GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Upper Midwest Conference
Lay Ministry School Course Syllabus

Worship and Sacraments

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Course Description/Overview

The Worship and Sacraments course provides guidance on the aspects of a worship service, identify the sacraments recognized by the GMC (what they are, mean, how they are conducted), and other important ceremonies in the life of the church.

Course Learning Objectives

1. *Worship*
    1. *Identify the elements of a worship service and describe their purpose*
    2. *Discuss liturgy, liturgical year, and lectionary calendar*
    3. *Identify holidays within the year, their origin and purpose in church life, and any special services related to them*
2. *Sacrament, Rite, Ceremony?*
    1. *What are they? How are they different?*
    2. *How are they used within the life of a Global Methodist church?*
3. *Identify and review the sacraments as acknowledged by the GMC (baptism, communion) 1. Biblical source and history of each sacrament, how is it different under the GMC from the UMC and/or other denominations*
    2. *Overview of the sacrament's ceremony as described in the BDD*
    3. *Who has the authority under the GMC to perform the sacrament*
    4. *Identify any additional training laity that could take to support in these sacramental ceremonies*
4. *Identify and review other ceremonies acknowledged by the GMC (confirmation, marriage, funerals, ordination, etc.)*
    1. *Biblical source and history of the rite/ceremony, how is it different under the GMC from the UMC and/or other denominations*

2. *Overview of the sacrament's ceremony*
3. *Who has the authority under the GMC to perform the rites, ceremonies*
4. *Identify any additional training laity could take to support in these other rites and ceremonies*

Course Resources

Required Course Texts

1. Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church
2. Revised Common Lectionary: https://www.dailylectio.net/calendar

Recommended Text:

- *Sacraments by Brent D Peterson*

Assignments

Pre-Class Assignments
There are no pre-class assignments
Post-Class Assignments
Four page reflection paper on the interplay of personal beliefs and Global Methodist beliefs on the Sacraments .Due January 20th