



Genesee Valley District Lay Servant
Ministries Committee
Presents

2025 Spring Course Offering

Featuring the opportunity to take

Advanced Course
“Polity”

Saturdays, March 1 & 15

(9:00am - 2:30pm)

at
Bergen United Methodist Church
27 South Lake Road
Bergen, NY 14416

(Ten hours are required for course
credit.)

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This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline is recommended for this course and can be ordered from Cokesbury, if you can't borrow your churches copy. The 2016 edition is okay, if that is what your church has. The text for you to purchase for this course is Polity, Practice, and Mission of the United Methodist Church by Thomas Edward Frank. It is on Amazon. Please read the first few chapters before March 1.

Instructor: Rev. Hoyt Brown

I look forward to spending time with you as we try to understand what it means to be a United Methodist. Specifically, we will focus on the guidelines that teach us how to live in a community that is diverse and worldwide in scope.

I come to you after serving in rural churches, university churches, city churches, and suburban churches. Before my professional ministry, I worked in higher education for 23 years at three universities.

I hold degrees in psychology, counseling, and divinity from Southern Methodist University, the University of Maryland at College Park, and United Theological Seminary.

I must confess that I do not often use the term “Christian”. The label is far too easy to claim. I find that a much more difficult name to claim is that of Christ Follower. I feel the name is indicative of the commitment required and the process to which we are called.

*****Please bring a bag lunch – coffee, tea, and water will be provided*****

REGISTRATION FORM

“Polity” (\$20)

(Fees for supplies, stipends and building use.)

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

YOUR CHURCH

SPECIAL NEEDS

By February 21, 2025, please mail registration and check, made out to Upper New York Conference (GVD Lay Servants on the memo line)

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Questions? Please contact:
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