

## 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 Associated Christian Educators, or enrolling them as Enrolled Educational Assistants. For more information on the tracks offered, consult the denomination's website ([www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)).

### Courses Offered in the Program

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

### Participants include:

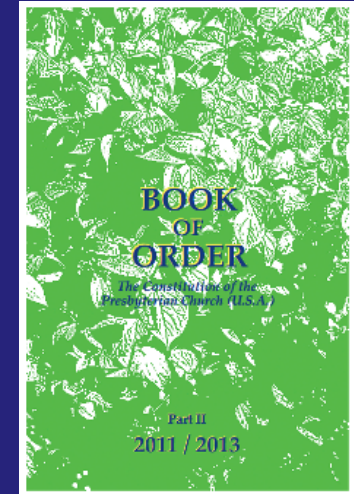
- Paid and Volunteer Educators
- Professional Educators pursuing any of the PC(U.S.A.) certification tracks
- Educators who wish to consider pursuing educator certification
- Interested Educators from other denominations
- Those working in related fields, such as Preschool Directors and Youth Directors

*The Seminary retains the right to cancel programs, if circumstances warrant. In the event that a program must be cancelled, you will receive a full refund. For individual cancellations received five business days or less before an event, we will charge a \$25 administrative fee. Cancellations after that will not be refunded. Credit toward another Continuing Education program may be given.*

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## Polity, Program & Mission of the PC (USA)



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Monday - Friday  
**October 24-28, 2011**



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## ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN POLITY

The goal of this course is to familiarize participants with nFoG – the new Form of Government, the *Directory for Worship* and *The Rules of Discipline* so you can use them effectively. Explore portions particularly relevant to your ministry as educators. Examine what it says about you and your role in the PCUSA and how it directs, shapes, and empowers your ministry.

## ABOUT PROGRAM & MISSION

Immersed in the work of the local congregation, it is easy to miss the richness of the connective nature of Presbyterianism and the helpful resources available to educators. You will be guided to research one area, and through your colleagues explore a representative sample as class members present their work, and a connection they make with one mission worker through the PC(USA) website. Expect to go back to your place of ministry able to evaluate and choose resources that will enrich life and mission.

**JOYCE MACKICHAN WALKER** has been the Minister of Education at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, NJ since 2007, after serving as their Director of Christian Education for eighteen years. She is a 1979 graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (now Union Presbyterian Seminary) and a Certified Christian Educator since 1983. She serves as conference keynoter, workshop leader and teacher nationwide. Her writing includes a book with Carol Wehrheim called *Teaching Children Worship in the Sanctuary*, and a book with Linda Lebron called *Be Tween: Exploring Faith and Christian Life with Older Elementary Children*. She has also written leaders and movie guides for [www.TheThoughtfulChristian.com](http://www.TheThoughtfulChristian.com) and the Suggestions for Leaders for the 2007-2008 *Presbyterian Women's Bible Study on Jonah and Ruth* and the 2009-2010 study on *Joshua*. She is the 2008 APCE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### Polity:

Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Wednesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

### Program & Mission:

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. (including the morning keynote address from *Journey Inward, Journey Outward*), and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## COST

Prior to Sept. 27: \$245 / \$132 one part only  
After Sept. 27: \$270 / \$145 one part only

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

3.0 Continuing Education Units are available upon completion of this course. Certificates are available upon request.

## MEALS

Inexpensive breakfasts and lunches are available on campus.

## OVERNIGHT HOUSING

To reserve a room in the Calian Residence hall (limited availability), contact the Reception office. Phone: 412-924-1397/Email: [reception@pts.edu](mailto:reception@pts.edu)

## READING LIST

**Polity AND Program & Mission:** A reading list will be sent after you register.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Continuing Education at 412-924-1345 or [ConEd@pts.edu](mailto:ConEd@pts.edu).

## Polity, Program & Mission October 24 - 28, 2011

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Nametag \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle One: Home Cell Office

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

### Certification status:

In process: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Considering Certification \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

### Register me for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Both (\$245)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Polity (\$132 by 9/27; \$145 after 9/27)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Program & Mission (\$132 by 9/27;  
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**Please mail this form and your registration fee by Sept. 27, 2011 to:**

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