**Mississippi Conference Licensing School**

**at**

**The Center for Ministry**

**Millsaps College**

**Jackson, MS**

***Course: Educational Ministries***

# Monday, April 8 – Monday, April 22, 2024

# *This is a fully online course. It will consist of eight (8) hours synchronous learning and two (2) hours asynchronous learning via Course Connect*

**Welcome: Welcome to LS Educational Ministries**

**Instructor:** Rev. Haven Boyd

Hello to everyone. I was born and raised in New Albany, MS. I am lifelong member of The United Methodist Church. I am an ordained deacon in the Mississippi Annual Conference. I have served in various positions in churches, schools, and camping ministries across Mississippi and North Carolina. I completed my Bachelor’s degree in Integrated Marketing Communications from The University of Mississippi and my Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. My main ministry focus is in Christian Education with an emphasis on Children’s and Family Ministries. I love exploring new ways for children and families to connect with scripture and then sharing that connection and love of God with persons in the community. I enjoy traveling and spending time with friends, family, and my dog child, Elton.

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## Course Description

Pastors serve as preachers and teachers. The pastor’s involvement in the church’s teaching ministry models to the congregation lifelong learning, spiritual growth, and transformation. The pastor’s involvement in teaching emphasizes the importance of this ministry. Pastors need to know how different people learn and incorporate various learning styles into their presentations. They also need to recognize the cultural and theological diversity of their students.

## Required Texts:

*Christian Education in the Small Membership Church* by Karen B. Tye

*Guidelines--Christian Education: Plan for Lifelong Faith Formation* (available only at Cokesbury. Click [here](https://www.cokesbury.com/Guidelines-Christian-Education) to order)

## Course Goals

**Knowledge:** An understanding of the process and purpose of developing a comprehensive plan for the educational ministries of the church.

**Skill:** Articulate the purpose of teaching ministries as making and maturing disciples for Jesus Christ and to see this as a lifelong spiritual journey of Christian formation and transformation.

**Skill:** Identify the learning opportunities in the local church in addition to Sunday church school including administrative committees, confirmation classes, weekday education for children and adults, pastoral emergencies, fellowship experiences, retreats, small groups, mission trips, and youth groups.

**Knowledge:** An understanding of cultural styles, ways in which persons learn and teaching methods that are needed in each learning experience.

**Skill**: Identify effective teaching methods for various learning styles and settings.

**Skill:** Demonstrate at least one new teaching method or setting.

**Knowledge:** The pastor’s role in teaching and in equipping and supervising persons in teaching ministries.

**Skill:** Review resources, methods, and current models for studies, especially Bible, in the local church.

**Skill:** Develop a plan to call, equip, and support leaders for teaching ministries.

# **Assignments:**

Pre-course work:

* Read both required texts in their entirety by April 8, 2024

**Week of April 8 – April 14, 2024 —The What and Why of Educational Ministries**

* Log in to Course Connect and complete online assignments.
* Bring the answers to the following questions to the April 8, 202 Monday evening zoom class session:
  + Explain the aspects of Christian education – instruction, socialization, attention to development and transformation in Chapter 1 of Christian Education in the Small Membership Church.
  + Explain the five vital qualities basic to doing Christian education that are explained in Chapter 4 of Christian Education in the Small Membership Church.

**Monday, April 8, 2024 — Zoom Session 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.**

Focus: The When and Where of Educational Ministries

**Week of April 15 – 21 – The Who and How of Educational Ministries**

* Log in to Course Connect and complete online assignments.

**Monday, April 15, 2024 — Zoom Session 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Focus: The Who and How of Educational Ministries

**Week of April 22 – 28 — Integration and Reflection**

* Log in to Course Connect and complete online assignments.

**Monday, April 22, 2024 -- Zoom Session 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

* Focus – Educational Ministries Project
* Begin creating an educational ministries project that outlines the *who, what, when, where, and how* of Christian Education. This will be a project that you can use in your current or upcoming appointment. You will receive more detailed guidance on Course Connect and during our Zoom sessions.

**April 29, 2024 –Educational Ministries project due by midnight**.

## Grading

Course Connect assignments—25% of grade

You will be graded on both whether you completed these online assignments as well as how you completed them. Your posts are to show that you have actively engaged with learning resources. Your responses to classmates’ posts are to show that you have deeply reflected upon what they have shared. Please comply with deadlines to receive full credit for your Course Connect assignments.

Zoom participation—25% of grade

Please log in at least 10 minutes early for Zoom sessions and be present for the entire session. You will be graded for being present, making comments, asking, questions, and posting in the chat.

Educational Ministries project—50% of grade

You will be graded on how closely you follow the instructions you will receive on Course Connect and during our Zoom sessions. This project is your opportunity to combine your learning with your imagination.

## If you run into difficulty . . .

Please contact your instructor right away if you have questions or need assistance. I am here to support you!