



Houston School
February 21-26, 2016
Woods Edge Community Church
Spring, Texas

What is the Ministries of Pastoral Care School?

Our teaching and healing ministry is conducted through five-day MPC Schools. Some come to their first school after encountering one of Leanne Payne's books while others have learned about the ministry through the testimony of a friend. All share a desire to gather with others and experience more of Incarnational Reality, the life we have in Christ:

"I am in my Father, and you in Me, and I in you."

—John 14:20

We come seeking something like the story C.S. Lewis tells in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* — as Lucy Pevensie walks through the wardrobe and into the land of Narnia, we come to find our true home in God's presence.

Through the school, God ministers healing to the wounds that afflict His Church today, and pastors and Christian leaders find new hope for their labors. We rejoice as Christ accomplishes His purposes in our midst:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

—Luke 4:18-19a

We learn about and experience how we are healed through Christ's work on the Cross and the Holy Spirit's real presence with us.

"Healings have to do with faith-filled adoration and reverence for God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A vital worship brings the holy and thereby the power of the Holy Spirit into our midst. It also often brings us to our knees."

—Leanne Payne, *Heaven's Calling*, p. 310

Those Who Attend

The Ministries of Pastoral Care School serves Christians from all walks of life, including ministers and lay leaders from all denominations, and those in the healing professions such as counseling and medicine. Christ is formed in each precious one as we inwardly become the people He has called us to be. We cannot separate the call to seek the things of His kingdom within our own souls from the call to minister God's healing presence in our service to others. Our MPC schools empower each attendee to become ever-more bold and winsome bearers of the gospel to all the earth. Please note that children under the age of 18 are not allowed in school sessions. Also, mothers of small children are strongly recommended to postpone leaving little ones for the week of the conference until after they reach two years of age.

Conference Preparation

Lecturers assume that participants attending this Ministries of Pastoral Care School have read the following texts prior to the conference: *The Healing Presence and Restoring the Christian Soul* by Leanne Payne. Her earlier works, *Broken Image* and *Crisis in Masculinity*, are also recommended. The books are published by Baker Book House and are available from Amazon.com, Christianbook.com, and BakerPublishingGroup.com.

Restoring souls through union with Christ

Conference Location

This school will be held at Woods Edge Community Church in Spring, Texas. The address of the church is 25333 Gosling Road, Spring, Texas, 77389; their phone number is (281) 364-0415; and their website is www.woodsedge.com. Woods Edge is about a 40-minute drive from the George Bush Intercontinental Airport and one hour from Hobby Airport. If you would like to share a ride with someone to/from the airport, please indicate this on your registration form and we will contact you later with more information.

Accommodations

Please note that housing is not included in the listed package prices, nor is breakfast or lunch included. Dinner will be included on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for various positions the entire conference week. Volunteering is a great way to serve God and others, and is also an opportunity to meet new people and have some fun. Please consider giving of your time and talents while attending the MPCS. For more information, contact Lori Coffey, Registrar at lori@ministriesofpastoralcare.com

Online Registration

Online Registration is the preferred method of registration. Please use a unique email address for each registrant. For special circumstances, please contact Lori at lori@ministriesofpastoralcare.com. If it is impossible for you to register online, please contact us and we will mail you a registration form. Please note that there will be an additional \$25 fee for processing mailed registrations.

Confirmation of Acceptance

The Ministries of Pastoral Care reserves the right to decline any application. Be assured that we will consider your application prayerfully and that we accept most applicants. Our conferences sometimes fill up, such that we are not able to accept every applicant. The information you provide helps us to make careful and informed choices. All information is confidential. A confirmation of acceptance to attend this Ministries of Pastoral Care School will be sent by email. Please do not make non-refundable airline reservations until you have received confirmation of your acceptance. Closer to the conference, you will receive a packet which will include information regarding travel and preparation for the conference.

Application and Payment Deadlines

- Applications received through February 13, 2016.
- Full payment requested with application
- Walk-in registrations and those submitted after February 13 will not be accepted.

Cancellations and Refunds

- Through February 6: \$25 processing fee retained
- February 7-13: \$200 cancellation fee retained
- After February 13: No refund

Payment

Payment must be in US Dollars (please, no Canadian Dollars). Online Credit Card payments through our secure server are preferred. If you must pay by check, checks or money orders should be in US Dollars and made payable to Ministries of Pastoral Care, and mailed to:

P.O. Box 3792 Peoria, IL 61612-3792

Conference Package

Standard Registration 12/18/15 - 1/31/16

Late Registration 2/1/16 - 2/13/16

Commuter | Includes 3 dinners and tuition

Standard Registration \$460

Late Registration \$500

DATE	DINNER	CONFERENCE
Sun, 2/21		7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Compline Service
Mon, Tues & Thurs	•	8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Wednesday, 2/24		8:30 am - 4:45 pm
Friday, 2/27		8:30 am – noon

Schedule for the 2016 Houston MPCS

Sunday, February 21, 2016

2:00–7:00 pm	Check-in
7:30–8:30 pm	Compline prayer

Monday – Thursday, February 22-26*

8:30–10:15 am	Plenary 1
10:15–10:45 am	Tea & coffee break
10:45–12:00 pm	Plenary 2
12:00–2:00 pm	Lunch break on your own
1:00–2:00 pm	Free time
2:00–3:15 pm	Plenary 3
3:15–3:45 pm	Tea & coffee break
3:45–5:00 pm	Plenary 4
5:00–6:00 pm	Evening meal at Woods Edge *No dinner served on Wednesday, February 24
6:30–8:30 pm	Plenary 5 *Free time on Wednesday, February 24

*Please note that on Wednesday, February 24, delegates will be on their own for dinner, and there will be free time that evening.

Friday, February 27

8:30–12:00 pm	Plenary sessions & communion service
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