



Recognized Pulpit Speaker Training Program

ABCOPAD staff in conjunction with the Academy for Christian

Training and Service (ACTS) will offer a 6-week **Recognized Pulpit Speaker Training Program**.

This course is designed to train Disciples of Jesus to be Pulpit Supply Preachers. This course will provide training in basic communication skills, sermon preparation, sermon construction and preaching. The course will offer basic instruction on how to create and deliver both thematic and seasonal sermons. The course will also provide a short overview of the ministry American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware so Pulpit Speakers can offer basic information about Regional Ministry when they are engaged with congregations while filling the pulpit. This course is NOT meant to provide training in pastoral ministry but simply to offer training to those who feel called to preach the Gospel and provide pulpit supply for congregations in ABCOPAD.

This online 6-week course, starting Tuesday, September 22 and continuing on Tuesday evenings through October 27, will provide basic pulpit supply training for those interested in preaching at churches in ABCOPAD. Each online class will be 2 hours and taught by pastoral leaders in our Region.

Each Student will...

- Take a Spiritual Gifts inventory prior to starting the class
- Take a basic Biblical knowledge test to help assess Biblical Literacy
- Secure a preaching mentor who can assist the student with class material and practical preaching experience
- Participate in all six online classes for this course.



Course Schedule and Instructors

- Sept 22 Basic Communication – Pastor Cristy Wise
- Sept 29 Biblical Interpretation – Pastor Tim Munson
- Oct 6 Sermon Preparation, Outlining, Illustrations, and the Ethics of Preaching – Pastor Mark McCallion
- Oct 13 Thematic and Seasonal Sermon Preparation
Pastor Sue Wilson-Radel
- Oct 20 Using Personality Styles to Communicate
Pastor Jeff Johnson
- Oct 27 Basic Understanding of ABCOPAD, Q&A, Wrap-Up
Pastor Frank Frischkorn and
Pastor Mark Mahserjian-Smith

Course Requirements: This class will require all students to participate in all six classes along with preparing and presenting two sermons that will be recorded by the student and evaluated by an experienced pastoral leader in ABCOPAD.

Cost: The cost of the program is \$100. \$50 scholarships are available upon request through an ABCOPAD grant. Registration and online payment may be done via the ABCOPAD web site www.abcopad.org

Who Should Attend?

It is our hope that former and current Sunday School Teachers, Educators or those feeling a call to preach will consider taking this new and exciting 6-week course. This is a great way to help churches in your Association or just help your pastor when the pastor is away on vacation or in need of a Sunday off.

Contact any of our ABCOPAD Regional Pastors if you have questions.

