

What's next?

ACTS is...

.. a brand new course of study, initiated by a group of pastors, laypersons and regional staff from CCNC-N. While the details of the program are still in the planning stages, the ACTS team has made several commitments in the direction of this program, such as:

- Having courses offered at multiple locations across the region, and online.
- Targeting courses specifically for lay people - for example Bible 101, History of Disciples of Christ, Learning to Pray Effectively.
- Launching the initial course offering in Fall 2009.
- Formatting courses differently depending on subject matter.
- Courses fees to be kept as reasonable as possible while still retaining high quality instructors. Our goal is between \$50-\$100 depending on class size and class duration.

ACTS certification

Many people will want to take the available classes for their own personal growth. However, for people who are lay leaders in their congregations, or people who want to grow into leaders, there's another option: **taking the ACTS curriculum for certification!** Here's how it works:

- Take nine "core courses" (one offered each fall, winter and spring over a multiple year period)
- Take at least one "optional course" (one offered each summer)

NOTE: This does not need to be accomplished in three years. Three years is a minimum time for completion.

Upon completion, you will receive a certificate of completion of the ACTS curriculum. (Completion of this curriculum will equip you for lay leadership and may be a first step for people considering licensed ministry.)

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... a program which will offer a series of practical and spiritual courses, classes and retreats, in a variety of settings, delivered around the region and online. It's designed for both beginners and for people who are already leaders in their congregation who want to lead even better. The courses will be taught by both clergy and laypeople experienced in their fields.

"It's an opportunity to answer questions about your personal direction, your mission."

"It's a series of classes designed to help you grow broader and deeper in your faith and leadership."

"It's your chance to choose to be a part of the big new thing that the disciples are becoming and to learn more about your role/place in that big new thing."

What is ACTS?

ACTS is ...

- Equipping
- Engaging
- Learning
- Enlightening
- Introducing
- Answering
- Conversing
- Deepening
- Broadening
- Encouraging
- Interpreting
- Enabling
- Inviting

" It's going back to the simple – going back to our traditions, to the Bible, to our Christian basics, the fundamentals of our faith."

"It's how do we apply the fundamentals (the Bible, the basics) to today's mission. How do we move into the new mission without leaving aside the traditions, but instead building on them?"

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Tentative Course Offerings for the 2009-2010 year:

- DOC HISTORY, FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH (Fall 2009)
- SPIRITUAL PRACTICES (Winter 2009)
- ADMINISTRY Administrative Ministry (Spring 2010)
- CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION (optional: Summer 2010)

" It's a wonderful opportunity to discuss and explore with congregations the ideas floating around over the last 20 years of Christian conversation."

"It's helping the priesthood of all believers truly become the priesthood of all believers."

"It's an opportunity to gain tools to develop the gifts and graces of individual ministry."