

Course Syllabus: Advanced Preaching Course Upper Midwest Global Methodist Certified Lay Ministry

Course Description:

Focusing on the lifelong task of acquiring practical habits for faithful communication of the Word of God, as an act of Christian worship, and within the context of personal, social, and cultural challenge and change.

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Course Overview:

Hello, I am Rev. Luann Bengé, and I am called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others. Since you are enrolled in this class, I believe you are called to that same task. Through this course, my prayer is that you will develop practical habits that will help you to live out this calling to preach the Gospel in ways that are meaningful, beneficial, and applicable to the lives of your congregants. In doing so, you will lean in even further to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ, who will become disciple makers.

In this class, we will focus on bearing witness as preachers, the important differences between exegesis and eisegesis, developing sermon content, preaching styles and delivery methods, as well as audience analysis and feedback.

Course Objectives:

- To understand our calling to bear witness as preachers.
- To understand advanced exegetical methods in order to extract the full meaning from the Scriptures.
- To learn deeper development of sermon content, preaching styles, and delivery methods.
- To learn how to analyze one's audience and receive feedback (even if it is negative) in ways that are beneficial and helpful.

Required Materials:

- *The Witness of Preaching*, Third Edition by Thomas G. Long (Available on Amazon.com) ISBN-13: 978-0-664-26142-9
- *We Speak Because We Have First Been Spoken* by Michael Pasquarello III (Available on Amazon.com) ISBN: 978-0-8028-2917-7
- We will also discuss other resources during the class

Additional Requirements:

If at all possible, students are asked to submit a video of themselves preaching prior to class. A YouTube or Facebook page link would be acceptable formats of delivery. These can be emailed to me at the email address given above. If students are not able to provide a video, then a fully written sermon manuscript will be sufficient.

Additionally, students will be asked to provide a video of themselves preaching after the class. Once again, if this is not possible whatsoever, then a fully written sermon manuscript will be sufficient.

Conclusion:

I am so excited about this journey we will take together! I look forward to meeting you and encouraging you as you continue to develop your spiritual gifts and live out this calling God has placed on your life!