



2021 Summer Course on
**United Church of Christ
History and Polity**
@ Special Edition General Synod 33
All via Zoom
July 6 – 18, 2021

Need to take UCC History and Polity as part of your authorization process? This 3-credit course by Eden Theological Seminary will fill that requirement. This online hybrid course will offer half the material asynchronous, and half through 20 hours synchronous class time on Zoom. Class will meet the weeks before and during General Synod 33. Class meetings are set around Synod plenaries, worship and events, making it possible for you to attend GS33 as either a visitor or a delegate and still be able to take this course.

Who Should Take This Class

- Seminary students, especially those attending a school where UCC History and Polity is not regularly offered.
- Persons seeking Privilege of Call ministerial standing in the UCC.
- Persons seeking Dual Standing, who are in a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) partnership or are currently serving or planning to serve a UCC congregation.
- Persons encouraged by their local Committee on Ministry to take this course as part of a multiple path to ordination.

Cost of Participation

- Tuition for 3 credit hour course - \$1755.00
- Additional costs: General Synod registration as a visitor or delegate (if elected by your Conference), and textbooks; official transcript by request (\$7.50)

Participants are required to register for and attend General Synod. Attendance at sponsored events is optional. Information about registration for General Synod 33 is available now at **www.generalsynod.org**.

Those with tuition paid in full will be guaranteed a place until forty registrations have been accepted. Others will then be placed on a waiting list in the order their registration was received. No audits will be accepted. **Final registration deadline is June 1, 2021.**

About the Course

This will be an intensive two-week course, covering all the essential material covered in a full semester polity course, in addition to discussion of the actions and resolutions at this Synod. Readings and videos can be done before and during class. Assignments will be due during class, and shortly after class meetings finish.

We will utilize Eden's learning management system, Brightspace, to facilitate access to course materials, including syllabus, booklists, zoom links and other materials.

Synchronous class sessions (via ZOOM) will be scheduled for the following times:

July 6–9 and July 12–16; 10:00am-12:00pm CST

July 18; 2:30pm-4:30pm CST.

Class times subject to change, pending release of the final Synod agenda.

Instructors

Dr. Jill Baker has taught UCC History and Polity at Eden since 2014. She has served at the local, Conference and National settings in a wide range of positions, including one term on the Office of General Ministries Board, and volunteer at two synods on the Synod Production Team. She is presently the Conference Moderator in Illinois South Conference UCC and Director of Rainbow Camp in her Conference.

Rev. Dr. Sonja Williams is the Dean of Students and Visiting Professor of Practical Theology at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, MO. She is the founder of BLKPracTLogy LLC. uplifting marginalized communities and Fellow for the Human Rights Campaign - Institute of Theology and Social Change. Dean Williams' experience and extravagant compassion is an important resource to her theological interests and research, which includes practical theology, decolonization, and cultural truth ghettos. As a practical theologian, Sonja examines and reflects on lived experiences within community and learning contexts, imparting her own brand of advocacy, teaching, and service that works for liberation, justice, and wholeness. Dean Williams is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ.

Registration

To register, click on the registration link below:

[UCC History and Polity @ Special Edition General Synod 33](#)

Upon registration, students will be directed to our accounting office to make payment for the course. Your payment is what secures your spot in this limited enrollment course.

On or around May 25th, you will receive instruction from Eden Seminary's Director of Educational Technology on how to access the online course materials in Brightspace.

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Class limited to the first 40 completed and paid registrations.

Documentation of credits

Students who wish to have a transcript documenting the course, final grade, and academic credit will be able to make that request upon completion of the course. The transcript request forms will be available to you at that time.

Student Withdrawal from Course

The following refund schedule applies to all student withdrawals.

Please contact the Registrar at mwobbe@eden.edu should you need to withdraw from this course.

By May 31, 2021 – full refund

By June 15, 2021 – 50% refund

After June 15, 2021 – 0% refund

Cancellation of course

This course may be cancelled at any time by Eden Theological seminary, with full refund of registration, by written notice to the student.