

Continuing Education Opportunities for 2011 - 2013

Applications for Cohort 4 of McCormick's highly regarded [Certificate in Executive Leadership program](#) are currently being accepted. Since its beginning in 2009, pastors, lay leaders, lay staff members of congregations, and executives in regional governing bodies have benefitted from this program which is designed to meet head-on the growing challenges of leadership in today's church.

Set within four two-and-a-half day sessions on McCormick's Chicago campus, specially-selected faculty draw on contemporary leadership theory and practice to better equip participants to think and act transformationally, adaptively, and wholistically within their own settings of ministry. Indeed, it is this practical integration of theory and practice in the students' ministry contexts that is the integral core of the program.

Cohort 4 will be offered on the McCormick Campus beginning in September of 2011, with the remaining sessions in November, and in February and April of 2012. Cohort 5 will be offered on a similar schedule beginning in September, 2012, at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC. Early application will ensure a place in this space-limited cohort.

McCormick is also offering a [Certificate in Environmental Ministry and Leadership](#) in 2011 – 2012. This timely new program will provide clergy and lay leaders alike the opportunity to think deeply and broadly about the growing challenge of environmental ministry in their communities and work. Combining the contexts of science with biblical studies, theology and ethics, and incorporating the language and practices of the church, participants in this program should expect to come away equipped to serve as a strong resource person and advocate in their own places of ministry.

Churches, agencies and judicatories committed to working together on behalf of a group of churches may find it beneficial to send a person or even a team to this program; Selected McCormick and adjunct faculty will provide leadership for the program, which will be offered on the McCormick campus in Chicago. The Certificate will be offered in two parts, Session 1, September 21-24, 2011 and Session 2, February 29 – March 3, 2012.

2012 Allen Lectures

McCormick is pleased to announce that [Professor Emilie M. Townes](#), the Andrew W Mellon Professor of African-American Religion and Theology at Yale Divinity School, will be presenting the 2012 Allen Lectures Monday, February 21, 2012. Known for her pioneering work in women's and gender studies, the lecture is sure to challenge and inspire. *Save the date; more information will follow.*

McCormick Theological Seminary is committed to an expanding educational program to serve the needs of local churches, church-related organizations and judicatories. These are three examples; you'll be hearing about more offerings in the months to come. Is there a crucial area of ministry you'd like to see McCormick address? [Let us know](#) —we'd love to talk that through with you!