

Public Announcement About The Appalachian Local Pastors School and Memphis/Tennessee/Holston Extension Course of Study

The Appalachian Local Pastors School and the Memphis/Tennessee/Holston Extension Course of Study have been merged into a single extension course of study program. Dr. Barbara Nye is the director of the new program.

These two programs have been extension course of study schools under the oversight of the Emory Regional Course of Study, directed by Dr. Anne Burkholder, Associate Dean of Methodist Studies, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

A new Board of Managers is in the process of being formed and this group will make decisions about a new name and future fees and site locations for the program. In the meantime, the schedule is set, as has been publicized through 2015.

A task force of representatives from the Red Bird, Kentucky, Memphis, Tennessee, and Holston conferences, named by the separate Boards of Managers of the two programs made this decision. The Council of Directors of Regional Courses of Study schools that serves under the Division of Ministry of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the GBHEM Division of Ministry confirmed the decision. Bishops of all four conferences were kept informed during the process.

The merger is intended to facilitate the theological education of part-time local pastors through centralized leadership, strengthened faculty, more efficient procedures, and better use of financial resources and recognizes the legacy of both programs and the commitment of these Annual Conferences and Boards of Managers to the Course of Study program.

Continue to send ALPS course registrations to:

ALPS c/o Michael Deweese, Registrar Christ UMC 508 Franklin Road Franklin, TN 37069

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