

CONGREGATION-BASED CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION
SAMARITAN PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER
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Congregation-Based CPE Classes – Fall 2011 and Spring 2012
Fall-Winter in Buffalo – Spring in Rochester

Congregation-Based Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) teaches pastoral care, pastoral leadership, and systems theory for clergy and lay ministers in the church. It is designed for experienced pastors, lay workers, and ministers and seminarians new to pastoral work. Clergy and lay ministers strengthen pastoral and leadership skills, creatively address tension and conflict in the church, and work on their own personal growth in ministry. The program focuses on in depth systemic change and leadership development that reduces congregational anxiety and addresses long-term issues in the church.

CPE Class Locations: (1) Buffalo, NY – December 2011-April 2012: one day/week
(2) Rochester, NY – February-June 2012: two days every other week
The application form can be found on the CPE web site listed above.

Congregation-Based CPE includes three creative components:

- Emphasis on pastoral and leadership issues and use of self in ministry.
- Consultation on ministry and theological reflection using the case study CPE format.
- Application of Bowen Family Systems Theory to congregational life.

Participants use their experience in their own churches and other settings as the “clinical material” for learning in the small group process of five to eight students under supervision. The program explores the dynamics of the congregation using the systems theory developed by Dr. Murray Bowen and applied to church leadership by Dr. Edwin Friedman. Participants explore how their position in their family of origin impacts their use of self in ministry, and they work to manage anxiety and maximize strengths.

The CPE program curriculum includes (1) case material from congregational ministry, (2) family of origin work, (3) presentations and discussions on systems theory, theology, and pastoral ministry, and (4) group reflection time designed to strengthen ministry. Contact Rev. Robert Spilman for further information.

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