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A CONFSSIONAL CHURCH:: *The Book of Confessions* of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

A course offered by the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington

Dates: Alternate Saturdays, February and March 2012
Time: 9:45 a.m. to Noon
Location: National Presbyterian Church, Room 5 - Lower Level
Facilitator: Dr. Ann B. White
Cost: \$75 for members of Reformed Institute sponsoring churches,
\$100 for all others

Our Presbyterian confessions span the Christian centuries. They represent both our *unity* with the church catholic -- with Christians of all times and places -- and the *distinctive* character of our Reformed tradition.

This course is open to everyone – church members, inquirers, church staff-who would learn what our confessions have meant to millions of other Christians, and would deepen their understanding of what they can mean to each of us. Come and learn so that you can go and teach or share this historic and living resource with your congregation.

All sessions will be led by members of the Reformed Institute's Company of Teachers.

[Saturday, February 4: Introduction: The Authority of Confessions for Reformed Churches and the Significance of our *Book of Confessions*](#)

Instructor: Dr. R. Bruce Douglass

Director of the Reformed Institute; Associate Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University; Elder, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA.

[Saturday, February 18: Confessions of the Early Church: The Apostles Creed \(2nd century\) and the Nicene Creed \(4th century\)](#)

Instructor: Dr. John Y. Lee

Associate Pastor, Korean Presbyterian Church of Rockville; Teaching Fellow, The John Leland Center for Theological Studies; ordained in PCUSA.

[Saturday, March 3: The Foundation of Presbyterianism: The Westminster Confession and Catechisms \(1647\)](#)

Instructor: Dr. Eric O. Springsted

Interim Senior Minister of Rye Presbyterian Church, Rye, NY; Former Interim Executive Presbyter, Monmouth Presbytery (NJ); Former Senior Interim Pastor, Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC; former Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Illinois College; former Acting Chaplain and Lecturer in Philosophy, Princeton Theological Seminary.

[Saturday, March 17: A Confessional Response to the Nazi State: The Theological Declaration of Barmen \(1933\)](#)

Instructor: Mr. James F. Cubie

Director of Youth Ministry, Takoma Park Presbyterian Church; Inquirer, National Capital Presbytery; Member, Worship and Theology Committee, National Capital Presbytery.

[Saturday, March 31: A Confession by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.: The Confession of 1967](#)

Instructor: Dr. Melissa Kirkpatrick

Certified Christian Educator in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Elder, Georgetown Presbyterian Church; Adjunct Faculty, Wesley Theological Seminary

This course on our confessions will help you understand:

- ✦ who wrote our confessions, when, and why;
- ✦ the relationship between our confessions and the Bible;
- ✦ how confessions helped Christians meet challenges to the faith;
- ✦ why we have a *book* of confessions;
- ✦ what our confessions say about our faith

The deadline for registering is **January 30, 2012**.

The text for this course is the *Book of Confessions*, Study Edition.

REGISTRATION

Mail the completed form below with registration payment to:

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Checks made payable to “Reformed Institute”

Or, go to our web site, www.reformedinstitute.org to register online (then please send us registration payment by mail)

- ✦ Cost to members of sponsoring churches is \$75.
- ✦ Cost to other participants is \$100.

Please purchase the text (*Book of Confessions*, Study Edition) through a book provider. Supporting articles will be supplied by the Reformed Institute. Individual churches may wish to subsidize the cost for its members. The course is limited to 20 participants, and must have a minimum enrollment of 8. Registration deadline is **January 30, 2012**.

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