

**Reformed Theology
A Church Educators' Certification Course**

Registration Fee—\$225
(\$250 after October 5)

Please send payment with registration.
*Registrations will be accepted after the deadline,
space permitting.*

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Please call the office at 412-441-3304 ext. 2196.

Certification in the PC(U.S.A.)

Purpose

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides a program to recognize persons employed as professional church educators, certifying them as Christian Educators or as Certified Associate Christian Educators, or enrolling them as Enrolled Educational Assistants. For more information, consult the denominations' website (www.pcusa.org).

Courses Offered

- Biblical Interpretation
- Reformed Theology
- Human Development
- Religious Education Theory / Practice
- Presbyterian Polity
- Presbyterian Program and Mission
- Worship and Sacraments

Who Can Attend?

- Paid and Volunteer Educators
- Professional Educators pursuing any of the PC(U.S.A.) certification tracks
- Educators who wish to consider pursuing educator certification
- Interested Educators from other denominations
- Those working in related fields, such as Pre-School Directors and Youth Directors

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October 29, 2009



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**REFORMED
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LED BY

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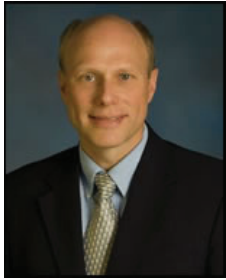
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 -
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009**



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About James A. Gilchrist



The Rev. Dr. James A. Gilchrist serves as senior pastor and head of staff at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair, Pa. He is a graduate of Yale University (B.A.), Yale Divinity School (M.Div.), and Carnegie Mellon University (Ph.D.). Jim was ordained in

the United Methodist Church, and he transferred to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1993. Before coming to Westminster, he served five congregations and was executive director of The Wesley Institute in Upper St. Clair.

Jim is passionate about education and enjoys teaching in a church setting. He has also taught courses at Carnegie Mellon University, Dickinson College, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He has published articles in *The Christian Century*, the *History of Education Quarterly*, and the *Encyclopedia of Social History*. Jim states that, along with teaching, he is inspired by preaching, social outreach and mission, small groups, retreats, and imagining new forms of ministry.

Jim and his wife, Gwenn, have been married for 20 years. They have two children, Jeremy and Anna.

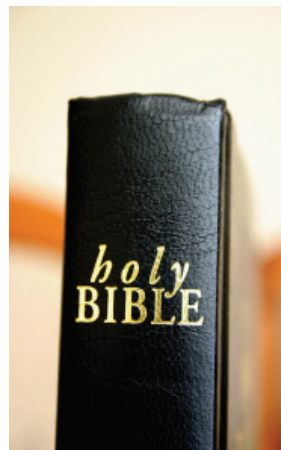
About Reformed Theology

This course will provide an overview of the essential tenets of Reformed theology for Christian educators and others who teach or preach in the Reformed tradition, and for those of different backgrounds who seek a clearer understanding of Reformed theology. Readings from historic confessions of faith and from an introductory text in systematic theology will inform classroom discussions on key topics, with a view to cultivating theological understanding among members of in contemporary congregations.

Learning Outcomes

Students will gain:

- 1) an introduction to the central claims of Reformed theology;
- 2) familiarity with historic confessions of faith as formulations of theological understanding; and
- 3) insights concerning how to bring theology to life as “faith seeking understanding” in the context of a local congregation.



Reading List

The Book of Confessions, Louisville, KY: Office of the General Assembly, PC(U.S.A.) (2002)

Presbyterian Creeds: A Guide to the Book of Confessions, Jack Rogers (1985)

Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology, 2nd ed. (2004)

Cost*

\$225 (\$250 after October 5)

*This is a special reduced fee for the first few courses supported by the Seminary and the Synod of the Trinity.

*This fee also includes your registration for the workshop “Journey Inward / Journey Outward.”

Meals

Reasonably priced breakfasts and lunches are available on campus Monday through Friday.

Overnight Housing

If you wish to reserve a room in Calian Residence Hall, please contact the Housing Office at 412-441-3304 ext. 2119 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.