

Announcing Presbytery of Cincinnati 2020 Ruling Elder Preaching Institute

Join us!

The Ruling Elder Preaching Institute is a six-week course designed to enable PC(USA) Ruling Elders to prepare and preach a sermon giving the exposition of a scriptural text based on the skills of exegesis and spiritual disciplines of Christianity.

The REPI training uses an apprenticeship model for learning to prepare and preach, supported by reading, lectures, and other exercises. The aim is to help Ruling Elders understand what is essential for effective preaching and to take significant steps towards preparing and delivering such sermons.

As a result of participation in REPI, a Ruling Elder will be able to deliver a sermon derived from a biblical text. In order to accomplish this, the Ruling Elder student will:

- Engage in daily spiritual practices that enable one to listen to God
- Develop a basic pattern of moving from the biblical text to a sermon
- Understand basic elements in sermon construction and what they accomplish – introduction, central idea, pattern of movement for the sermon, transitions, illustrations and conclusion
- Develop skill in preparing a sermon manuscript geared to the way listeners listen.
- Attend the six Tuesday evening sessions (one absence permitted if necessary)
- Read all assigned texts and articles
- Complete assigned work, including preaching opportunities as part of class time

Ruling Elders who complete the class will be able to be on the Presbytery Pulpit Supply List. In addition, the class counts as one of the 9 required courses for those considering CRE accreditation.

Classes are taught by the Reverend Ron Allen, Christian Theological Seminary, and the Reverend Dr. David Childs, Antioch Baptist Church and NKU, with a bonus class from REPI grad David Paulik.

The cost of the class is \$120.00.

Classes will be held at the Presbytery of Cincinnati offices, 4309 Cooper Road, Cincinnati Ohio 45242, from 6:00-9:00 PM beginning April 14 through May 19, 2020.

To register email secretary@cpresby.org.