

LCMP students will attend 32 classes.

Classes cover the following topics:
*Theology; Worship & Sacraments;
Spiritual Formation; Preaching;
Pastoral Care; Ethics;
Christian Education; Administration;
Bible and Interpretation;
DOC or UCC History & Polity;
Missions; Stewardship; Self-Care;
Evangelism; Church Development;
Leadership and Conflict*

Students will also Complete:

*60 hours of elective work;
three sermons; 3 verbatims of
Pastoral visits; and,
Papers on their theology, the
history & polity of their denomination,
and their understanding of
ministry.*

Graduates will receive a certificate of recognition for completing the program.

NOTE: STEM offers *training only*.

Actual licensing/commissioning is the **sole** prerogative of the authorizing bodies of our denominations. Completion of the **LCMP** **does not** guarantee licensing/commissioning.

STEM **LCMP** classes meet eight times during the program year, Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. Classes usually meet in the Lansing area. Students may stay overnight at the Parish House for an additional \$30 fee.

COSTS

The tuition for the **Licensed/Commissioned Ministry program** for one year is \$1,200 (for eight courses). Housing, meals, and books are extra. Any costs for elective hours are borne by the student. Students are encouraged to seek scholarships from their local churches and their association or region. UCC students in Covenant Association are encouraged to apply to the *Elvira Vogel Fund*.

A Taste of STEM

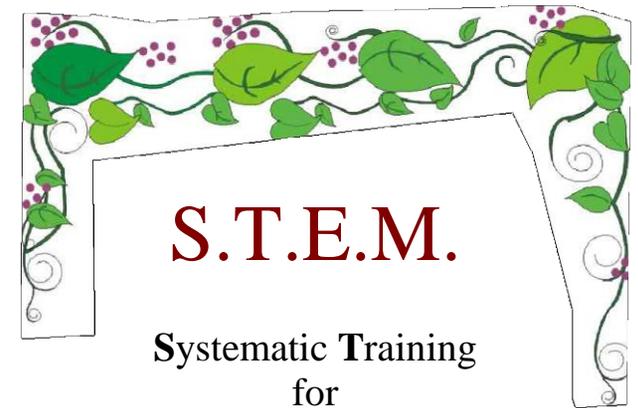
If you are wondering if **LCMP** is right for you, you are welcome to take one **LCMP** class or several classes of interest to you without entering the program. Individual class tuition is \$150 each.

*["STEM classes – a place to
dialogue about deep
spiritual issues."]*

*For more information, registration forms,
specific course listings, and course
schedules, please contact:*

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**LICENSED/COMMISSIONED
MINISTRY
&
LAY LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**

A joint ministry of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
Michigan Region
and the
Michigan Conference,
United Church of Christ
(Rev.2014)

STEM was founded to help lay members of DOC and UCC congregations in Michigan discover and develop their gifts for leadership and service. Since 1982, STEM has provided opportunities for learning, spiritual exploration, and training for leadership. STEM students are challenged to reflect on their faith, to be open to new insights and perspectives, and to claim their ministry roles as part of the Body of Christ. *Romans 12:6 (RSV)*

STEM offers:

The Licensed/Commissioned Ministry Courses;
Lay Leadership Development Workshops

LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lay Leadership Development workshops are designed for lay members and lay leaders who are interested in exploring their faith and in gaining new skills for leadership within the church.

Workshops are designed to address current topics and needs of the lay leadership in our churches. Topics will vary from year to year. Workshops will be offered at different locations throughout the State. Lay leaders will be able to enroll individually for as many workshops as fit their needs.

In 2015, **Lay Leadership Development** is offering at least two workshop opportunities designed to strengthen one's connection with God and

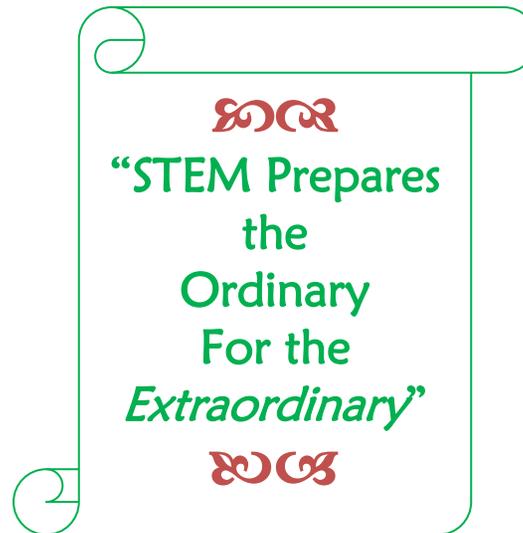
to train church members in creating sanctuaries for God's people.

March 7, 2015 "Acting in Faith"

Date TBD "Faith & Politics"
Rev. Dr. Bob Cornwall

COSTS

One day Workshops - \$30, lunch included



THE LICENSED/COMMISSIONED MINISTRY PROGRAM

For lay leaders who have heard God's call to pastoral ministry, STEM offers the **Licensed/ Commissioned Ministry Program**. The **LCMP** is designed to help students discern their own gifts for ministry, develop and deepen their own theology, and gain practical skills for

pastoral ministry. The **LCMP** is a 5 year learning journey.

A call to ministry requires discernment both by the individual, the local church, and the wider church. Those interested in Licensed/Commissioned Ministry **must** meet with their pastor and with the appropriate authorizing body *before* applying to the STEM **LCMP**.

Authorizing bodies are: for DOC, the Regional Commission on Ministry; for UCC, your Association's Committee on Church and Ministry.

The STEM **LCMP** includes 4 years of course work, supervised practice in ministry, completion of 60 hours of elective work, and ¾ of a year to complete all written requirements.



ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSED/ COMMISSIONED MINISTRY PROGRAM

High School education or equivalent
"In Care" or "Under Care" status
with the proper licensing/commissioning body.

