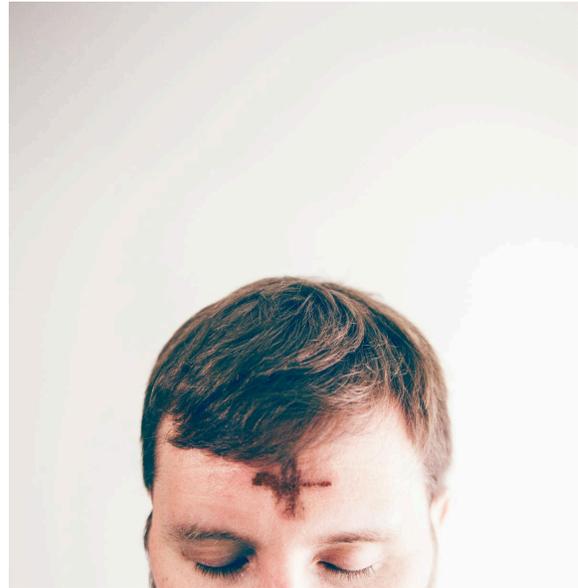


Keeping a Holy Lent With BeADisciple

Greetings, friend!

I've been thinking a lot this week about keeping a holy Lent. For some of us, the practices of "giving something up" or "adding something" are routine exercises that help us remember Christ's suffering and sacrifice and grow closer to God by focusing on God's blessings or removing distractions that prevent us from doing so. For some, creating space for self-reflection and examining the heart bring new insights and spiritual growth. Asking God to show us our faults and giving us grace to fix them brings us ever closer to right relationship with God and with others.



If this season has you hungry for learning and growing closer to God, we're here to support you with robust courses, engaged instructors, and a community of faithful peers.

May God bless you in this Lenten season as we await the triumph of Christ's resurrection.

Peace,

Lori Richey
Director of Online Education, Institute for Discipleship



Be an Ambassador for BeADisciple!

Have you taken or taught at least one course with BeADisciple? Will you be attending an annual conference session or other denominational gathering in 2026? If so, we need your help! If you are willing to share about BeADisciple with others at your conference, let us know by completing the form [at this link](#). We will provide you with supplies that will help you tell others about BeADisciple.

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Enroll Now in These Highlighted Courses



Campus Ministry: Empowering Congregations to Support Students

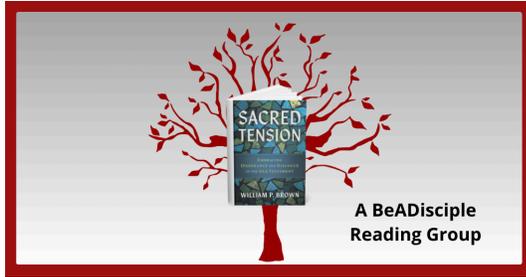
(Updated and Revised Content)

March 2 - 13

God is calling your church to engage with and minister to college and graduate students in your area — is your church ready to create a nurturing environment and support them during this crucial time in their lives?

This course, which has been updated and revised, will help you gain a clear and intentional understanding of the needs of college students, the context of your congregation's location and commitment within the landscape of a college or university, and how to partner with established campus ministries. It will help lay servants understand and communicate the key role played by local churches in nourishing the spiritual lives of college students through campus ministries. You also will learn how to create genuine relationships and foster ongoing faith formation, gaining tools to empower your congregation to create a campus partnership that will make a difference in these students' lives.

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'Sacred Tension' Reading Group ***April 6 - May 15***

This six-week course is designed for learners who want to read William P. Brown's book *Sacred Tension* in community with an instructor and other learners. The course will provide a schedule for reading the book so you can read and reflect on the material throughout the week, then share your reflections with others. It may be of special interest if you have taken the "Teaching Sacred Tension to Local Congregations" course, allowing you to familiarize yourself with the whole book before leading a course in your local church.

This will be a comfortable and relaxed approach to reading the book while still having dialogue with others. You will learn how to view the different perspectives in Scripture as a dialogue instead of contradiction or errors.

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Enroll in Upcoming Lay Servant Ministry Courses

Each of these courses has been approved by Discipleship Ministries as an advanced Lay Servant Ministries course, but enrollment is not limited to those needing LSM credit. All learners are welcome.

Beginning March 2:

****Campus Ministry: Empowering Congregations to Support Students***

Teaching Sacred Tension in Local Congregations

Leading Bible Study: Biblical Interpretation

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

Teach Adults (Flexible Schedule)

Beginning March 9

Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders

Biblical Storytelling 1

Beginning March 16

Transforming Evangelism

Ministry With People Living With Dementia

Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century

Beginning April 6

Embracing Personal Prayer

Beginning April 13

Leading Public Prayer

Class Leaders: Recovering a Tradition

Loving People and Planet in the Name of God

Beginning April 20

Afire With God: Becoming Spirited Stewards

Beginning April 27

Leading Missional Small Groups

****New Course***

Certified Lay Ministry Courses Continue

If you are seeking certification as a ***Certified Lay Minister*** in the United Methodist church, check out these upcoming dates. Be sure to read the ***CLM page*** for pre-course requirements, which include passwords for the advanced modules.

These CLM Modules begin in February and are enrolling now:

CLM Module 1: Call and Covenant for Ministry (April 27 - May 10)

CLM Module 2: The Practice of Ministry (March 16 - April 5)

CLM Module 3: Organization for Ministry (March 23 - April 5)

CLM Module 4: Connection for Ministry (March 16 - 29)

Wesley Academy Offers Theologically Rich Courses

The Wesley Academy for Advanced Christian Studies — created in partnership with Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. — has created courses and educational materials that are theologically rich and deep. Anyone — lay or clergy — can enroll in any of the courses available from the Wesley Academy, and if desired, can earn a certification in Advanced Christian Studies. For more information, click ***here***.

These Wesley Academy courses begin soon and are enrolling now:

March 2 - April 17: A Life Worthy of the Gospel

April 6 - May 29: Journey Through the Psalms

April 20 - June 12: Methodist Identity: Our Beliefs

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