

COLLECTIVE DECISION MAKING: BEYOND ROBERT'S RULES

AN ONLINE CLASS

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March 9-April 3, 2020

OVERVIEW

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OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this class, participants should be able to:

- identify what they and their churches value most in a decision-making process;
- select the right decision-making process for the right situation;
- lead a consensus process; and
- lead a prayer process.

INSTRUCTOR

Barbara Blodgett is associate dean for academic programs and assessment at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Most recently Blodgett served as Donald and Lillian Nunnally Assistant Professor of Pastoral Leadership at Lexington Theological Seminary, where she designed and taught a new curriculum in leadership studies, chaired the academic program committee for institutional re-accreditation, and redesigned the orientation course for online students. Prior to teaching at Lexington Theological Seminary, Blodgett was an instructor at Case Western Reserve University, director of supervised ministries and instructor of ethics at Yale Divinity School, visiting instructor at Oberlin College, and coordinator of Working at Teaching, a teacher-training program for doctoral students, at Yale University Graduate School. Additionally, as an ordained minister Blodgett served as minister for vocation and formation for the United Church of Christ and was associate pastor of First Congregational Church in Amherst, Mass.

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