

“The Songs of Ascent (Ps 120-134) and Pastoral Care”

Taught by

Rev. Dr. Gregory Lee Cuéllar

Assistant Professor of Old Testament

Dr. Cuéllar has a wide range of teaching experience, both as a professor and a pastor. As a scholar, he has had international exposure from Latin America to Europe. His research focuses on emerging theories of Biblical Interpretation. His most recent book is Voices of Marginality: Exile and Return in Second Isaiah 40-55 and the Mexican Immigrant Experience. His forthcoming book is Archival Criticism: The Interrogation of Contexts and Texts in Early Modern Biblical Criticism.

This course studies the historical, literary, and theological features of Psalms 120-134. In addition, the course presents pastoral strategies for applying these psalms to address issues of pain and suffering. An essential question for this course is the following: What do these psalms offer in the context of pastoral care?

"More than Metaphors: Rethinking the Strange Claims of our Faith" Taught by

Dr. Cynthia Rigby

Professor of Theology

Cynthia Rigby has been teaching at Austin Seminary since 1995. An ordained minister in the PC(USA), she is the editor of Power, Powerlessness, and the Divine, co-editor of Blessed One: Protestant Perspectives on Mary, and author of The Promotion of Social Righteousness. A new book, Renewing Grace, is due to be published by Westminster John Knox Press in the fall of 2014.

Most of us are comfortable with the ideas that God loves us that we are saved by grace alone, and that Jesus is (in some way or another) our Savior and Lord. But what are we to do with some of the stranger claims of our faith, such as that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary? Or that he “descended into hell”? Or that he will come again to “judge”? What do we make of the idea that God uses even the awful things about us and this world for good? And why does it matter to our “real lives,” exactly, that we believe we will be “resurrected from the dead,” even as Christ was resurrected? In our time together, we will be honest about naming the things we are supposed to believe that seem annoying, wrong, or impossible. And we’ll explore what they have to offer that we may be missing.

WHERE

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

100 East 27th. Street

Austin, TX 78705-5797

(512) 472-6736

REGISTRATION

To register, complete the registration form in this brochure. The registration deadline is May 15, 2015.

Registration fee of \$300.00 is payable to:

Southeast Asian Ministry / First Presbyterian Church of Cornelia, Georgia

C/o. Rev. Dr. James Oudom

P O Box 165. Cornelia, GA 30531

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: May 24

7:00PM Gathering & Introduction to Courses.

MONDAY – FRIDAY: May 25-29

7:00-7:30A.M.

Devotion

8:00A.M.

Breakfast

9:00-11:30 A.M.

First Course

12: noon - 1:00PM

Lunch

1:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Second Course

6:30PM

Dinner

Friday, second class ends at 3:00 pm

Students who need to be picked up at the airport need to flight in Sunday between 5:00 -10:00 pm. Itinerary needs to send to Rev. Dr. James Oudom.

COST

A fee of \$300.00 covers food, double occupancy room at Austin Seminary, and others needed for the training and will not be refunded after May 20th. Once your registration form has been received, you will be provided with additional information.

PS: *Food will be prepared by all students. We will live like real family in Christ for the week! For students who prefer to commute, the registration fee is \$200.00. However, we encourage all stay at the dormitory.*

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Rev. Dr. James Oudom: 706-778-2822 office, or 706-969-2888 Cell. Or email: joudom@corfpc.org

**REGISTRATION FORM
SOUTHEAST ASIAN LAY
TRAINING PROGRAM 2015**

Name:

Address:

City:

State: Zip code:

Telephone:

Church:

Address:

City:

State: Zip Code:

Telephone:

Nights I will need accommodations:

..... Sunday, May 24th

..... Mon. May 25th to Thu. May 28th

..... **Friday May 29th** (*Student are encouraged to leave on Friday after last class*)

Detach and mail to: SOUTEAST

**ASIAN LAY TRAINING
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**WHAT IS THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN LAY
TRAINING PROGRAM?**

**“The Songs of Ascent
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Pastor Care”**

And

**"More than Metaphors:
Rethinking the Strange Claims
of our Faith"**

Presbyteries are looking for ways to help Southeast Asian congregations enjoy all the advantages of the Presbyterian Church (USA), including seminary - training leadership. The Southeast Asian Lay Training Program, initiated by General Assembly's National Laotian Presbyterian Council through Rev. Dr. James Oudom, educates key leaders in the basic Presbyterian doctrine and practice as prescribed for Lay Commissioned Pastors in the Book of Order.

The program consists of six core courses taught over the course of three summers: Reform Theology / Presbyterian Polity / Worship & Sacrament / Bible Interpretation / Teaching in the Reform Tradition / Reform Preaching.

Interpretation into SEA languages are provided by members of the National Councils of the Southeast Asian Committees of the PCUSA. Other languages can also be provided as needed.

Successful completion of the six courses earns certification that the graduate has received adequate education to carry out the duties of a lay commissioned pastor.

Austin Seminary via its Office of Continuing Education will issue 1.5 Credit Unit certification of each course study.

Courses for continuing education such as Pastoral Care or Mission & Evangelism and others may be offered, if requested.

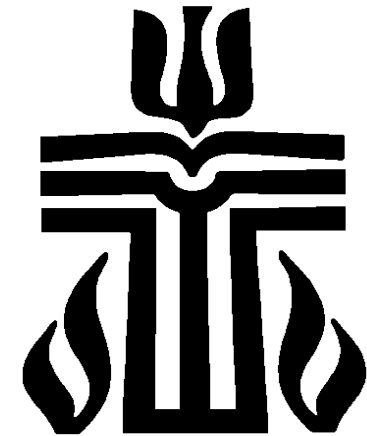
It is not expected that presbyteries will delay commissioning until the training process is completed. Lack of lay commissioned pastors has resulted in Southeast Asian Congregations not celebrating the Holy Sacraments of the Lord in their own language, often for several years. The Lay Training Certification Program is meant to speed, not slow, the commissioning process. Full partnership in ministry and worship is the goal.

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**SOUTHEAST ASIAN MINISTRY
C/o. Dr. James Oudom
P O Box 165
Cornelia, GA 30531**

Before May 15: \$300.00

After May 15: \$320.00



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SUMMER 2015

May 25th to 29th 2015