

CLERGY CEUs

Dear Reverend Schmidt:

This letter is the official notice of a new program being implemented by the synod. As of January 1, they will require all clergy to take Continuing Education Units to maintain their active status on the official synodical list. The requirements vary according to the number of years of service and are given below. Contact your district office for applications or for any questions about the listed curriculum.

CEU Requirements per annum

Clergy with less than 5 years of service—25 credits

Clergy with between 5 and 20 years of service—20 credits

Clergy with between 21 and 35 years of service—10 credits

Clergy with over 35 years of service—0 credits *

*While no CEUs are needed, they will require you to talk your congregation into giving you

a sabbatical so you can do extensive study as to the future direction of your service life. It requires a motorcycle to complete the sabbatical.

Curriculum

As new courses become available, you will be notified by mail.

SH101—Shepherding 101 (5 credits)

Understanding sheep

Whose sheep are they anyway?

Find loopholes in the definition of “pastor”

CP101—Elementary Carpentry (2 credits)

How to nail shut doors

How to build an ark

CP202—Intermediate Carpentry (2 credits)

Construction nuances in stables, museums, and maternity wards

How to save money in pew maintenance by rotating pews from front to back

LT101—Lighting Fundamentals (3 credits)

Theoretical differences between lighthouses and flashlights

How to change a light bulb without a committee

How to light a fire (spiritual concepts included)

EE204—Employer/Employee Relationships (3 credits)

Who's the boss?

Do they work for you?

Do you work for them?

Do you both work for God?

Are those in the pew being paid enough?

CM101—Introduction to Coffee Making (1 credit)

FM101—Floor Mopping for Extra Income (1 credit)

MS307—Subliminal Money Sermons (1 credit)

OC404—Advanced Outreach (5 credits)

How to trick your parishioners into making outreach calls

How to trick your parishioners into greeting a visitor

EW201—Emergency Worship (3 credits)

Can you still hear God if the power is off?

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How to form a search party

FF302—The Frugal Father (2 credits)

(Course currently on loan; limited time)

Hymnals make good paperweights

Baskets hold more than gold offering plates

You don't have to spend \$2,000.00 to polish a basket

BB201—Scripture Refresher (5 credits)

Using a Bible in Bible class

How to make the words of old dead men
come alive

SC201—The Transfiguration (3 credits)

From shepherd to CEO

CG302—Changes (1 credit)

Defining change

How to slip change in without it being no-
ticed

Protocol for making change

How to manage someone shouting “Praise
the Lord”

PL202—Advanced Anatomy of a Potluck (1
credit)

Spiritual significance of chicken casserole

Spiritual significance of apple pie

How to make sure there are no leftovers of
your wife’s dish at potlucks

LA203—Ladies of the Church (1 credit)

Maximizing the effectiveness of women in the church — so they know their place

Keeping a safe distance between you and the women's groups in the church

Lines not to cross in working with the Altar Guild

PF202—Profiling (2 credits)

Why you shouldn't consider a motorcycle gang member as Sunday School Superintendent

Why you shouldn't consider a go-go dancer as a speaker at the Men's Weekend

Savvy size-ups without a lie detector test

Forty-three new excuses that have gone viral

Using blackmail as leverage in seeking volunteers