



A RULING ELDER COHORT FOR NORTH CENTRAL IOWA PRESBYTERY

Participation – dream goal, at least one ruling elder from each of our congregations. Participants will sign a covenant promising commitment to the group and placing the dates for the eight sessions on personal calendars.

Cost - \$100 per participant per year.

Dates

Saturdays 9:30AM – 2 PM

October 8, 2016

January 21, 2017

April 29, 2017

July 15, 2017 Location – Ackley First Presbyterian

October 7, 2017

January 20, 2018

April 28, 2018

June 30, 2018

Led by Dr. Joe Small.

Session 1: Origins: Calvin’s “unified plural ministry” in Geneva

Session 2: The loss of Calvin’s vision and its potential recovery

Session 3: Ruling elders as ministers of Word and Sacrament: Baptism

Session 4: Ruling Elders as ministers of Word and Sacrament: Lord’s Supper

Session 5: Ruling Elders as ministers of Word and Sacrament: Proclamation

Session 6: Ruling elders as Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Teaching

Session 7: Councils of the church: discernment in session and presbytery

Session 8: Spiritual disciplines for ruling elders and sessions

The goal of the cohort, Ruling Elders who are –

**Scripturally - Broader and Deeper*

**Theologically – Deeper with a basic understanding of the Book of Order, Confessions and Creeds*

**Spiritual Formation - Encouraged and resourced in the spiritual disciplines*

**Leadership - Understanding the role of Ruling Elder, learning how to support pastoral leadership and when to challenge it.*

**Koinonia - Connecting with other Ruling Elders, sharing best practices and supporting each other.*



The Instructor – Dr. Joe Small

Dr. Small retired recently from his 22 tenure at the General Assembly Mission Council. Most recently, he served at the Council as Director of Theology, Worship and Education Ministries, where he directed the work of the Office of Theology and Worship, the Office of Theological Education, and Congregational Ministries Publishing. A graduate of Brown University, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Louisville, Theological Seminary. He has served the church in roles ranging from professor to pastor.

Dr. Small is the author of *To Be Reformed: Living the Tradition (2010)*, *Let Us Reason Together: Christians and Jews in Conversation (2010)*, *Proclaiming the Great Ends of the Church (2010)*, *Conversations With the Confessions (2005)*, *Preservation of the Truth (2005)*, *Fire and Wind: The Holy Spirit in the Church Today (2002)*, *Committed Conversation (2000)*, and *God and Ourselves: A Brief Exercise in Reformed Theology (1997)*, and has written numerous journal articles, study series, and theological papers. He is a core member of "Re-Forming Ministry," co-chair of the international Reformed-Pentecostal Dialogue, board member of the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology, member of the Faith and Order

Commission of the National Council of Churches, and a frequent participant in international ecumenical consultations sponsored by the World Council of Churches, the World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Centre International Reformé.

Dr. Small will be in Iowa for Oct. 8, 2016, October 7, 2017 and June 30, 2018, and teach with the aid of technology for the other gatherings. Dr. Small lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

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I am committed!

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