

2023 Fall Credentialing Course Opportunities

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There may be other courses offered through specific conferences or AFMEI/JWSF schools. If you have any questions, you may **connect with the embedded links provided below** or contact us at (317) 616-4801 or credentialing@fmcusa.org or visit <https://leadership.fmcusa.org/courses>

Please note there are registration dates and specific course dates for some courses.

LMC-Level Content Areas

At the Local Ministerial Candidate level, satisfactory evidence of mastery in the following content areas will be required:

The Free Methodist Way	Basic Christian Doctrine
History and Polity of the Free Methodist Church	Wesleyan Theology

*These are the **ideal content areas** for candidates to explore and master **early in the credentialing process**. They help with understanding and alignment of Christian ministry within the Wesleyan Holiness movement, particularly the Free Methodist Church.*

CMC-Level Content Areas

At the Conference Ministerial Candidate level, satisfactory evidence of mastery in the above LMC-level and the following content areas are required:

Old Testament Survey*	New Testament Survey*	Systematic Theology	Inductive Bible Study/Hermeneutics
Old Testament Elective (i.e., book of the Bible)	New Testament Elective (i.e., book of the Bible)	Personal Formation and Self Care*	Homiletics*
Shepherding, Leadership, and Church Administration*	Congregational Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Care*	Community Engagement, Evangelism, and Justice*	Cross-Cultural Experience*

These are content areas related to the Outcomes-Based Ordination process. Candidates who explore and master these content areas, ideally will display significant evidence of the 15 outcomes in the Heart, Head, & Hands categories. Proviso: These are standards. Where the MEG Board needs to determine equivalency to satisfy these standards, they have the authority and flexibility to do so.

**Consecrated Deacon Candidates ideally show mastery in Bible and two determined Practical Theology areas*

SPECIAL ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

These are special courses & resources available to candidates & conferences. Contact at links provided.

[LEADERSHIP CENTER](#) (click hyperlink for more info or to register)

Some conferences are using the resources and courses offered through Leadership Center, working with Trisha Welstad et al.

The [Life Calling Discovery](#) course and [Vocational Next Steps](#) courses have supported several pastors in discernment and strategic planning for ministry.

If your conference would like to connect with Trisha and Leadership Center, admin@leadershipcenter.co or (213) 222-8594.



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The Center for Church Restoration

[ReStor\(y\)](#) (click hyperlink for more info or to register)

Our workshops cover topics such as:

- Understanding the implications of congregational trauma on the process of hiring a new pastor
- Best congregational care practices following the removal of a pastor
- Shepherding those who have experienced spiritual abuse or religious trauma

“Becoming a Trauma Informed Church: 101”

Sep 7, 2023 - Oct 12, 2023, \$99

Free Methodist Chaplaincy is a specific calling to represent the Free Methodist Church – USA in specialized ministry settings as an extension of the denomination and the chaplain’s ordaining conference.

“Introduction to Chaplaincy” is an online course developed by the FM Chaplains Association and offered by The Center for Pastoral Formation FMCUSA to help students:

1. Review the various domains of chaplaincy.
2. Identify the education requirements & certifications required to serve in various chaplain domains.
3. Define key concepts in chaplaincy.
4. Comprehend the differences between the role of a chaplain & the role of a church pastor.
5. Understand how to minister to all people while maintaining the integrity of one’s own ordination & endorsement requirements.

For more information and to enroll, visit fmcusa.org/chaplains

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Chaplains Association
of the Free Methodist Church
Connecting Christ to Community

6-week course begins Sept. 11, 2023

CONTENT AREAS & OPPORTUNITIES for credentialing courses	Aldersgate School of Ministry	Asbury Latino Center SPANISH	Central Christian College of Kansas	Leadership Center	The Ministry Training Center (+ in Spanish) Fall '23	Northeastern Seminary	Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center	Perspectives	ReStor(y)	The River Institute with Asbury	Seattle Pacific Seminary	FMCUSA on Pathwright (+ also in Spanish)
*"Life-Calling Discovery"				Yes								
*"Vocational Next Steps"				Yes								
FM Way												+Yes
Intro to Christian Doctrine		Yes					Yes					+Yes
Wesleyan Theology	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	+Yes
History & Polity	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	+Yes
OT Survey	Yes	Yes			+Yes	Yes	Yes					Yes
NT Survey	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes					Yes
Inductive Bible Study	Yes	Yes				Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes
Systematic Theology												Yes
OT Ind. Bible Study							Yes					Yes
NT Ind. Bible Study		Yes					Yes					Yes
Personal Spiritual Formation & Self-Care		Yes								Yes	Yes	
Homiletics	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
Leadership, Shepherding & Church Administration	Yes						Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
*"Becoming a Trauma Informed Church: 101"									Yes			
Congregational Spiritual Formation & Pastoral Care	Yes	Yes			+Yes					Yes	Yes	
Community Engagement, Evangelism, & Justice		Yes									Yes	
Cross-Cultural Experience								Yes				
*"Theology of Worship"												Yes
*"Intro to Chaplaincy"												Yes

*Elective opportunities

SORTED BY INSTRUCTOR/INSTITUTION (alphabetical order)

[Aldersgate School of Ministry](#) (click hyperlink for more info or to register)

The Aldersgate School of Ministry is designed to provide high-quality ministry training shaped by the Wesleyan Holiness Tradition. Classes are held online, one night a week, and programs can be completed in as little as one year. Certificate in Lay Ministry (1yr), Certificate in Ministry Leadership (2yr), Certificate in Theology (2yr)

- Denominational History
- Wesleyan Holiness History
- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Scripture Exegesis, Investigation, Conversation, Context
- Servant Leadership
- Church Administration
- Preaching in Proximity
- Care of People

[Asbury Theological Seminary Latino Center](#) (SPANISH -- click hyperlink for more info or to register)

El certificado del Seminario Teológico de Asbury en formación ministerial (LLSP), le ayuda a profundizar su conocimiento en teología, estudios bíblicos y consejería mientras persigue su llamado al ministerio. Este programa, que está acreditado como un equivalente a bachillerato (licenciatura), tiene el propósito de ayudar a los latinos y latinas dentro de la Iglesia Latina a enseñar, predicar y vivir vidas transformadas.

Asbury Theological Seminary's certificate in ministry formation (LLSP) deepens your knowledge of theology, biblical studies and counseling as you pursue your call to ministry. This Program which is accredited as a bachelor equivalency degree has the purpose to help Latinos within the Latino Church to teach, preach and live transformed lives.

Sample of courses that connect to credentialing content areas:

- **Teología Cristiana** (i.e., Intro to Christian Doctrine)
- **Teología de John Wesley** (i.e., Wesleyan Theology)
- **Introducción al Nuevo Testamento** (i.e., NT Survey)
- **Introducción al Antiguo Testamento** (i.e., OT Survey)
- **Introducción a la Hermenéutica** (i.e., Ind. Bible Study)
- **Formación Espiritual** (i.e., Spiritual Formation)
- **El Arte de la Predicación** (i.e. Homiletics/Predaching)
- **Consejería Pastoral** (i.e., Pastoral Care)
- **Religiones del Mundo y Evangelismo**
- **Más/More...**

[Central Christian College of Kansas](#) (click hyperlink for more info or to register)

- **History & Polity of FMC** \$150, register by Sept. 15, 2023 (course begins online Oct. 3, 6 weeks; will be offered again January 2024)
- **Introduction to Wesleyan Thought** \$150, register by Sept. 15, 2023 (course begins online Oct. 3, 6 weeks; will be offered again January 2024)

[The Ministry Training Center of Metro NY/NJ](#) (click hyperlink for more info or to register)

- **Pastoral Care: Cuidado Pastoral – 10/7; 11/4; 12/2 (English y Español)**
Offered at Ministry Training Center of Metro NY/NJ, 195 Piaget Avenue, Clifton NJ
3 Saturday sessions beginning at 9:30 Units: 3 Cost \$150
Registration Deadline: 9/15/2023 In person and remote on Zoom
Trainers: William Kirchhofer, D. Min and Pastor Daisy Kirchhofer, MPS
- **Understanding God’s Word: Old Testament Survey (English)**
Offered online only – Learn at your own pace with an assigned training mentor
Units: 3 Cost \$150
Registration Deadline: None – Rolling Admission
- **Entendiendo la Palabra de Dios: Estudio del Antiguo Testamento – 10/7; 11/4; 12/2 (Español)**
Ofrecido en Centro de Capacitación Ministerial de Metro NY/NJ, 195 Piaget Avenue, Clifton NJ.
Unidades: 3 Costo \$150 3 sesiones de Sábado comenzando a las 9:30am
Plazo de inscripción: 9/15/2023 Entrenadores: Pastor Elisa y Pastor Ricardo Obeso
- **New Testament Survey- 10/7; 11/4; 12/2 (English)**
Offered at Ministry Training Center of Metro NY/NJ, 195 Piaget Avenue, Clifton NJ
3 Saturday sessions beginning at 9:30 Units: 3 Cost \$150
Registration Deadline: 9/15/2023 In person and remote on Zoom
Trainers: William Kirchhofer, D. Min and Clark Faulkner, Assistant Professor, Acts 1224

To register for a course: Register online at bit.ly/mtcfall23 Or respond by email to ministrytraining1224@gmail.com or call (973) 772-1660.

[Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University (click hyperlink for more info or to register); example: CMC students in Genesis Conference – Certificate in Theology, Ministry, & Scripture

- Wesleyan Theology
- History & Polity of FMC
- Being in the Story
- Being in the Word
- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Intro to Biblical Exegesis for Preaching and Teaching

Plus, several Master of Arts programs, Master of Divinity, and advanced certificates.

[Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center](#) (click hyperlink for more info or to register)

- **Intro to Christian Theology** \$120 online
- **Wesleyan Theology** \$120 online
- **History & Polity of FMC** \$120 online
- **Leadership in the 21st Century** \$120 online
- **Old Testament Survey** \$120 online
- **New Testament Survey** \$120 online
- **OT Inductive Bible Study – Zechariah** \$120 online
- **NT Inductive Bible Study - Acts** \$120 online
- **Homiletics** \$120 online

[The River Institute/Asbury](#) (click hyperlink for more info or to register)

The program offered in an online format spanning 10 months. Each institute contains five modules, and Asbury Seminary will grant a non-degree certificate for completion. \$1000 for five modules covering seven credentialing content areas. Fall 2023 cohort began Sept. 4 (registered by Aug. 11). Do contact for future interest.

- **History & Polity of FMC**
- **Wesleyan Theology**
- **Church Administration**
- **Homiletics and Hermeneutics**
- **Pastoral Counseling and Self-Care**

[Seattle Pacific Seminary](#) (click hyperlink for more info or to register); Seattle Pacific Seminary is offering a 50% discount for their Free Methodist Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies. Many of the courses can be done online. One important benefit of this certificate is that it will transfer to be part of a Masters degree.

- **Denominational Polity**
- **Wesleyan/Methodist Doctrine**
- **Ministerial Leadership**
- **Homiletics & Hermeneutics**
- **Pastoral Care & Counseling**
- **Church Administration**
- **Christian Social Entrepreneurship & Church Planting**
- **New Testament**
- **More...**

[FMCUSA](#) (offered on Pathwright self-paced in English or by zoom in Spanish)

- **FM Way** (SPECIAL MODULE in English on the LMC Path and Transfer Candidate Path)
- **El Estilo Metodista Libre** (curso intensivo en español) \$110
- **Introduction to Christian Doctrine** (Pathwright) \$110
- **Introducción a la teología cristiana** (curso intensivo en español) \$110
- **Wesleyan Theology** (Pathwright) \$165
- **La Teología Wesleyana** (curso intensivo en español) \$110
- **History & Polity of the Free Methodist Church** (Pathwright) \$110
- **Historia y Gobierno Metodista Libre** (curso intensivo en español) \$110
- **Systematic Theology** (Pathwright) \$165
- **Old Testament Survey** (Pathwright) \$165
- **New Testament Survey** (Pathwright) \$165
- **Inductive Bible Study/Hermeneutics** (Pathwright) \$165
- **OT Minor Prophets Ind. Bible Study** (Pathwright) \$165
- **NT Hebrews Ind. Bible Study** (Pathwright) \$165
- **Leadership, Shepherding, & Church Administration** (Pathwright) \$165

SORTED BY CATEGORY & COURSE

FMC

- **The Free Methodist Way**
 - a FREE, abridged FM Way Special Module (in English) is now placed on the [LMC Path](#) as an option to briefly introduce candidates to the five values of the FMCUSA
- **El Estilo Metodista Libre (curso intensivo en español)**
 - 2023-24 Dates with Dr. Guillermo Flores TBD; pre-course content, Zoom meetings, assignments; \$110, register through [FMC-USA](#)
- **History & Polity of the Free Methodist Church**
 - [Central Christian College of Kansas](#) \$150, register by Sept. 15, 2023 (course begins online Oct. 3, 6 weeks)
 - [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
 - [Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center](#) \$120
 - [The River Institute/Asbury](#) register by Aug. 11, 2023 (cohort begins Sept. 11, 2023)
 - [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#), Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies for Free Methodists
 - [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
 - [FMC-USA](#), \$110 [Pathwright History & Polity Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- **Historia y Gobierno Metodista Libre (curso intensivo en español)**
 - 2024 dates TBD (last offered March 2023), with Dr. Guillermo Flores; pre-course content, Zoom meetings, assignments; \$110, when available register through [FMC-USA](#)

THEOLOGY

- **Introduction to Christian Doctrine**
 - [Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center](#), \$120
 - [FMC-USA](#), \$110 [Pathwright Introduction to Christian Doctrine Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- **Introducción a la teología cristiana ((curso intensivo en español)**
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#)
 - October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023, 7-10 p.m. ET with Dr. Guillermo Flores; pre-course content, Zoom meetings, assignments; \$110, register through [FMC-USA](#)
- **Wesleyan Theology**
 - [Central Christian College of Kansas](#) \$150, register by Sept. 15, 2023 (course begins online Oct. 3, 6 weeks; will be offered again January 2024)
 - [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#)
 - [The River Institute/Asbury](#) register by Aug. 11, 2023 (cohort begins Sept. 11, 2023)
 - [Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center](#) \$120
 - [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
 - [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
 - [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Wesleyan Theology Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- **La Teología Wesleyana (curso intensivo en español)**
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#)

- 2023 dates TBD (last offered Nov 2022), with Dr. Guillermo Flores; pre-course content, Zoom meetings, assignments; \$110, when available register through [FMC-USA](#)
- **Systematic Theology**
 - [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Systematic Theology Preview](#) **TWO OPTIONS**
 - Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete.
 - OR NEW 13-week cohort with Dr. Roberta Mosier-Peterson (limit 12 students)

BIBLE

- **Old Testament Survey**
 - [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
 - [Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center](#), \$120
 - [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
 - [The Ministry Training Center](#) in English and SPANISH (check dates above)
 - [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Old Testament Survey Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- **New Testament Survey**
 - [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
 - [Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center](#), \$120
 - [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
 - [The Ministry Training Center](#)
 - [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright New Testament Survey Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- **Inductive Bible Study/Hermeneutics**
 - [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
 - [The River Institute/Asbury](#) register by Aug. 11, 2023 (cohort begins Sept. 11, 2023)
 - [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#)
 - [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
 - [FMC-USA](#), \$165 (multiple instructor choices) [Pathwright Inductive Bible Study Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- **Old Testament elective**
 - “Zechariah” [Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center](#), \$120
 - “Minor Prophets – OT Inductive Bible Study” Anytime on Pathwright [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Minor Prophets – OT Ind Bible Study Preview](#); self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- **New Testament elective**
 - “Acts” [Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center](#), \$120
 - “Hebrews” NEW! [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Hebrews – NT Inductive Bible Study Preview](#); self-paced, 8 months to complete
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

- **Personal Spiritual Formation**
 - [The River Institute/Asbury](#) register by Aug. 11, 2023 (cohort begins Sept. 11, 2023)
 - [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#)
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
- **Homiletics**
 - [The River Institute/Asbury](#) register by Aug. 11, 2023 (cohort begins Sept. 11, 2023)
 - [Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center](#), \$120
 - [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
 - [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#)
 - [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
- **Leadership, Shepherding & Church Administration**
 - [The River Institute/Asbury](#) register by Aug. 11, 2023 (cohort begins Sept. 11, 2023)
 - [Online Extension of the NJ/NY Metro Education Center, \\$120](#)
 - [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
 - [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#)
 - [FMC-USA, \\$165 Pathwright Leadership, Shepherding, & Church Administration Preview](#); self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- **Congregational Spiritual Formation & Pastoral Care**
 - [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#)
 - [The River Institute/Asbury](#) register by Aug. 11, 2023 (cohort begins Sept. 11, 2023)
 - [The Ministry Training Center](#) see dates above; in English and Spanish
 - [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University, MIN 624 “Care and Counsel”
 - [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
 - Dr. Denny Wayman, in-person (CA) or zoom; contact dwayman@fmcsb.org
- **Evangelism, Community Engagement & Justice**
 - [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#)
 - [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
 - A specific course is being developed for Pathwright. If candidates have experiences that meet the essence of this requirement, with guidance from their mentor, please share a description of the course, experience, or opportunity. Their Conference MEG Board may request a reflection paper as well.
- **Cross Cultural Experience**
 - The FM Global Ministries and FM World Missions teams recommend training with *Perspectives: Mobilizing God's People for God's Global Purpose*. [Perspectives](#) offers an in-person, 15-week, certificate or for-credit course in multiple locations around the country in English and Spanish. Find out more at <https://class.perspectives.org/FindAClass.aspx> Click on your state, then select nearest course site and in the right column is "class pricing" and "registration" information. This is a valuable option for this content area.

- OR If candidates have experiences that meet the essence of this requirement, with guidance from their mentor, please share a description of the course, experience, or opportunity. Their Conference MEG Board may request a reflection paper as well.
- **Theology of Worship** (elective for specialization or continuing education)
 - [FMC-USA](#), up to 8 months to complete, \$165 [Pathwright Theology of Worship Preview](#)
- **Introduction to Chaplaincy** (elective for specialization or continuing education)
 - [FMC-USA](#), six-week course begins Sept. 11 on Pathwright & zoom, \$110; see above in Special Opportunities for details