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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
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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 workshops, publications, in-person resources and online resources. Visit pepc.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 2024. Email theoexternalprograms@smu.edu for details.

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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 lay. 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/23.

November 15: Certificate in Practical Ministry Program, Applications Due
Gain specialized training in relevant, applicable, practical knowledge that informs and empowers your life-long spiritual journey and ministry. Each individual course or a full certificate course lead to nurture your passion 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 at smu.edu/perkinsyouth.com.

February 28, 2024: Certificate In Spiritual Direction Cohort #23, 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 pcpe.smu.edu/ for more information.

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 external experts, a variety of classes are offered to suit varying schedules and interests. Go to smu.edu/perkins/sogupdates and select “Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning” to receive updates regarding event details and registration or visit smu.edu/perkins/summit for details.

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