

Life Long Learning Classes:

The Church in a Digital Age

Dates: Mondays,
Sept. 12–Dec. 12*

Time: 6–8:45 p.m.

Location: TBD

Cost: \$300

A reduced rate of \$150 is available for alumni/ae and clergy.



Course Description: *Time* magazine refers to social media and the internet as having changed the way human beings relate to one another “on a species-wide scale.” In less than seven years, Facebook alone has connected more than a twelfth of humanity into a single network, creating new ways of negotiating identity, community, and communication. This course will explore the impact of social media and the internet on church and society. The course will combine “case explorations,” emphasizing the acquisition of practical skills for leveraging technologies to enhance ministry, community building, and education, combined with critical reflection on the impact of technology on spirituality and morality. The course will also examine contemporary working models, particularly in the Church, education, and politics, against the backdrop of history (i.e., the historical shifts in Church practices and theologies brought about by different technological advancements). This experimental course will entail a lot of online and small group cooperation. The intent of the course is to explore possibilities and limitations of carrying out the mission of the Church in a digital age.

Requirements: Although there are no prerequisites for the course, it is highly recommended that students have regular access to high speed internet and a webcam to participate in small group and individual activities outside of the classroom. Please note that this course is not a Hybrid or Distance Learning course, but as this is a course on the use of technology, a pedagogy of immersion will be employed. A significant portion of course meetings will be “virtual” and not actually “in class.”

Instructors: PROF. DAVID YOON-JUNG KIM AND PHILLIP PHANEUF

Presenters: DAVID YOON-JUNG KIM, TH.D., HARVARD UNIVERSITY, *Arthur J. Gosnell Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics*; PHILIP PHANEUF, M. DIV., CRCDS, *Pastor of Youth and Young Adults, Asbury First United Methodist Church*

*No class on October 10. Contact Polly Bush in Admissions, 585-340-9500 or admissions@crcds.edu.

Interfaith Dialogue: Christian Responses to Religious Pluralism

Dates: Tuesdays,
Sept. 6–Dec. 13*

Time: 6–8:45 p.m.

Location: TBD

Cost: \$300

A reduced rate of \$150 is available for alumni/ae and clergy.



Interfaith dialogue is increasingly common and critical in our multi-religious, pluralistic world. This course will examine the history of interfaith dialogue and Christian Theologies of Religious Pluralism. The course will then engage specific issues for interfaith dialogue between Christians and our two Abrahamic faith siblings, Judaism and Islam, as well as Christian Buddhist and Christian Hindu dialogue. The course will include guest speakers from other religious traditions and/or site visits to places of worship in other traditions or participation in ongoing interfaith dialogues in the local community. We will consider practical ways to make interfaith dialogue an integral part of our lives as Christians, both as leaders and lay members of our various pluralistic communities, considering implications for preaching and for lay education in our churches and Christian communities.

Presenter: C. DENISE YARBROUGH, D. MIN., *Faculty Associate, Interfaith Studies, Director, Gene Bennett Program for Life Long Learning, Director, Anglican Studies*

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The Lectionary at Lunch:

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Dates:
Wednesdays,
Sept. 7 – Dec. 14

Time: Noon–1 p.m.

Location: CRCDS,
Stewart Lounge

Cost: Free



Preachers and prospective preachers gather to reflect on the Common Lectionary Scriptures for the coming week. Participants may bring their lunch to the gatherings. Certificates are available for those who attend a certain number of meetings over the course of the semester.

Facilitator: BARBARA MOORE, RSM, D.MIN, CRCDS, *Interim Dean of Women and Gender Studies*

Dr. Moore is a Faculty Associate who teaches in both Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School’s Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree programs.