



ACADEMY FOR VITAL CHRISTIANITY

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Are you interested in...

- **deepening** your faith and broadening your knowledge of the Christian faith?
- **enhancing** your participation in the church?
- **expanding** or renewing your capacity for service?

Consider taking an Academy for Vital Christianity class!



What are people saying about the Academy?

"The class blew my socks off! ... I came away from the class excited and greatly humbled. I am hungry and thirsty for more."
– John Stedman, First Presbyterian, Eau Claire WI

"When I learned about the Academy for Vital Christianity, I thought 'Two Saturday classes? I can do this!'" – Amy Rostron-Ledoux, Oakdale MN

What is the cost?

Fees range from \$70 to \$240, depending on the number of contact hours. Costs for reading materials or occasional incidentals are not included. Scholarships may be available through your denomination or church.

Academy classes are held throughout the state of Minnesota and the Twin Cities metropolitan area. For a complete list of classes and all class descriptions, see our Web site at www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp.

Lakeland ACADEMY CLASS

FALL 2010-2011

What does the Bible have to do with Life Today?
..... St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church

Many of us are uncomfortable with theological arguments that end: "the Bible says it, I believe it, and that settles it." In this class we will return to the basics about what the Bible is, how it came into being, and how to approach it honoring both faith and reason. We will address concerns related to texts that have been used to hurt or alienate different groups in society. We will learn how to read the Bible in a way that acknowledges the contexts in which it was written and doesn't attempt to impose the world we live in today on the world in which it was written.

Instructor: Neil Elliott

Dates: Thursdays, October 7, 14, 28; November 4, 11

Times: 7:00-9:00 PM

Cost: Register using this bulletin insert and receive the \$175 registration rate (*versus* \$225.00), regardless of your date of registration.

REGISTRATION

Or register online at www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp

Name _____

Address _____

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Denomination _____

Class Choice

___ What does the Bible have to do with Life Today?

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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