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SMU Perkins School
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2023-24



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June 26: Testimony HQ Cohort #3, Applications Due

Discover the power of testimony to engage your community. Learn



alongside a cohort of churches led by a team of passionate experts. The community needs your story! Visit testimonyhq.com for more information.

Request a Reboot Youth Ministry Starter Guide

Reboot Youth Ministry Initiative is dedicated to equipping churches with an innovative, integrated “whole church” approach to youth ministry. For free resources and fresh ideas, visit rebootyouthministry.com and request a Reboot Starter Guide.



Elevate Your Preaching with Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence

Let Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie, Director of the Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence, and her team take your preaching to the next level. Now in its 10th year of fulfilling its mission to “enhance transformative preaching in local congregations,” the Center offers a combination of webinars, publication, in-person workshops and online resources. Visit pcpe.smu.edu to learn more.



October 2023: Launch of Certificate in Spiritual Direction Arkansas Retreat Cohort

This special retreat-based cohort will meet four times at Mount Eagle Retreat Center in Clinton, Arkansas, between October 2023 and June 2025. Email theoexternalprograms@smu.edu for details.

Perkins 2023 Convo

November 13-14: Perkins Fall Convocation on How We Engage the Bible

Engage with lecturers, panelists, authors and workshop leaders at this annual continuing education event for clergy, church staff and laity. Enjoy two days of learning, conversation and worship as we consider the varying lenses and perspectives by which we read the Bible. To learn more and request email updates, visit smu.edu/perkins/fc23.

November 15: Certificate in Practical Ministry Program, Applications Due

Get specialized training in relevant, applicable, practical knowledge that informs and empowers your life-long spiritual journey and ministry. Enroll in individual courses or a full certificate course load to nurture your passions or assist you in achieving a professional goal. You can find more information at smu.edu/perkins/cpm.



November 30-December 1: Annual Spiritual Direction Continuing Education Workshop

Join the Perkins spiritual direction community — from the curious to the seasoned — for a two-day workshop. Each year, a relevant, insightful topic supporting the work of spiritual directors is presented. Request email updates regarding this year’s workshop through the QR code at top left.



January 8-13, 2024: Courses and Certificates in Practical Ministry January Term Class Session

The CPM program consists of five, two-hour graduate-level courses designed to equip students for specialized practical ministry in their church or community context. Learn more at smu.edu/perkins/cpm.



January 8-10, 2024: Perkins School of Youth Ministry

Spanning four decades of youth ministry training, we’re a trusted partner for congregations and leaders investing in young people. Every January, you’ll find pastors, age-ministry veterans, college interns, ministry volunteers, seminarians, respected authors and academic researchers all gathered together in our shared spaces to learn, grow and connect. From the “Foundations” curriculum for newbies, fresh starts and volunteers, to a wide range of specialized workshop offerings for seasoned ministry leaders, PSYM equips all who serve their church and community. Visit perkinsyouth.com for more information.



February 28, 2024: Certificate In Spiritual Direction Cohort #35, Applications Due

Become a mentor in the Christian way of life and help others find the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives. New cohorts form twice a year. Visit smu.edu/perkins/csd or call 214-768-3664 to learn more.

March 21-23, 2024: Perkins Summit for Faith & Learning

Don’t miss this annual event offering continuing education courses on the Bible, theology and spirituality to inspire growth in knowledge and faith practices. Taught by Perkins faculty and esteemed guests, a variety of classes are offered to suit varying schedules and interests. Go to smu.edu/perkins/oeupdates and select “Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning” to receive updates regarding event details and registration or visit smu.edu/perkins/summit.

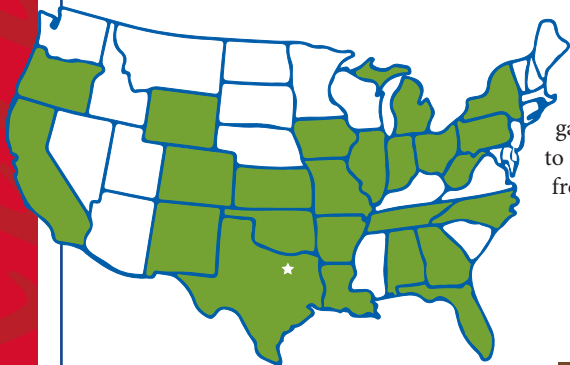


Find a wealth of resources from the Perkins Video Library at smu.edu/perkins/oe recordings



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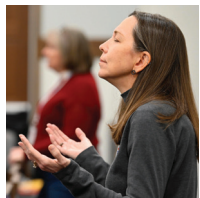
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Participants in our
2022-23 annual
gatherings were able
to connect with peers
from across 23 states
and 30 United
Methodist Annual
Conferences.

“Fall Convocation provided food for my soul
and nourishment for my mind, along with
some joyful, heart-felt and creative
worship experiences.”

Rev. Cheryl Scramuzza (M. Div. '18)



Exploring the beauty that cultural differences
play in our community, ministry, and family
history allowed me to understand our
neighbors a little more profoundly.

LaShaunda Calahan (M.T.S. '17)



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Courses & Certificates
for Practical Ministry

The Perkins Courses and Certificate Program is designed for students to engage with the curriculum at a pace that **fits their work and life schedule.**

Empower your ministry. Nurture your passions.

The Perkins Courses and Certificate in Practical Ministry is designed for non-credit students looking for specialized training in relevant, applicable, practical knowledge.

The full CPM program consists of five, two-hour graduate-level courses that will equip students for specialized practical ministry in their church or community context. Student studies include three core courses in theology, Bible and leadership and two additional courses in specialized instruction to fulfill each unique certificate. Courses will take place during January and May terms.

Single courses that support unique ministries and passions also can be taken a la carte without committing to a full certificate course load.

Visit smu.edu/perkins/cpm to explore core curriculum, ministry specializations and other options.