



Course Overview:

Course Scope

This course surveys the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), from its founding two centuries ago to its contemporary witness, expressions, challenges, and promises.

Critical and Pastoral Emphasis

Emphasis is placed on the context of North American Christianity, the interaction of the church with the wider culture, and the denomination's cooperation with, and resistance to, colonialism and racism. Hence, the course provides a critical examination of the history. Alongside this approach, the course is simultaneously pastoral in its intent, focusing on the usefulness of Disciples history for understanding the denomination's current contours, strengths, and areas of needed reform.

Contemporary Implications

The course explores the present functioning of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in its congregational, regional, general, and ecumenical expressions. An analysis of the theological roots and posture of the Disciples tradition (and Restoration traditions) is offered, as well as a discussion of the missional status, directions and projections of Disciples as a movement.



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History & Polity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Understanding Our Disciples Heritage



presented by DSF

When & Where:

August 10-13, 2022



Location:
Online



Days & Times:

Wed. - Fri., 5-7PM (PST)

Sat. 10AM-12PM; 1-3PM (PST)

Instructor:

Rev. Belva Brown Jordan



Tuition:

Certification* \$300

Continuing Education (1.5 CEU) \$150

* Successful completion of this class fulfills History and Polity course requirements for the PSWR, OR-SWI, Northern Lights, AZ, and possibly other regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Disciples Seminary Foundation will issue a certificate of course completion upon successful completion of all course requirements and approval by the instructor.



Sarah Lou Bostick, the first African American woman ordained in the Disciples (in 1892)

Course Textbooks:

Sandhya Jha. *Room at the Table: Struggle for Unity and Equality in Disciples History.* Chalice Press, 2009.

Ronald E. Osborn. *The Faith We Affirm: Basic Beliefs of Disciples of Christ.* Chalice Press, 1979. (A Spanish translation is also available)

Mark G. Toulouse, Gary Holloway, and Douglas A. Foster. *Renewing Christian Unity: A Concise History of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).* ACU Press, 2011.

Additional shorter readings (magazine articles, essays, etc.) will be distributed to the student after they register.

Language:

This class is taught in English, although the student is permitted, if they choose, to read the required readings in another language, if available.

Registration:



To register or pay by mail:

Mail a check to cover tuition costs (payable to "Disciples Seminary Foundation") to the DSF office in Fullerton (115 E. Wilshire Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832) and write "History & Polity" in the memo line.



To register or pay online:

Go to www.dsf.edu/history-polity and click the "register" or "pay" button.



For more information:

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