



## Three Lay Study Options

**OPTION 1 – TAKE COURSES FOR PERSONAL ENRICHMENT.**

**OPTION 2 – TAKE A SET OF COURSES FOR LAY CHURCH LEADER DEVELOPMENT.**

**OPTION 3 – TAKE ALL 14 COURSES ON THE PATH TO BECOME A CERTIFIED LAY PASTOR.**



**AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF  
NEW YORK STATE**

Registration info is available at:

**[abc-nys.org/ls-courses](http://abc-nys.org/ls-courses)**

The tuition is \$110. For family members living in the same house the course fee is \$110 for the first person and \$60 for each subsequent person. Students may audit a course, without credit, for \$60. The cost of the textbooks for each course is in addition to the tuition.



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**PERSONAL ENRICHMENT  
CHURCH LEADERSHIP  
LAY PASTOR CERTIFICATION**

# 2021-2022 LAY STUDY PROGRAM COURSES

## Fall 2021

- **Basic Christian Beliefs** - This course is designed to help students explore their own beliefs based on Scripture as illuminated to him or her through comprehensive study and interaction with others. Topics to be studied are: the nature of scripture and revelation, God, creation, humanity, salvation, the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, and the church.
- **Church Administration** - This course is designed as an introduction to the basic functions of Christian leadership and oversight of the organizational aspects of an American Baptist church. The course will be divided into two main sections: 1) An overview of leadership development in an American Baptist context, 2) The everyday “nuts and bolts” of leading a church in which a variety of tasks of administration will be explored.
- **New Testament** - This course is designed to introduce the student to: the historical and cultural context of the New Testament, the concepts of scriptural inspiration and canon. the types and characteristics of the literary genre and corresponding methods of interpretation of the books of the New Testament, the purposes for writing the various books of the New Testament, the theories of authorship of each of the books of the New Testament. and the major themes of the books of the New Testament.

## Winter 2022

- **Baptist Heritage** – This course is designed to introduce the student to: Baptist History: Beginnings, development, and key leaders; Traditional Baptist practices of local church life, organization and structure; American Baptist Characteristics: the principles that identify us in the context of the larger Church; and the origins and development of American Baptist denominational life and structure.
- **Worship** - This course is designed to serve as an introduction to corporate Christian worship. In it the student will be exposed to a variety of worship styles both within and outside the American Baptist tradition. The student will also become acquainted with a variety of theological approaches to worship and worship design.

## Spring 2022

- **Ministry Through the Small Church** – This course is designed to familiarize students about the unique opportunities and challenges of ministry in the small church. The course will guide the student through the theological, relational, and organizational aspects of small church ministry as well as provide the tools necessary to carry out the tasks unique to the small church.
- **Church History** – The course is designed to provide an overview of church history, focusing on issues and incidents that have had the greatest impact on the Church and its relationship to the world. It will provide an historical context for the issues, personalities, and events studied. Students will be provided the tools and techniques to do competent research in church history.