

**Spanish Language School for Lay Leadership  
at  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary**

**Purpose: Develop a *Spanish Language School for Lay Leadership* through Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary which is user-friendly and contextualized to the Hispanic/Latino reality in the mid-western/south synods and presbyteries where there is no such program at present.**

\*Co-Sponsors/Partners: Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; GAMC Hispanic/Latino/a Congregational Support Office; GAMC Office of Resources and Relationships with Hispanic/Latino Constituencies; Hispanic/Latino/a Commission of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery; Synods and Presbyteries in the south and mid-western states: (Partner MGBs so far: Synod of Lincoln Trails, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery and Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery)

- **Criteria for Admission and Receipt of Seminary Diploma**
  - Students from presbyteries in partnership with the school that are recommended by their congregation, NCD, or fellowship, based on gifts for church leadership. Criteria for admission are not based on educational achievement or documented status.
  - CLP students must be recommended by their presbytery.
  - Individual consideration will be given to students of other Christian denominations.
  - Student must complete the entire course of studies to receive a diploma from LPTS.
  - Individual courses can be taken by persons wishing to further their theological training or to fulfill presbytery requirements as in the case of immigrant pastors and leaders.
  - This is a life-long learning program and carries no academic credit.

**Commissioned Lay Pastor and Lay Leader Program Curriculum:**

***Course 1 – Survey of the Bible***

- Introduction to the Bible
- Introduction Old Testament
- Introduction New Testament

***Course 2 – Exegesis/Hermeneutics***

- Exegesis
- Biblical Theology

***Course 3 - Reformed Theology and Sacraments***

- History and Theology of the Reformed Tradition
- Sacraments
- Confessions/Creeds (PCUSA)

***Course 4 - Presbyterian Polity***

- Governing Structure of the Presbyterian Church
- Book of Order
- Parliamentary Rules

***Course 5 - Preaching/Homiletics***

- Sermon Preparation
- Sermon Delivery

***Course 6 - Worship/Spirituality/Spiritual Disciplines***

- Reformed Worship and Liturgy
- Spirituality in the congregation
- Music/Arts in the Reformed context

***Course 7 - Pastoral Care***

- Theology of presence and accompaniment/visitation
- Pastoral counseling
- Self-care
- Ethics of pastoral care

**Course 8 - Teaching/Education**

- Introduction to Christian Education
- Christian education for adults
- Christian education for youth and children

**Course 9 - Evangelization and Church Growth**

- Introduction to Church Growth
- Models of Evangelism and Outreach
- New Church Development

**Course 10 – Building the Beloved Community**

- Social advocacy and ministry
- Community Organizing
- Immigration Issues
- Intercultural/Cross-Cultural/Multicultural/Diversity

**Course 11 – Church Administration and Program Development**

- Collaborative Leadership
- Stewardship
- Ministerial Ethics
- Financial Planning and Accountability

**Courses Calendar: Three courses each Fall and Spring semesters starting Fall 2010****2010 (tentative dates)**

September 10-11 - *Course 1 – Survey of the Bible*

October 15-16, 29-30 - *Course 2 – Exegesis/Hermeneutics*

November 12-13, 19-20 - *Course 3 - Reformed Theology and Sacraments*

**2011**

March - *Course 4 - Presbyterian Polity*

April 29-30 - *Course 5 - Preaching/Homiletics*

May 13-14, 20-21 - *Course 6 - Worship/Spirituality/Spiritual Disciplines*

September - *Course 7 - Pastoral Care*

October - *Course 8 - Teaching/Education*

November - *Course 9 - Evangelization and Church Growth*

**2012**

March - *Course 10 – Building the Beloved Community*

April - *Course 11 – Church Administration and Program Development*

**Faculty: (Contact person for faculty: Hector Rodriguez)**

Francisco Pelaez, ThM – Systematic Theology, Homiletics

David Cortes, PhD – Bible, Exegesis

Alvin Padilla, PhD – Bible, Exegesis

Salatiel Palomino, PhD – Bible, Exegesis, Systematic Theology

Eriberto Soto, ThM – Theology, Church History

Fernando Cascante, EdD – Christian Education

Marissa Galvan-Valle, MDiv – Christian Education and Worship

Nidia Fernandez, MDiv – Pastoral Care

Claudio Carvalhaes, PhD – Worship, Preaching

Loyda P. Aja, MAR – Polity

Sandra Luciano, MDiv – Church Administration and Programs

Carmen Rosario, MDiv – Polity

Jose Luis Casal, MDiv – Administration, Polity

Antonio (Tony) Aja, MDiv – Community/social issues

Mauricio Chacon, MDiv – Community/social issues

Hector Rodriguez, DMin – Evangelism/Church Development

**Administrative issues/responsibilities:**

***Mid-Kentucky Presbytery/Coordinator for Hispanic/Latino Ministries***

- Receive application from student
- Receive endorsement from presbytery/church
- Send acceptance letter to student and presbytery
- Send list of participants to Laura March

***Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary***

- Receives funds from partnership contributions
- Disbursement of funds to instructors and other vendors
- Room and board (fee)
- Meals not available on campus
- Diploma after completion
- Classroom space

**Financial Issues:**

- **Initial/Seed Income:**  
\$1000 from GAMC  
\$1000 from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery (through 2013 only)  
\$500 a year from each partner Presbytery and Synod covers up to 5 students from each MGB
- **Program costs/expenses:**
  - Approximate cost of the program per course: \$1150 per course total (10 students, 1 professor)
  - Cost to student from partner presbytery per course: \$25 per course plus books/materials, meals and transportation to LPTS
  - Cost to student from non partner presbytery or another denomination per course: \$100 plus books/materials, meals and transportation (housing included).

**Steering Committee members:**

- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| • Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary – | David Sawyer     |
| • Synod of South Atlantic –                      | Eddie Soto       |
| • Synod of Living Waters -                       | Melissa B Sevier |
| • Synod of Living Waters -                       | Jael Fuentes     |
| • Synod of the Covenant -                        | Francisco Pelaez |
| • Synod of Lincoln Trails -                      | Fabio Socarraz   |
| • Facilitator/Mid-Kentucky Presbytery -          | Tony Aja         |

**Ex-officio members/resource persons:**

- Peggy Owens – Mid-Kentucky
- Marissa Galvan-Valle – GAMC
- Hector Rodriguez – GAMC
- Norma Sayago - GAMC
- Marcia Myers - OGA