabus, and we thought to ourselves, "How will I manage to do all of this?" Take heart! Rome was not built in a day. This is a twelve-month process alongside your brothers and sisters in Christ, all of whom will cheer you on in your success, support you in your struggles, and be gracious to you in your failures. The main goal is love: for God and all that God loves.

What do we hope to accomplish?

Cognitive (thinking)

- Build a framework and fire your imagination for a culturally-engaged, ancient-future approach to Bible, church, theology, worship, spiritual formation, and mission.
- Sharpen your ministry to students and professionals in the church and broader community.
- Help you articulate and embody our mission, history, ethos, and DNA.
- Help you pass (hopefully crush!) the ordination exam.

Emotional (feeling)

- Explore and embrace who you are - personality, family system, life story, relational strengths and struggles - and who God wants you to become.
- Share our stories with one another.
- Develop in you a hunger for greater emotional honesty, integrity, and maturity.
- Cultivate safe, trustworthy relationships with the pastors that are built on mutual respect and self-giving love.
- Help you come alongside people as a prophet (truth), priest (compassion), and king (wisdom).

- Develop skills for navigating crises and absorbing the anxiety of church or family systems.

Volitional (doing)

- Discern your calling as a leader in the church.
- Develop practices that will cultivate a deeper relationship with God and form you in the cruciform image of Jesus.
- Develop competency to contribute in big decisions.
- Cultivate the art of compromise and living with complexity and ambiguity.
- Help you steward your time, talent, and treasure in a way that glorifies God.
- Cultivate skills in teaching and mentoring others.
- Walk you through baptizing your children and navigating parenthood.
- Help you become more relationally invested in people outside the church and bearing fruit in both words and deeds.
- Help you aspire to and embody the following qualifications for elders and deacons found in 1 Timothy 3:

¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. ² Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. ⁸ In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁹ They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. ¹¹ In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. ¹² A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. ¹³ Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

What will we need from you?

Those who are selected as deacon and elder candidates in April will need to provide character references by July 1 from the following:

- Spouse or roommate¹
- Neighbor or colleague
- Christ Church member
- Friend beyond Christ Church

Feel free to use the following statement if it is helpful as you collect character references:

"I am considering becoming an elected leader in my church. It is sort of like becoming a board member. I need to collect short character references (one paragraph to one page) from various people, and I was wondering if you would consider writing one for me. If so, you would need to address the following character qualities: trustworthiness, integrity, gratitude, generosity, compassion, patience, and wisdom. If there is an area of struggle that needs development, please feel free to mention this as I am certainly a 'work in progress.'"

¹ We will interview the spouses of elders prior to officer ordination and installation.

What resources will you need?

We encourage you to purchase a journal for writing down reflections from readings, taking notes during meetings, and recording prayers along the way.

Basics

Bible TNIV, NRSV, ESV
BCP Book of Common Prayer

Creeds

NC Nicene Creed (online)
DC Definition of Chalcedon (online)

Confessions

HC Heidelberg Catechism (online)
BC Belgic Confession (online)
WCF Westminster Confession of Faith (online)
WLC Westminster Larger Catechism (online)
WSC Westminster Shorter Catechism (online)

Knowledge & Theology

PC Proper Confidence (Newbigin)

Bible

KCACOTOT Kingdom, Covenants, and Canon of the Old Testament (thirdmill.org video)
TTSOTWW The True Story of the Whole World (Bartholomew, Goheen)
HTRTBFAIW How To Read the Bible For All Its Worth (Fee, Stuart)

Prayer Retreat

TGOBY The Gift of Being Yourself (Benner)

Ancient & Reformed Church

TP Turning Points (Noll)
LTAYC Letters to a Young Calvinist (Smith)
CR Creation Regained (Wolters)
BYT Building Your Theology (thirdmill.org video)
TAC The Apostle's Creed (thirdmill.org video)

Optional

TC The Call (Guinness) - use as desired for vocational discernment

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Mon 1-9	No meeting		
Wed 1-11*	Intro to Officer Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article - A Call To An Ancient Evangelical Future Article - Studying Theology as a Student of Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the hopes, expectations, and questions you bring to officer training? How do we hope to train you as a leader for an ancient evangelical future at Christ Church and beyond?
Mon 1-18	Knowledge & Theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 1-10 Psalms 1-8 PC, 1-2 Article - Deference Construct & Cone of Certainty (PDF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is theology? What are the core aspects of theological thinking? How does good theology serve the church and contribute to our mission in the world? How can we model humble, mature, wise, and respectful theological dialogue?
Mon 1-23	Knowledge & Theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 11-20 Psalms 9-16 PC, 3-5 BC, 1-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the nature of worldview? What is the difference between certainty and confidence?
Mon 1-30	Bible Interpretation - The Bible as a Unified, Coherent Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 21-30 Psalms 17-24 PC, 6-7 TTSOTWW, Preface & Prologue Article - How To Read the Bible HC, 19-20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are your biggest questions about the Bible? What are your current convictions about the authority of the Bible? What difference does it make to read the Bible as a unified, coherent story? How does this differ from a topical or systematic view of Scripture? How do you understand God's authority working through the story of the Bible?
Sat 2-11* 8:00-10:30am	Bible Interpretation - Kingdom & Covenant Theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 31-40 Psalms 25-32 KCACOTOT, 1-2 BC, 3-7 WCF, 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why study the Old Testament? What is "the kingdom of God"? How does this relate to Jesus and his Church?

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Mon 2-13	Bible Interpretation - Reading Jesus' Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 41-50 • Psalms 33-40 • KCACOTOT, 3-4 • HTRTBFAIW, 1-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the covenants? • How does God administrate his kingdom through the covenants? • What are the Law, Prophets, and Writings? • How does the Old Testament relate to the New Testament? • How does it help to see the canon of Scripture as a mirror, window, and picture? • How does this relate to Jesus and his Church?
Mon 2-20	No meeting		
Mon 2-27	Bible - Act 1: Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus 1-10 • Psalms 41-48 • TTSOTWW • HTRTBFAIW, 5 • CALWG, Intro, 2 • BC, 12-13 • WCF, 2-5 • Article - Our World Belongs to God 1-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is it significant that God created the world "good"? • How does God's purpose for the entire cosmos hinge on this? • What does it mean for human beings to be created in God's image? • What does the doctrine of creation say about who God is and how He works in the world? • What is the biggest takeaway from Act 1 regarding the purpose of your work, life, relationships, and mission in God's world?
Mon 3-12	Bible - Act 2: Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus 11-20 • Psalms 49-56 • TTSOTWW • HTRTBFAIW, 9 • HC, 1-11 • BC, 14-15 • WCF, 6 • Article - Our World Belongs to God 13-17 • Article - Not The Way It's Supposed To Be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was your conception of "sin" growing up, whether you grew up in a Christian tradition or not? • How do the readings change your understanding of sin? • How does sin vandalize shalom? • How is this playing out in your particular area of work? • How is this playing out in your relationships?

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Mon 3-19	Bible - Act 3: Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus 21-30 • Psalms 57-64 • TTSOTWW • HTRTBFAIW, 11 • HC, 12-28 • BC, 16-17 • WCF, 7 • Article - Our World Belongs to God 18-22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What aspects of Israel's story are most gripping and most fuzzy for you? • Why is it significant to remember that God intervenes in the "desert" on Israel's post-Eden experience, that his restoration plan began immediately after the Fall? • What was Israel's mission? • What causes Israel to stumble time and again? • How do you see yourself in Israel and Israel in yourself?
3-23 3-24 3-25	Prayer & Self-Awareness Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TGOBY • HC 116-129 • WLC, 36-45 • WSC, 23-26 • Article - The Christian Year • Article - The Daily Office • Enneagram (begin determining your type with the free self test) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What personal and communal spiritual practices do you want to adopt and experiment with during officer training? • How do you hope these will re-shape your life with God? • What is the connection between knowing God and knowing yourself? • What is your Enneagram type? • How does this effect your relationships with God and your neighbors (friends, coworkers, spouse, children, etc.)? • What is the difference between your living from your false self and living from your true self?
Mon 3-26	Bible - Act 4: Interlude & Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus 31-40 • Psalms 65-72 • TTSOTWW • HTRTBFAIW, 12 • HC, 29-52 • BC, 18-21 • WCF, 8 • Article - Our World Belongs to God 23-33 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the "gospel" and the "kingdom"? • How was the coming of Jesus a critique of Israel's different ways of living and coping in the world (i.e. Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, Zealots)? • What is the restoration plan of Jesus, and who and what does it include? • How is this understanding of God's kingdom different than what you've heard before? • How does it impact your view of living as a Christian in the world today?

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Mon 4-9	Bible - Act 5: Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leviticus 1-10 • Psalms 73-80 • TTSOTWW • HC, 53-129 • BC, 22-36 • WCF, 9-32 • Article - Our World Belongs to God 34-54 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we trust the church? Why or why not? • What is the mission of the church? • What role does Word and Spirit play in the church's worship and mission? • What is your unique calling and role in the mission of Jesus' church?
Mon 4-16	Bible - Act 6: New Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leviticus 11-20 • Psalms 81-88 • TTSOTWW • BC, 37 • WCF, 33 • Article - Our World Belongs to God 55-58 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do these readings challenge or change your understanding of heaven? • If "heaven is a place on earth" and all things are renewed when Jesus returns, what does this say for life now, especially in relation to our stewardship and care for the city and the world?
Mon 4-23	Ancient Church & Creeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leviticus 21-27 • Psalms 89-96 • TP, 1-2 • BYT, 1-2 • NC • CD • HC, 22-25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is it so important to know the history of the church, particularly the ancient church? • If you could ask a few questions to the ancient church fathers and mothers, what would they be? • How can we help Christ Church become more rooted in the Holy Spirit's work in the church?
Mon 4-30	Ancient Church & Creeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers 1-10 • Psalms 97-104 • TP, 3-4 • BYT, 3-4 • NC • CD • HC, 26-28 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is at stake theologically in the Apostle's Creed? • What is at stake pastorally in the Apostle's Creed? • Why is the Apostle's Creed fitting as the baptismal creed?
Mon 5-14	Ancient Church & Creeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers 11-20 • Psalms 105-112 • TP, 5-6 • TAC, 1-2 • NC • CD • HC, 29-52 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is at stake theologically in the Nicene Creed? • What is at stake pastorally in the Nicene Creed? • Why is the Nicene Creed fitting as the eucharistic creed?

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Mon 5-21	Ancient Church & Creeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers 21-30 • Psalms 113-120 • TAC, 3-4 • NC • CD • HC, 53-64 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is at stake theologically in the Definition of Chalcedon? • What is at stake pastorally in the Definition of Chalcedon? • How does the Definition of Chalcedon effect your knowledge of Jesus and his work in the world?
Mon 5-28	Reformed Church & Confessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers 31-36 • Psalms 121-128 • TP, 7-8 • TAC, 5-6 • LTAYC, 1-6 • CR, 1 • BST, 1-2 • HC • Article - What Is Reformed? (PDF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to be Reformed? • What did you find most encouraging or challenging in the Heidelberg Catechism?
Mon 6-11	Reformed Church & Confessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deuteronomy 1-10 • Psalms 129-136 • TP, 9-10 • LTAYC, 7-12 • CR, 2 • BST, 3-4 • BC • Article - Machen's Warrior Children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to be Reformed? • What did you find most encouraging or challenging in the Belgic Confession?
Mon 6-18	Reformed Church & Confessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deuteronomy 11-20 • Psalms 137-144 • TP, 11-12 • LTAYC, 13-18 • CR, 3-4 • WCF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to be Reformed? • What did you find most encouraging or challenging in the Westminster Confession of Faith?
Mon 6-25	Reformed Church & Confessions - Presbyterian History & Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deuteronomy 21-34 • Psalms 145-150 • TP, 13 • LTAYC, 19-23 • CR, 5-Postscript • WLC • WSC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to be Presbyterian? • What are the benefits of connectionalism and graduated spheres of authority? • What did you find most encouraging or challenging in the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms?

Summer Work

HGUP	He Gave Us Prophets (thirdmill.org video)
WTKCMI	When the Kings Come Marching In (Mouw)
LFE	Luke For Everyone (Wright)
AFE	Acts For Everyone (Wright)
TG	The Gospels (thirdmill.org video)
TBOA	The Book of Acts (thirdmill.org video)

Ministry

JINA	Junia Is Not Alone
THOPT	The Heart of Paul's Theology (thirdmill.org video)
PPE	Paul's Prison Epistles (thirdmill.org video)
DTK	Desiring the Kingdom (Smith)
WDWBOC	Why Do We Baptize Our Children? (thirdmill.org video)
TMOGITBOOC	The Mystery of Grace in the Baptism of Our Children (booklet)
TMJGU	The Meal Jesus Gave Us (Wright)
BCO	Book of Church Order (PDF)
LTC	Leading the Congregation (Heuser, Shawchuck)
WOP	Winning on Purpose (Kaiser)
TEOTC	The Elders of the Church (Eyes)
RDM	Redeemer Diaconate Manual (redeemer.com)

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July Break	The Prophetic Imagination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaiah 40-66 Daniel 7 Zechariah 9-14 HGUP HTRTBFAIW, 10, 13 WTKCMI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a 2-page prayer to Jesus about how you see him bringing the prophetic visions of Isaiah, Daniel, and Zechariah to fulfillment and completion. Write a 2-page prayer to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit about how you hope to see the vision of Isaiah 60 and the New Jerusalem come to fruition in the Berkeley and Oakland. To get you started, "Father, this is what I see now... And it makes me feel... But here's who you are and what you have revealed... So, here's what I long to see in our city... If you do this I will feel... And I will..."

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August Break	The Story of Jesus' Words and Deeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke-Acts • LFE • AFE • HTRTBFAIW, 6-8 • TG • TBOA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a 4-page prayer to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit about how you hope to see the main themes of Luke-Acts shape Christ Church's mission to Berkeley and Oakland over the next five years. To get you started, "Father, this is what I see now... And it makes me feel... But here's who you are and what you have revealed... So, here's what I long to see in our church... If you do this I will feel... And I will..."
Mon 9-10	Ministry - Deacons, Elders, & Pastors as Partners in Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 Timothy • Titus • THOPT, 1 • HTRTBFAIW, 3-4 • Article - Denomination & Officers (PDF) • Article - Why Do We Ordain Ministers? (PDF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing our stories • How might Paul's theology, like Luke's theology we engaged with this summer, be wind in the sails of our mission? • What is a deacon? • What is an elder? • What is a pastor? • How do we partner together and support one another in the mission of Christ Church?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTC, 1-2 • BCO, I.1-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might this help you develop as a leader and pursue emotional health?
	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDM, 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are you processing the theological, historical, and biblical dimensions of the diaconate?
Mon 9-17	Ministry - Men & Women as Partners in Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans • JINA • Audio - James Brownson • Video - Ben Witherington (watch and discuss together) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing our stories • How might Paul's letter to the church in Rome (i.e. the gospel heals Jew-Gentile divisions) help us in our ministry? • What do you make of the biblical witness about the partnership between men and women in the missio Dei? • How can we embody the power and love of the kingdom in our relationships with one another?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTC, 3-4 • BCO, I.5-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might this help you develop as a leader and pursue emotional health?

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	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDM, 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are you processing the structure, responsibilities, and work of the diaconate?
Mon 9-24	Ministry - Desiring Creatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galatians THOPT, 2 DTK, Intro, 1-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing our stories How might Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia (i.e. Jesus is enough, and we do not need to add anything to our faith in him) help us in our ministry? What is the nature of human beings and their formation?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTC, 5-6 BCO, 1.9-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How might this help you develop as a leader and pursue emotional health?
	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDM, 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have you exercised these skills in the past? Which skills are your strengths and which are your struggles? What might you need in order to improve in a particular skill?
Mon 10-8	Ministry - Desiring Creatures & Formative Cultural Liturgies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-2 Thessalonians THOPT, 3 DTK, 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing our stories How might Paul's letters to the church in Thessalonica (i.e. living for Jesus now in light of his second coming) help us in our ministry? What cultural liturgies impact the way you shop, think, work, and worship? How do the readings challenge your sense of engagement in the world in which you live? How you live, work, and play? How you engage your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family? What are the biggest challenges and opportunities?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTC, 7-8 BCO, 1.13-16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How might this help you develop as a leader and pursue emotional health?
	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RDM, 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How might you prioritize these resources in terms of the current needs at Christ Church? If you had to choose two of these resources to develop, which would they be?

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Mon 10-15	Ministry - Desiring Creatures & Counter- Formative Worship Liturgies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 Corinthians • THOPT, 4 • DTK, 4-5 • Article - The Service for the Lord's Day (PDF) • HC, 65-68 • BC, 33 • WCF, 21; 25-27 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing our stories • How might Paul's letters to the church in Corinth (i.e. countering defiance, divisions, and lack of love that stem from self-importance) and help us in our ministry? • How does four-fold Christian worship (re-)form our desire? • Which practices embedded in Christian worship do you most and least resonate with? • Why are the sacraments so important for the life and mission of the church? • How might we help our congregation develop deeper roots in the Christian Year, the liturgy, and the sacraments?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTC, 9-10 • BCO, I.17-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might this help you develop as a leader and pursue emotional health?
	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDM, 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which of these resources do you think will prove most helpful? • Which needs the most improvement? • How are you processing the FAQs?

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10-19 10-20 10-21	Prayer & Soul Care Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HC 116-129 • WLC, 36-45 • WSC, 23-26 • Assessments - Right Path 4 & 6, MCMI-III, Genogram 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Right Path, what are your strengths, struggles, and blindspots? • According to MCMI-III, what is the good, bad, and ugly your personality and relational style? • According to your genogram, what is your family system and how does it impact your relationships? • In what ways is the church a relational-emotional system? • How does Jesus' ministry as prophet, priest, and king relate to soul care? • What are the elements of being a safe, trustworthy person who is an attentive and empathetic listener? • How do we invite people into relationships with one another that are deep, authentic, and redemptive?
Mon 10-29	Ministry - Baptism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE, 1 • WDWBOC • TMOGITBOOC (booklet) • HC, 69-74 • BC, 34 • WCF, 28 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing our stories • Why is baptism so important for both the individual believer and for the body of Christ? • Why is it so important for the non-Xian? • How could we help our congregation have a deeper experience of baptism?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTC, 11-12 • BCO, II.1-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might this help you develop as a leader and pursue emotional health?
	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Resources 	

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Mon 11-12	Ministry - Eucharist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colossians • PPE, 2 • TMJGU • Article - A Call To An Ancient Evangelical Future • HC, 75-85 • BC, 35 • WCF, 29 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing our stories • How might Paul's letter to the church in Colossae (i.e. Jesus is supreme and sufficient in comparison with all other powers and attempts to gain salvation) help us in our ministry? • Why is eucharist so important both for the individual believer and for the body of Christ? • Why is it so important for the non-Xian? • How could we help our congregation have a deeper experience of eucharist?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTC, 13-14 • BCO, II.5-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might this help you develop as a leader and pursue emotional health?
	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Resources 	
Mon 11-19	Ministry - The Law of Love as the Way of the Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephesians • PPE, 3 • HC, 86-115 • WCF, 19-21; 24; 30 • Article - Three Uses of the Law (PDF) • Article - The Sabbath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing our stories • How might Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus (i.e. the wonderful blessings and practical implications of being a church in Christ) help us in our ministry? • How do we model to our congregation "running in the path of God's commands" (Ps 119), taking off our old self, and putting on a new self? • How do we model integrity and maturity in living out the 10 Commands (i.e. worship, work, rest, family, neighbors, money, sex, power, etc.)? • How do we support the congregation in these efforts?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOP, 1-4 • TEOTC, 1-3 • BCO, II.9-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might this help us partner together as elders and pastors? • How can we support one another in our respective roles?
	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Resources 	

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Mon 11-26	Ministry - The Peace, Unity, and Purity, of the Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philemon • PPE, 4 • BC, 32 • WCF, 30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing our stories • How might Paul's letter to Philemon (i.e. obtaining forgiveness for another) help us in our ministry? • Why is the peace, unity, and purity of the church so important to Jesus? • What does it mean for Jesus to give the keys of the kingdom to the leaders of his church? • What is the relationship between discipleship and discipline? • How should discipline be carried out? • What are the consequences of failing to exercise discipline?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOP, 5-8 • TEOTC, 4-6 • BCO, II.13-14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might this help us partner together as elders and pastors? • How can we support one another in our respective roles?
	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Resources 	
Mon 12-3*	Ministry - In the City as in Heaven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippians • PPE, 5 • Video - What Is God's Global Urban Mission? • Article - City Limits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing our stories • How might Paul's letter to the church in Philippi (i.e. unity and humble service to one another in Christ) help us in our ministry? • What is God's vision for our city? • How does this change the way we see our city? • How can we "seek the peace and welfare of the city" and pray for God's "kingdom to come on earth as in heaven"?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOP, 9-11 • TEOTC, 7-9 • BCO, III.1-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might this help us partner together as elders and pastors? • How can we support one another in our respective roles?
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12-10	Ministry - In the City as in Heaven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James • 1 Peter • Video - Urbanized • Video - Opportunities for the Church-In-Mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing our stories • How might the letters of James (i.e. wisdom for persevering through difficulties until Jesus returns) and 1 Peter (i.e. encourage suffering Christians to stand fast together in their faith) help us in our ministry? • What do we want to see God do in our city? • How do we hope he will work through Christ Church? • How can we “seek the peace and welfare of the city” and pray for God’s “kingdom to come on earth as in heaven”?
	Elder Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOP, 12-14 • TEOTC, 10-12 • BCO, III.5-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might this help us partner together as elders and pastors? • How can we support one another in our respective roles?
	Deacon Breakout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Resources 	
12-16	Ordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Party!