



2026 Spring/Summer Credentialing Course Opportunities (updated 12/05/2025)



NOTE: 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>

There are registration dates and specific course dates for some courses.

Free Methodist Church (FMC)

these are content areas dealing with alignment

The Free Methodist Way

- A FREE, abridged FM Way Special Module (in English and Spanish) is on the [LMC Path](#) and [Transfer Candidate Path](#) as an option to briefly introduce candidates to the five values of the FMCUSA
- [El Estilo Metodista Libre](#) (curso intensivo en español on Pathwright), cohort offered as needed contact credentialing@FMcusa.org; [FMC-USA](#) \$110

History & Polity of the Free Methodist Church

- [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
- [Central Christian College of Kansas](#) \$150, (online course in Spring 2026- 6 weeks; 02/16-03/29)
- [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
- [Online Pastoral Education Center](#), Self-paced, \$150
- [The River Institute/Asbury](#) (annual cohort fall dates in 2026, registration open in August)
- [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#) Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Certificate
- [FMC-USA](#), \$110 [Pathwright History & Polity Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- [Historia y Gobierno Metodista Libre](#) (curso intensivo en español on Pathwright), cohort offered as needed contact credentialing@FMcusa.org; [FMC-USA](#) \$110

free methodist way



Theology

Introduction to Christian Doctrine

- Aldersgate School of Ministry
- [Online Pastoral Education Center](#), Self-paced, \$150
- [FMC-USA](#), \$110 [Pathwright Introduction to Christian Doctrine Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete



Introducción a la doctrina cristiana

- Asbury Latino Center
- Spanish con Dr. Flores [FMC-USA](#) \$110 (curso intensivo en español on Pathwright), **NEXT cohort TBD**

Wesleyan Theology

- Aldersgate School of Ministry
- [Central Christian College of Kansas](#) \$150, (course begins online 2026- 6 weeks TBD)
- [The Ministry Training Center](#) **Wesleyan Theology - Independent study (English and Español)** Rolling admission. An independent study of Wesleyan Theology that offers a personalized and flexible way to explore Wesleyan Theology in depth. Guided by a faculty member, the course allows for self-paced learning, and the development of a specialized project. A Wesleyan Theology proficiency examination is given at completion of the course.
 - Register online at <https://forms.gle/g1xBsuU2FBFGa2fE6>
 - Or respond by email to ministrytraining1224@gmail.com or call (973) 772-1660.
- [The Ministry Training Center](#) **Teología Wesleyana - Estudio independiente - Inglés y español.** Admisión continua. Este estudio independiente de Teología Wesleyana ofrece una manera personalizada y flexible de explorar la teología wesleyana en profundidad. Guiado por un profesor, el curso permite el aprendizaje a ritmo propio y el desarrollo de un proyecto especializado.
 - Al finalizar el curso, se realiza un examen de dominio de la Teología Wesleyana.
 - To register for a course: Register online at <https://forms.gle/g1xBsuU2FBFGa2fE6>
 - Or respond by email to ministrytraining1224@gmail.com or call (973) 772-1660.
- [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
- [Online Pastoral Education Center](#), Self-paced, \$150
- [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#) Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Certificate
- [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Wesleyan Theology Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete



La Teología Wesleyana (curso intensivo en español)

- SPANISH con Dr. Guillermo Flores; on Pathwright, Zoom meetings, assignments; \$110, through [FMC-USA](#), cohort offered as needed, contact credentialing@FMcusa.org

Systematic Theology

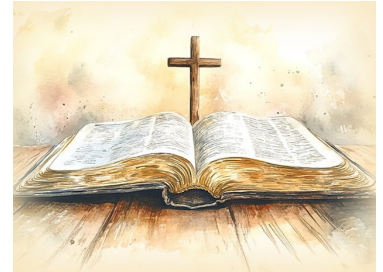
- Aldersgate School of Ministry
- [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Systematic Theology Preview \(2 options\)](#)

Self-paced, 3-8 months to complete. OR 13-week cohort with Dr. Roberta Mosier-Peterson (limit 12 students; **NEXT cohort TBD 2026**)

Bible

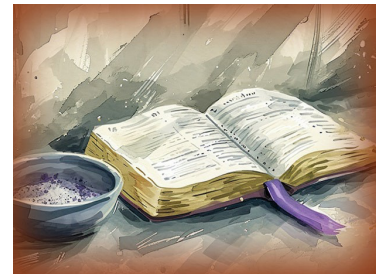
Old Testament Survey

- [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
- [Online Pastoral Education Center](#), Self-paced, \$150
- [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
- [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
- [The Ministry Training Center \(English\)](#)
Offered online only - Learn at your own pace with an assigned training mentor. Units: 3; Cost \$150; Registration Deadline: None - Rolling Admission. In person and remote on Zoom; Trainers: William Kirchhofer, D. Min; Or respond by email to ministrytraining1224@gmail.com or call (973) 772-1660
- [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Old Testament Survey Preview](#) Self-paced on Pathwright, up to 8 months to complete.



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- [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
- [Online Pastoral Education Center](#), Self-paced, \$150
- [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
- [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
- [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright New Testament Survey Preview](#) Self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- [The Ministry Training Center 1/10; 2/7; 3/7 \(English\)](#)
Offered at Ministry Training Center of Metro NY/NJ, 195 Piaget Avenue, Clifton NJ. 3 Saturday sessions beginning at 10 am. Units: 3; Cost \$150; **Registration Deadline: 12/28/2025** In person and remote on Zoom; Trainers: Clark Faulkner and William Kirchhofer, D. Min: Register online at <https://forms.gle/g1xBsuU2FBFGa2fE6> Or respond by email to ministrytraining1224@gmail.com or call (973) 772-1660.
- **BIBL 1000 "Journey Through the Bible" FOR-CREDIT COURSE OPPORTUNITY.** Partnership with Roberts Wesleyan University this January 2026 on Pathwright, 3 credit hours; covers both Old and New Testaments, ideal for Consecrated Deacon Candidates, \$199 (which includes fee for college credit). Register at [FMC-USA](#). (Offered every semester on Pathwright, in conjunction with RWU semester). **Begins on January 05, 2026** (offered every semester on Pathwright, in conjunction with RWU semester).



Bible (con't)

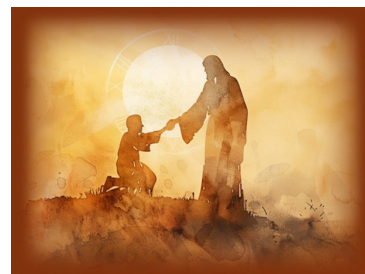
Inductive Bible Study/Hermeneutics

- [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
- [The River Institute/Asbury](#) (annual cohort fall dates in 2026, registration open in August)
- [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#) Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Certificate
- [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
- [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
- [FMC-USA](#), \$165 (multiple instructor choices) [Pathwright Inductive Bible Study Preview](#) Self-paced, 3-8 months to complete (Basic and Advanced options)



Old Testament elective

- “Zechariah” [Online Pastoral Education Center](#), Self-paced, \$150
- “Genesis – OT Inductive Bible Study” Anytime on Pathwright [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Genesis – OT Ind Bible Study Preview](#); self-paced, 3-8 months to complete
- “Minor Prophets – OT Inductive Bible Study” Anytime on Pathwright [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Minor Prophets – OT Ind Bible Study Preview](#); self-paced, 3-8 months to complete.



New Testament elective

- “Acts” [Online Pastoral Education Center](#), Self-paced, \$150
- “Hebrews – NT Inductive Bible Study” [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Hebrews – NT Inductive Bible Study Preview](#); self-paced, 3-8 months to complete
- [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH

Practical Theology

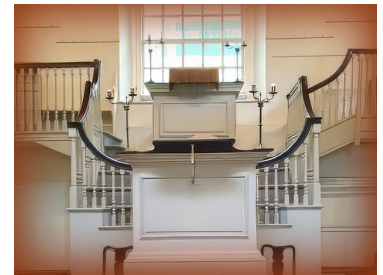
Personal Spiritual Formation

- [The River Institute/Asbury](#) (annual cohort fall dates in 2026, registration open in August)
- [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#) Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Certificate
- [Asbury Latino Center](#)
- **NEW on Pathwright!** [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Spiritual Formation Preview](#); self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- [La Formación Espiritual](#) SPANISH con Dr. Guillermo Flores; on Pathwright and Zoom; \$110, through [FMC-USA](#), cohort offered as needed, contact credentialing@FMcusa.org



Homiletics

- [The River Institute/Asbury](#) (annual cohort fall dates in 2026, registration open in August)
- [Online Pastoral Education Center](#), Self-paced, \$150
- [Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University
- [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#) Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Certificate
- [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
- [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
- [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Homiletics Preview](#); self-paced, up to 8 months to complete



Leadership & Shepherding

- [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Leadership & Shepherding preview](#); self-paced, up to 8 months to complete
- [The Ministry Training Center](#) **Liderazgo** - 1/17; 2/21; 3/21 (**Espanol**) Ofrece en el Centro de Capacitación Ministerial de Metro NY/NJ, 195 Piaget Avenue, Clifton, NJ. Dos sesiones los sábados a partir de las 10:00 a. m. Créditos: 3; Costo: \$100. Plazo de inscripción: 12/28/2025; En persona y remoto en Zoom Instructores: Pastor Elisa Obeso y Pastor Ricardo Obeso. Register online at <https://forms.gle/g1xBsuU2FBFGa2fE6>
Or respond by email to ministrytraining1224@gmail.com or call (973) 772-1660.



Church Administration

- [The River Institute/Asbury](#) (annual cohort fall dates in 2026, registration open in August)
- [Online Pastoral Education Center](#), Self-paced, \$150
- [Aldersgate School of Ministry](#)
- [FMC-USA](#), \$165 [Pathwright Church Administration Preview](#); self-paced, up to 8 months to complete

Practical Theology (con't)

Congregational Spiritual Formation & Pastoral Care

- [The River Institute/Asbury](#) (annual cohort fall dates in 2026, registration open in August)
- [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



Pastoral Care

- [The Ministry Training Center](#) **Cuidado Pastoral 1/17; 2/21; 3/21 (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 10 am Plazo de inscripción: 12/28/2025; En persona y remoto en Zoom Entrenadores: Pastor Diana Kirchhofer, MPS y Pastor William Kirchhofer, D. Min



Evangelism, Community Engagement & Justice

- [Seattle Pacific Seminary](#) Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Certificate
- [Asbury Latino Center](#) SPANISH
- **NEW ON PATHWRIGHT** “[Planter’s Journey \(Mission Igniter\)](#)”, [FMC-USA](#), \$165; self-paced, up to 8 months to complete

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://perspectives.org/find-a-class/> Select class type (in-person, online, intensive) and language (English/Spanish). This is a valuable option for this content area.



Course Offerings By Category & Course

- 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 Feb. 2, 2026 on Pathwright & Zoom, \$110

Ministerial Ethics

(elective for specialization or continuing education)

- [FMC-USA](#), eight-week course begins Jan. 20, 2026 on Pathwright & Zoom, \$165



Trauma-Informed Care

(elective for specialization or continuing education)

- [FMC-USA](#), eight-week course begins March 16, 2026 on Pathwright & Zoom, \$165



Grief & Bereavement

(elective for specialization or continuing education)

- [FMC-USA](#), eight-week course begins May 19, 2026 on Pathwright & Zoom, \$165

Pastoral Crisis Counseling

(elective for specialization or continuing education)

- [FMC-USA](#), eight-week course begins July 20, 2026 on Pathwright & Zoom, \$165



(click on their hyperlink to go to their websites for more information)

[**Aldersgate School of Ministry**](#)

[**Asbury Theological Seminary Latino Center**](#)

[**Central Christian College of Kansas**](#)

[**The Ministry Training Center of Metro NY/NJ**](#)

[Northeastern Seminary](#) at Roberts Wesleyan University

[**Online Pastoral Education Center**](#)

[**The River Institute/Asbury**](#)

[**Seattle Pacific Seminary**](#)

[FMCUSA course descriptions](#) and [course registration](#)

LEADERSHIP CENTER

ReStor(y)

FM Chaplains Association: Chaplaincy Certificate
(5 courses) [course registration](#)





Heart



Head



Hands

The Center for Pastoral Formation FMCUSA compiled a **CHART** that connects the **Outcomes-Based Ordination (OBO)** with the submissions and content areas listed on the credentialing progress paths. 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. *In addition to LMC content areas, Consecrated Deacon Candidates ideally show mastery in Bible and two determined Practical Theology areas.

The chart is divided into three (3) sections: 1. Heart, 2. Head, and 3. Hands. Each section has the five outcomes related to that category (1.1, 1.2... 2.1, 2.2... 3.1, 3.2...). Then each of those **fifteen (15) outcomes** has three (3) further descriptions to give more scope for the outcome. In the white columns, we matched the **submissions** from the LMC and CMC Paths (statements, applications, assessments, reflections, etc.) and **content areas** (the titles of courses FMCUSA offers on Pathwright which would include those of similar focus offered by other institutions). We hope this **CHART** will be used in multiple ways. For example:

- A mentor helping a candidate put together a formation plan could at a glance see what items (submissions or content area courses) will benefit the strengthening of a particular outcome.
- In preparation for a MEG Board interview, reviewers may anticipate that if a candidate has submitted certain items and/or addressed certain content areas, then he/she will demonstrate competency with a particular outcome.
- If after an interview, a candidate demonstrates areas of weakness or need for growth in a particular outcome, MEG Boards may readily make suggestions as to what submissions or content areas to complete or re-address.
- There is direct connection with what is required for ordination (OBO) and what is offered in content area credentialing courses, both on Pathwright and from other institutions.



Heart



Head



Hands

<p>1.1 Characterized by spiritual maturity and a strong sense of call to ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaped by the spiritual disciplines Roots identity and calling firmly in Jesus Christ Models a spirit-led life of holiness 	<p>2.1 Demonstrates biblical understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possesses holistic biblical knowledge; Has a Wesleyan hermeneutic that accepts the authority of scripture Demonstrates ability to root their Wesleyan worldview in the bible 	<p>3.1 Demonstrates fruitfulness in ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a track record of transformational preaching, teaching, and leading Personally and corporately engages in evangelism Able to build and maintain healthy and diverse faith communities
<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of faith MDC application LMC theological assessment CMC theological statements CMC heart reflections 	<p>Bible competency exams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resume or summary of experiences CMC hands reflection References Mentor report
<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to christian doctrine Spiritual formation Systematic theology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FM way Old testament survey New testament survey Journey through the bible (RWU) Wesleyan theology Systematic theology Inductive bible study IBS electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FM way Homiletics Inductive bible study IBS electives Evangelism Planter's journey Theology of worship Cross-cultural experience



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<p>1.2 Demonstrates a high level of self-awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Understands and articulates their strengths and weaknesses · Builds teams around blind spots · Knows how their leadership/communication style impacts both adversely as well as positively 	<p>2.2 Demonstrates a Wesleyan theological integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Knows and embraces the history, polity, articles of religion, and core values of the FMC · Articulates Wesleyan distinctive compellingly · Understands and embraces Wesleyan relational theology 	<p>3.2 Embraces ministry of justice and compassion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Challenges injustice and discrimination wherever it is found · Engages local and global needs of the broken and poor · Continually focuses ministry on the margin, seeking to emancipate all who exist within enslaving systems
<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Personality & leadership assessments · Mentor reports · CMC heart reflections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · LMC theological assessment · CMC theological statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Resume or summary of experiences · CMC hands reflection;
<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Spiritual formation · Leadership & shepherding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · FM way · History & polity of FMC · Wesleyan theology · Systematic theology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · FM way · Justice · Community engagement · Pastoral care · Cross-cultural experience · Perspectives



Heart



Head



Hands

<p>1.3 Lives a well-balanced life that can sustain the demands of ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Attends adequately to physical, emotional, and mental needs · Schedules regular time for play and recreation · Lives a simple life free of unhealthy addiction and compulsion 	<p>2.3 Has a theological education commensurate with ordained ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Has completed undergraduate degree or demonstrates equivalent understanding of life and ministry · Has completed some graduate work in theology or demonstrates theological competence at a graduate level · Models and promotes lifelong learning 	<p>3.3 Operates as a servant leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Promotes the development of others · Serves the local and global church demonstrating cross-cultural competency · Creates healthy ministry environments characterized by safety and non-judgment
<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Background check · Psychological evaluation or ministry fitness · Mentor reports · CMC heart reflections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Transcripts · Resume or summary of experiences · LMC theo assessment · CMC theological statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · References · Mentor report · CMC hands reflection
<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · FM way · Spiritual formation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Introduction to christian doctrine · Wesleyan theology · Systematic theology · Inductive bible study · IBS electives · Continuing education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Congregational spiritual formation · Pastoral care · Leadership and shepherding · Church administration · Cross-cultural experience



Heart



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<p>1.4 Lives a life shaped by love for others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Prioritizes spouse and children (if applicable) · Builds and maintains healthy, close relationships with people inside and outside the church · Cultivates relationships of confession and accountability 	<p>2.4 Has an ecumenical posture towards the church and the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Actively seeks to build and maintain bridges among fellow christian groups · Demonstrates an appreciation for the contribution of other christian traditions while wholeheartedly embracing their own · Demonstrates a growing appreciation for humanity and value for all people regardless of their belief system 	<p>3.4 Empowers others to discover and function within their god-given design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Wholeheartedly supports the role of women in leadership · Facilitates and promotes multicultural community and staff · Actively helps others discover their brilliance
<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Spouse questionnaire · Divorce clearance · Prayer team · Mentor reports · References · CMC heart reflections 	<p>Resume or summary of experiences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Resume or summary of experiences · CMC hands reflection
<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · FM way · Spiritual formation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · FM way · Community engagement · Cross-cultural experience · Perspectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · FM way · History & polity · Cross-cultural experience · Perspectives · Community engagement



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<p>1.5 Models humility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remains teachable and accepts correction when given Maintains a non-defensive posture toward leaders, followers, and peers Willingly seeks the perspective of others 	<p>2.5 Possesses the ability to practically apply learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates an ability to make complex theology understandable to all Demonstrates an ability to find god's redemptive activity in daily life Demonstrates an ability to deepen faith through real-life experience 	<p>3.5 Leads with creativity and vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeks best practices of contextual and culturally relevant ministry Envisions alternatives and successfully leads others towards more creative and effective outcomes Casts compelling vision and develops strategic plans to accomplish it
<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>	<p>Submissions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership LMC license Formation plans Mentor reports Instructor evaluations References CMC heart reflections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resume or summary of experiences LMC Theo assessment Mentor reports References CMC theological statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transcripts Resume or summary of experiences CMC hands reflection
<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>	<p>Content areas</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spiritual formation Leadership & shepherding Church administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to christian doctrine History & polity Wesleyan theology Systematic theology Inductive bible study IBS electives Homiletics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership & shepherding Church administration Community engagement Cross-cultural experience Theology of worship