

# Pastoral Care Ministry

The Pastoral Care Minister serves with the clergy to co-coordinate the pastoral care ministries of the congregation. In the name of the Church, the Pastoral Care Minister may visit individuals in hospitals, nursing homes, homes, prisons or other institutions.

## Pastoral Care I and II

Pastoral Care I and II are the required initial courses for canonical licensure as a Pastoral Leader: Pastoral Care Minister. The additional courses required for licensure include Scripture, Theology, Church History, Liturgy, and Spiritual Formation. Pastoral Care I and II are open to anyone; participants may choose to come for one day (based on interest in the specific content of that day) or to attend the entire four-Saturday sequence.

Those seeking canonical licensure as a Pastoral Leader: Pastoral Care Minister must attend all four Saturdays. However, attendance is not limited to those who are interested in serving their congregations as a licensed Pastoral Care Minister.

## A Pastoral Care Minister

- Is familiar with Scripture, Christian theology and spirituality, and Church history
- Understands Biblical and theological resources as they apply to suffering and healing
- Has insight into the needs of the elderly, sick, dying, bereaved, and disabled, and the challenges posed to their loved ones and caregivers during these times of transition
- Demonstrates warmth and caring for the worshipping community and love and reverence for God
- Listens with empathy & compassion
- Practices self-care to avoid burnout and the temptation to rescue and/or fix
- Avoids entering situations in a domineering and controlling manner
- Keeps what he or she learns in pastoral contexts in appropriate confidence
- Keeps a Rule of Life that promotes familiarity with Holy Scripture and a developing relationship with God



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# Pastoral Care 2016-2017



*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.*

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

## Pastoral Care I

### First Saturday: November 5, 2016

The course begins with a basic introduction to the theological, spiritual, and biblical framework for pastoral care and character. There will be some training for visitation of the sick and drawing upon community resources, and there will be time for reflection on the challenges and gifts of this ministry. Participants explore the idea of a "Rule of Life." This is intended to be a consciously chosen way of living that will support a ministry of caring holistically for others and for ourselves.

### Second Saturday: December 3, 2016

Ethical and boundary issues will be the focus of this day, along with pastoral responses to marriage and family issues. Participants will work with case studies and do role-playing as part of the learning experience.

All classes are held from  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at  
Diocesan Ministry Center  
1064 Brighton Road  
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Please bring your lunch because the break will be short. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

## Pastoral Care II

### Third Saturday: January 7, 2017

Pastoral responses to different stages of life, including death and dying, will be the topic of this day. Particular attention will also be given to the pastoral needs of those aged 12 to 25.

### Fourth Saturday: February 4, 2017

The course ends with study of the theological, spiritual, and psychological framework for responding to addictions, including chemical and non-chemical dependency, behavior addictions, nondomestic abuse, and elder abuse.

*Study and discussion of Theology, Scripture, and spiritual practices will be woven throughout the four days. Each day will be team taught. There are at least twelve different 'voices' representing lay ministers, deacons, priests, and different denominations. Role playing, case studies, prayer, and personal reflection on a Rule of Life continue throughout each Saturday.*

The fee for Pastoral Care I & II is \$200 for those in licensure track, which includes the cost of the texts. The fee for those auditing is \$100 but does not include books.

Register with the form at the right or online at [www.bit.ly/pcare1617](http://www.bit.ly/pcare1617)

Questions? Contact Alice Brown at [alicebrown@episcopalwny.org](mailto:alicebrown@episcopalwny.org) or 716-881-0660 ext. 12

### Pastoral Care Registration Form

Use this form or register online at [www.bit.ly/pcare1617](http://www.bit.ly/pcare1617)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name/location of  
Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to receive a Pastoral Care License, and I have the support of my Rector or Wardens.

Congregations are encouraged share in the cost of the course for members pursuing a diocesan license. Total cost for these courses: \$200

Congregation's share of cost enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_

Individual's share of cost enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed (must equal \$200.00) \$\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in Pastoral Care but I do not wish to receive a license. The \$25 fee per class for auditing does not include the cost of the books. I would like to take the following sessions:

November 5 @ \$25

December 3 @ \$25

January 7 @ \$25

February 4 @ \$25

Total Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_

**Questions?** Call 716-881-0660

Mail completed registration form with full payment to:  
**Ms. Alice Brown, Episcopal Diocese of WNY, 1064  
Brighton Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150**

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016