Registration info is available at: abc-nys.org/ls-course-overviews

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.

Three Lay Study Options:

1. *TAKE COURSES FOR PERSONAL ENRICHMENT.*
2. *TAKE A SET OF COURSES FOR LAY CHURCH LEADER DEVELOPMENT.*
3. *TAKE ALL 14 COURSES ON THE PATH TO BECOME A CERTIFIED LAY PASTOR.*

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WINTER COURSES

Christian Ethics

- This course is designed to give the student an understanding of Christian Ethics and how they are different from societal norms. The course shall contain some history of ethics and introduce great thinkers on the subject. Instructor - Rev. George Stefani Start Date: Monday, January 11, 2027

Christian Discipleship Education

- This course is designed to enable the student to understand how one teaches to develop/grow disciples within the congregation. The student will learn educational theories as well as how to apply them in the church. Instructor - Dr. Shawn Hast Start Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2027

SPRING COURSES

Ministry to Individuals

- The course will provide a Biblical basis for ministering to individuals. There will be particular emphasis on: using one's pastoral presence as a channel through which the love and power of God can flow, the impact healthy Christian relationships can have on changing an individual's relationship to God, family, and neighbors, and ministering in a variety of crisis situations. Instructor - Rev. Dennis Christiansen Start Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2027

Old Testament

- This course is designed to introduce the student to the historical and cultural context of the Old 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 Old Testament, the purposes for writing the various books of the Old Testament, the theories of authorship of the books of the Old Testament, the major themes of the books of the Old Testament and their role in developing covenants between God and the Hebrew people. Instructor - Rev. David Waldo Start Date: Thursday, April 8, 2027

American Baptist Origins and Practice

- This course is designed to introduce the student to Baptist History: Beginnings, development, and key leaders, traditional Baptist practices of communion, baptism, dedications, funerals, and weddings. The course will also explore 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.
- Instructor - Rev. Suzi Harriff Start Date: Monday, April 12, 2027

FALL COURSES

Introduction to Christian Counseling

- The course is designed to equip students to understand life and relational challenges that will be faced by the people with who they minister to, identify resources that are available and explore ways they can help. Instructor: Rev. George Stefani Start Date: Monday, Sept. 20, 2027

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. Instructor: Rev. Larry Bell Start Date: TBD

Preaching

- This course introduces students to the fundamentals of preparing and delivering Bible-based, Christ-centered sermons.
  Instructor: Ken McKenzie Start Date: TBD