

## **ABCOPAD: Recognized Pulpit Speaker Training Program**

Overview: This course is designed up train Disciples of Jesus in being Pulpit Supply Preachers. This course will provide training in basic communications 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.

### **Requirements: 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 classes for this course

### **Class Outline:**

- Sept. 22 Session 1 Pastor Cristy Wise - Basic Communications (Including use of presentation technology)
- Sept. 29 Session 2: Pastor Tim Munson - Biblical interpretation
- Oct. 6 Session 3: Pastor Mark McCallion - Sermon Preparation, Outlining, Illustrations and the Ethics of Preaching.
- Oct. 13 Session 4: Pastor Sue Wilson-Radel - Thematically and Seasonal Sermon Preparation
- Oct. 20 Session 5: Pastor Jeff Johnson - Using personality styles to communicate.
- Oct. 27 Session 6: Pastor Frank Frischkorn / Pastor Mark Mahserjian-Smith - Basic Understanding of ABCOPAD, Question and Answer, Wrap up

**Cost:** The cost of this course is \$100.00 with a \$50.00 scholarship available via an ABCOPAD grant.