

# FOUNDATIONS FOR LIVING STONES FORMATION PROGRAM

## SEQUENCE OF COURSES

### Foundations for Living Stones Formation Sessions

Opening Session.....	1 session
Orientation.....	1 session
Human Development & Communication .....	5 sessions
Introduction to Theology.....	1 session
Theological Reflection 1.....	1 session
Hebrew Scriptures.....	6 sessions
Theological Reflection 2.....	1 session
Christian Scriptures.....	6 sessions
Theological Reflection 3.....	1 session
Church History .....	6 sessions
Theological Reflection 4.....	1 session
Sacraments and Prayer.....	6 sessions
Closing Session.....	1 session

### What is the Living Stones Formation Program?

- nine-month formation program for pastoral ministry
- basic adult learning program to develop ministry and leadership

### When does it begin?

- Opening session in September

### How long will it last?

- An Opening session in early September and a Closing session in early June
- 37 weekly sessions from September through early early June
- Day of the week is Tuesday Evenings from 7-9:30 pm.
- Cost is \$300 for the year, which includes tuition, handouts and books, except for the purchase of a study bible, if you choose to purchase one. (For those needing it, financial help is available.)

**Foundations for Living Stones Formation Program  
Dates and Sequence of Courses  
Tuesday Evenings 7-9:30 PM, 2017-2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>Sept 9 (Sat AM)</b>	<b>Opening Session (Saturday 9 AM-Noon)</b>	1
<b>September 12</b>	<b>Orientation</b>	2
September 19	Human Development/Communication 1	3
September 26	Human Development/Communication 2	4
October 3	Human Development/Communication 3	5
October 10	Human Development/Communication 4	6
October 17	Human Development/Communication 5	7
October 24	Introduction to Theology	8
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Theological Reflection 1</b>	9
November 7	Hebrew Scripture 1	10
November 14	Hebrew Scripture 2	11
<b>November 21</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break (No Class)</b>	
November 28	Hebrew Scripture 3	12
December 5	Hebrew Scripture 4	13
<b>Saturday AM Dec 9, 9-11:30</b>	<b>Snow Day Makeup if needed</b>	
December 12	Hebrew Scripture 5	14
December 19	Hebrew Scripture 6	15
<b>Dec 26 &amp; Jan 2</b>	<b>Christmas Break (No Class)</b>	
<b>January 9</b>	<b>Theological Reflection 2</b>	16
January 16	Christian Scripture 1	17
<b>Saturday AM Jan 20, 9-11:30</b>	<b>Snow Day Makeup if needed</b>	
January 23	Christian Scripture 2	18
January 30	Christian Scripture 3	19

February 6	Christian Scripture 4	20
<b>Saturday AM Feb 10, 9-11:30</b>	<b>Snow Day Makeup if needed</b>	
February 13	Christian Scripture 5	21
February 20	Christian Scripture 6	22
<b>February 27</b>	<b>Theological Reflection 3</b>	23
March 6	Church History 1	24
March 13	Church History 2	25
March 20	Church History 3	26
March 27	Church History 4	27
April 3	Church History 5	28
April 10	Church History 6	29
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Theological Reflection 4</b>	30
April 24	Sacraments and Prayer 1	31
May 1	Sacraments and Prayer 2	32
May 8	Sacraments and Prayer 3	33
May 15	Sacraments and Prayer 4	34
May 22	Sacraments and Prayer 5	35
May 29	Sacraments and Prayer 6	36
June 5	Closing Session	37

## Foundations for Living Stones -- List of Required Texts:

### Human Development/Communications 1

- READING LIST**
- “How God Invites Us to Grow”** (CU1087) – Rev. Richard J. Sweeney
  - “The ‘Peaceable Realm’ as a Vision of an Ideal Multicultural Community”**  
– Eric H.F. Law. Chapter 1 from *The Wolf Shall Dwell With the Lamb: A Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community*, Chalice Press, 1993.
  - “Spiritual Consensus: A Way of Coming Together in Christ”** – Suzanne G. Farnham, Stephanie A. Hull and R. Taylor McLean. From *Grounded in God: Listening Hearts Discernment for Group Deliberations*, Morehouse Publishing, 1996.
  - “Stages of Community-Making”** – M. Scott Peck, M.D., P.C.  
Chapter V reprint from *The Different Drum*, Simon and Schuster, 1987.
  - “Ten Commandments for ‘Fighting Fair’ ”** (CU0188) – Lisa Engelhardt
  - “White Privilege – the Flip Side of Racial Equality”** – Robert Jensen  
From *Kansas City Hispanic News*, December 30, 1999.
  - “White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack”** – Peggy McIntosh  
Peggy McIntosh, Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, 1988.
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### Hebrew Scripture

- READING LIST**
- Reading the Old Testament*** Second Edition – Lawrence Boadt, New York: Paulist Press, 2012.
  - “Prophecy in the Feminine”** – Jean-Pierre Prévost. From *How to Read the Prophets*, Continuum Publishing Company, New York, 1997.
  - “A Comparison of Prophecy and Apocalyptic”** – a compilation of sources.
  - The Bible:** any translation of the Bible that you currently use and feel comfortable with, except the *Living Bible*, *The Way*, or *The Book*.
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### Christian Scriptures

- READING LIST**
- Reading the New Testament: An Introduction*** Third Edition – Pheme Perkins, New York: Paulist Press, 2012.
  - The Bible:** any translation of the Bible that you currently use and feel comfortable with, except the *Living Bible*, *The Way*, or *The Book*
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## Church 1

- READING *Pilgrim Church* – William Bausch. Mystic, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 1989.
- LIST “Vatican II Reform – The Basic Principles” – Avery Dulles. From *Church Magazine*, National Pastoral Life Center, New York, 1985.
- “The Church as Community of Disciples: The Thesis” – Avery Dulles. From *A Church to Believe In*, Crossroad Publishing, New York, 1987.
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## Sacraments and Prayer

- READING *Sacraments: A NEW Understanding for a NEW Generation* (Book and CD)  
LIST by Ray R. Noll, Twenty-Third Publications, 1999
- Foundations in Faith: Handbook on Prayer* by Donna Steffen, RCL.
- “Grace: Our Love Relationship with God” – *Catholic Update*, CU0577.
- “Give Thanks and Praise: A Popular Explanation of the Mass”  
– ten bulletin inserts published by Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, 1987.