

Spring Term 2026 Term Begins February 25, 2026
Second Session Begins April 1, 2026
Spring Term Ends May 5, 2026

Ministerial Preparatory Classes

First Session (2/25/26 – 4/1/26)

F1100 Unity Foundations (prev F1000) Vernelle Nelson

Required Texts

***Discover the Power Within You*, Butterworth, Eric, New York: Harper One, 2008**

***Lessons in Truth*, Cady, Emilie. Unity Village: Unity, 1894**

***The Revealing Word*, Fillmore, Charles. Unity Village: Unity, 1959**

Additional Reading

***How I Used Truth*, Cady, Emilie, Whitefish, Mt: Kessinger Publications, 2010**

***God A Present Help*, Cady, Emilie, Unity School of Christianity, 1940**

***Sermon on the Mount*, Fox, Emmet, New York: Harper Collins, 1989**

***The Next Testament A Story of Regeneration*, Thomas, Catherine, Amazon.com, 2018**

F1103 Unity Prayer (prev F1023) Sandy Boyer

Required Texts

***How to Let God Help You*, Fillmore, Myrtle, Unity Village (available online and for free at <http://www.truthunity.net/books/myrtle-fillmore-how-to-let-god-help-you>**

***How to Pray Without Talking to God*, Martella-Whitsell, Linda, Charlottesville VA, Hampton Roads Publishing, 2011**

F1106 Prosperity (prev F1042) Sandy Boyer

***Prosperity*, Fillmore, Charles, Lee's Summit, MO: Unity School of Christianity, 1953.**

***Spiritual Economics, The Principles and Process of True Prosperity*, Butterworth, Eric, Unity Village, MO: Unity School of Christianity, 1983.**

F1113 Metaphysics 3 (prev F1039) Ytonna Finnegan
Pre-requisite F1111, F1112

Required Texts

***Heart-Centered Metaphysics, A Deeper Look at Unity Teachings*; Hasselbeck, Paul, Unity Village, MO; Unity, 2010**

Additional Reading (not required by helpful)

***The Revealing Word*. Fillmore, Charles, Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1959,**

***Metaphysical Bible Dictionary*, Charles Fillmore Reference Library, 26th print 2011**

F1112 The Christ (prev F1006) Vernelle Nelson
Pre-requisite F1123

Required Texts

***RSV or NRSV version of the Bible*, (preferably an annotated version such as the New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha)**

***Metaphysical Bible Dictionary*, Unity Books, Unity Village, Missouri.**

***Revealing Word*, Unity Books, Unity Village, Missouri.**

Additional Reading

Don't Know Much About the Bible, Kenneth C. Davis, Avon Books, New York. 1998.

Reading the Bible for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally, Marcus Borg,

Fillmore Study Bible the New Testament Metaphysically Interpreted, Fillmore Bible Society, Truth Unity Ministries, 2023. Available online and for free at:

<https://www.truthunity.net/fillmore-study-bible/news>

Second Session (4/2/25 – 5/6/25)

F1101 Healing & Wholeness (prev F1002) Vernelle Nelson

Required Texts

Christian Healing, Fillmore, Charles (1909) Unity House, Unity Village, Missouri

How to Let God Help You, Fillmore, Myrtle (1956) Unity House, Unity Village, Missouri

Myrtle Fillmore's Healing Letters, compiled by Foulks, Frances W. (1948) Unity House, Unity Village, Missouri

Recommended Reading

Jesus Christ Heals, Fillmore, Charles (1939) Unity House, Unity Village, Missouri

F1114 Metaphysics 4 (prev F1040) Marygrace Sorensen
Pre-requisite F1111, F1112, F1113

Required Text

Heart-Centered Metaphysics, A Deeper Look at Unity Teachings; Hasselbeck, Paul, Unity Village, MO; Unity, 2010.

Additional Reading (not required, but helpful)

The Revealing Word, Fillmore, Charles, Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1959

Assorted readings assigned each week.

F1124 Jesus Teachings (prev F1004) Sandy Bover
Pre-requisite F1123

Required text

An NRSV version of the Bible. (preferably an annotated version such as the New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha)

Recommended Reading

Meeting Jesus again for the First Time, Borg, Marcus J., Harper Collins, New York, NY; 1995

Jesus Christ Heals, Fillmore, Charles, Unity Books, Unity Village, MO; 1939.

F1126 Bible Interpretation Acts – Revelation Vernelle Nelson
Pre-requisite F1123 (prev F1048)

Fillmore Study Bible the New Testament Metaphysically Interpreted, Fillmore Bible Society, TruthUnity Ministries, 2023. Available online and for free at:

<https://www.truthunity.net/fillmore-study-bible/news>

Be Ye Transformed: Acts through Revelation Metaphysically Interpreted, Sand Turner, Elizabeth, Unity Books, Unity Village, MO; 1969.

The Revealing Word, Fillmore, Charles, Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1959

Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, Fillmore, Charles, Unity Books, Unity Village, Missouri.

Second Year Ministerial Studies Classes

BI6005 Search for the Historical Jesus Robert Brach

Required Texts

Zealot; Asian, Resa; Random House, New York published 2013. 296 pages
Rabbi Jesus; Chilton, Bruce; Image Books; Doubleday, New York, NY, 2000. 330 pages
Did Jesus Exist? Erhman, Bart D; HarperCollins Publishers, 2012, 365 pages
The Lost Years of Jesus; Prophet, Elizabeth Clare; Summit University Press; 1987. 447 pages
Jesus 2.1; Shepherd, Reverend Dr. Thomas W; Unity House; Unity Village, MO, 2010. 250 pages
And....*A good Annotated Study Bible*, YOUR CHOICE OF VERSION.

NOTE: I will be using the actual books in putting this class together, but all these are also available in electronic format. If you opt for an electronic format, (and I fully understand the convenience and use of these techno-gadgets)....try to get an electronic format that has both pages and locations. I will do my best to identify the pages assigned with the section, chapter title, or paragraph title as appropriate. This is what happens when you have an “old school” guy as an instructor. Ahhh....the touch, feel, and smell of a real book in your hands!

**CM2011 Introduction to Youth and Family Ministry Ytonna Finnegan/
Marygrace Sorensen**

Youth and Family Ministry Guide for Directors, Ministers and Volunteers; Unity Worldwide Ministries; Lee’s Summit, MO, 2012, <https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/youth-family-ministry-guide> (available as a free download from Unity Worldwide Ministries)
Teen Ministry Manual; Unity Worldwide ministries, Lee’s Summit, MO, 2016, <https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/teen-ministry-manual> (available as a free download from Unity Worldwide Ministries)

CM3003 The Art of Storytelling in Ministry Sandy Boyer

There are no book requirements for this class. Articles will be posted in the weekly assignments.

CS2003 Ministry at the End of Life (prev CS2005) Richard Carlini

(This class will be taught in Synchronous Format; date & time tbd)

Ministry at the End-of-Life will meet via Zoom on Mondays from 6 to 7 pm Central Time beginning 3/3/25. Class meets at 4:00 pm Pacific; 5:00 pm Mountain; 6 pm Central, and 7 pm Eastern Time

Required Texts

On Grief and Grieving; Kubler-Ross, Elisabeth and Kessler, David; Scribner, New York, NY
Summary & Analysis of Being Mortal, Medicine and What Matters in the End, A guide to the Book; Gawande, Atul. Zip Reads
Finding Yourself in Transition, Using Life’s Changes for Spiritual Awakening; Brumet, Robert; Unity House; Unity Village, MO
Being Mortal; Gawande, Atul; Henry Holt and Company, New York, NY. 2014

Recommended Text

The Grief and Happiness Handbook: A Supportive Guide to Help You Reclaim Your Life While Grieving; Thiroux Threatt, Emily; Ignite Publishing Group, Canada, 2023

IS3004 Advanced Metaphysics IV Carole Lunde
Pre-requisite IS3001, IS3002, IS3003

The Eyes of the Blind; Lanyon, Walter C; Mystics of the World; Eliot, ME, 2017. Available at Amazon

The Great Highway of Life: Navigating the Bible Through Metaphysics; Lunde, Carole M., iUniverse; Bloomington, IN, 2016; available at Amazon, iUniverse

MM1003	Financial Management for Faith Based Initiatives (prev MM3004)	Mindy Tucker
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Required Texts

Ministry and Money: A Practical Guide for Pastors, Jameson, Janet T. and Jameson, Philip D., Westminster, John Knox Press, 2009

Whose Offering Plate is It? New Strategies for Financial Stewardship by Christophe, J. Clif, Abingdon Press Nashville, TN, 2010

Third Year Ministerial Studies Classes

BI6007	Biblical Studies – Apocrypha	Bob Brach
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Required Texts

Introducing the Apocrypha, Message, Content, and Significance; 2nd Edition, DeSilva, David A., Baker Academic, Grand Rapids, MI, 2018. This book is available through Baker Academic and through Amazon at a slightly better price.

The Old Testament: An Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, 2nd Edition, Harris, Stephen L. and Platzner, Robert L. McGraw Hill, Boston; 2008. This is an excellent historical-critical treatment of the OT. Students who have taken the OT classes in the past should have the Harris & Platzner, *The Old Testament*, text which has a full chapter on the Apocrypha. (This is still a required text in two of the OT classes)

This is a keeper reference book. Reading assignments are from the page number of the 2nd edition so you may need to do some looking for the material in later or earlier editions. If you opt for an electronic version, try for one with page numbers and locations, even then you may have to do some looking for the pages referenced in the reading assignment, but...you are Bible detectives!

NRSV version of the Bible, (Preferably - *The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha*) Metzger, Bruce M. & Roland E. Murphy, Editors; Oxford University Press, New York, 1994.) There are excellent commentaries on the Apocrypha and on the various books of the Apocrypha. This material is placed between the Old Testament books and the New Testament. Some discussion material may be drawn from this material. This was the Bible I was required to have for ministerial school and for my SEE/CEP classes. I believe that UWSI still suggest this version of the NRSV Bible. You should probably have this already.

If you already have another Annotated Bible of another publisher, use what you have and note which Bible you are using.

Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, Unity Books, Unity Village, Missouri.

The Revealing Word, Unity Books, Unity Village, Missouri.

(Note: the MBD and RW are available electronically on TruthUnity.net. aka Fillmore.faith)

CM4003	Homiletics II required (prev CM4003)	Sonja Mathis
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Pre-requisite CM4001

(This class will have scheduled sessions; date & time tbd)

Preaching Without Notes; Webb, Joseph M; Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 2001

Public Speaking – From Competent to Captivating How to be a Better Public Speaker & Overcome Your Speaking Anxiety, Fear, and Overthinking; Guggenheim, David E; 2023

CS3001	Substance Use Disorder (prev CS4002)	Karla Lightner Linda Burdett
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So You Think You Don't Know One, Van Dyke Platt, Nancy and Knudsen, Chilton R., Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, PA, 2010

Understanding Addiction: Know Science, No Stigma, Smith, Dr. Chuck and Hunt, Dr. Jason, Visualize Publishing, 2021

MM1002	Planning & Strategies for Urban Ministry	Wilma Taylor-Costen
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required (prev MM3003)

Required Texts

Triumph of the City: How Our Greatest Invention Makes Us Richer, Smarter, Greener, Healthier and Happier; Glaeser, Edward, Penguin Books, London, 2011 (Amazon.com)

Blueprints for a Just City: The Role of the Church in Urban Planning and Shaping the City's Built Environment, Benesh, Sean, Urban Loft Publishers, Portland, Oregon, 2015

MM1004	Church Administration (prev MM3005)	Karen Saunders
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Required Books

The Business of the Church the Uncomfortable Truth that Faithful Ministry Requires Effective Management, Wimberly, Jr., John W., The Alban Institute, Herndon, VA, 2011

Recommended Additional Text

Church Administration, Creating Efficiency for Effective Ministry, Welch, Robert H., B & H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2011

MM2005	Media Technology IV	Evin Wilkins
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Prerequisite for MT Certificate MM2002, MM2003, MM2004

No books required; all materials will be online

Internship Class

IY1003	Fourth Year Internship/Project	Sandra Campbell
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