

## “Reformed Theology”

Taught by

**Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Curie, MDiv, PhD.**

Assistant Professor of Old Testament

*Tom Currie was born in Ft. Worth, Texas. 1970, he entered Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity degree. He and his wife, Peggy moved to Edinburgh, Scotland, where Tom entered a PhD program and Peggy worked at the Royal Infirmary. In 1976 Tom was awarded a PhD in Theology. He served in the parish for 25 years. In 2001, he became the founding dean of Union Presbyterian Seminary and served there for 13 years, teaching theology and ethics. 2015, Tom and Peggy moved to Austin, where he is serving as a visiting professor at Austin Seminary.*

This course seeks to introduce students to Reformed theology by attending to certain themes originally articulated by John Calvin (1509-1564), and later expressed in the Westminster and Heidelberg Catechisms, and in the work of the 20th century theologian, Karl Barth. Readings will be taken from the *Book of Confessions* of the P.C.U.S.A., Calvin’s *Institutes*, Karl Barth’s *Dogmatics in Outline*, and Alister McGrath’s *A Life of John Calvin*. Classes will begin at 9 a.m. each day from Monday, May 23rd through Thursday, June 2nd

## “Homiletics/Interpretation of the Bible”

Taught by

**Rev. Dr. Carolyn Helsel, MDiv, ThM**

Assistant Professor of Homiletics

*Carolyn Browning Helsel joined the faculty of Austin Seminary in 2015. She was a teaching assistant for Professors Tom Long, Teresa Fry Brown, and Luke Timothy Johnson; the title of her dissertation is “The Hermeneutics of Recognition: A Ricoeurian Interpretative Framework for Whites Preaching about Racism.” Helsel was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and served as associate pastor at John Calvin Presbyterian Church (2005-2007) in San Antonio, Texas.*

*In this course, students learn basic guidelines for writing a sermon. Interpreting the Bible is a central component in the preparation of a sermon, so students also learn ways to base sermons on texts that proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

## WHERE

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

100 East 27<sup>th</sup>. Street

Austin, TX 78705-5797

(512) 472-6736

## REGISTRATION

To register, complete the registration form in this brochure. The registration deadline is May 15, 2016. 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 29

7:00PM Gathering & Introduction to Courses.

### MONDAY – THURSDAY: May 30-June 2

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 June 3<sup>rd</sup> Morning Devotion with Communion follow with SEAL Foundation Meeting**

*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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:joudom@corfpc.org)**

## REGISTRATION FORM SOUTHEAST ASIAN LAY TRAINING PROGRAM 2016

Name: .....

Address: .....

City: .....

State: ..... Zip code: .....

Telephone: .....

Church: .....

Address: .....

City: .....

State: ..... Zip Code: .....

Telephone: .....

Nights I will need accommodations:

..... Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

..... Mon. May 30<sup>th</sup> to Thu. June 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Friday check out. Students are encouraged to leave after last class.*

Detach and mail to:

**SOUTEAST ASIAN LAY TRAINING**

**C/o. Rev. Dr. James Oudom**

**P O Box 165**

**Cornelia, GA 30531**

**706-778-2822**

## WHAT IS THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN LAY TRAINING PROGRAM?

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.

*Mail this form with registration fee to:*

**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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**23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL  
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**SUMMER 2016**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016**