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- Cost to members of sponsoring churches is \$75.
- Cost to other participants is \$100.

Cost of books will be additional, and may be purchased through the Reformed Institute. Individual churches may wish to subsidize the cost for its members. Courses are limited to 20 participants, and must have a minimum enrollment of 8. Registration deadlines are **September 3** and **October 1, 2008**. See individual course descriptions for precise information.

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THE COURSE OFFERINGS OF THE REFORMED INSTITUTE



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The Reformed Institute offers courses for those who want to engage in study and reflection on themes related to the Reformed tradition. These courses are taught by members of the Institute's Company of Teachers. The course offerings:

- provide a menu from historical to contemporary thought;
- are held at various times of the year;
- take place at different locations in the metropolitan DC area;
- are limited to 20 participants and must have a minimum enrollment of 8; and
- are open to all.

COURSES TO BE OFFERED IN THE 2008-2009 PROGRAM YEAR ARE THE FOLLOWING

The Problem and Promise of Work-Life Balance in the Calvinist Tradition

Dates: Wednesdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8 and 15, 2008

Time: 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m.; Bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert provided.

Location: Western Presbyterian Church, DC (www.westernchurch.net)

Deadline for registration: September 3, 2008

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, there is a renewed interest in Calvin's ideas. One issue facing modern Americans, modern Christians and modern Presbyterians that Calvin's ideas influence is how we achieve or don't achieve work and life balance. The Reformed tradition both contributes to the problem of a lack of balance and has the resources to help with it. This six week program is designed to help the heirs of Calvinism understand their own tradition, address the broader issue of work and life balance, and develop a plan to make changes to improve their lives.

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The Problem and Promise of Work-Life Balance in the Calvinist Tradition *(continued)*

We will look at current data on work life balance and discuss our own experiences, examine the Biblical understanding of the concept of time, explore how the Reformed tradition came to contribute to the modern problem, then examine how Calvin's views of the three "S's" — Sabbath, Stewardship and Sanctification — can provide resources to help us address this problem and develop a plan for making changes.

Instructor: David Gray

Presbyterian Chaplain at American University, Director of the Workforce and Family Program at the New America Foundation and creator of New America's Religious Center Initiative. David has served churches in Washington, D.C., and was Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of Labor. As both a pastor and a researcher of workplace trends, Rev. Gray brings together a variety of perspectives on work and life issues from a Reformed perspective. He is a graduate of Yale, Harvard, Northwestern and Wesley Seminary.

What the Reformers Teach Us about Thinking, Praying, Living

Dates: Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6 and 13, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, fellowship at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, VA (www.wpc-alex.org)

Deadline for registration: October 1, 2008

The 16th century Reformers speak directly to our problems and preoccupations.

- We're frenetically busy; they ordered their priorities.
- We grab at freedom without discipline; they undertook obedience to God's commands.
- We idolize assertiveness; they understood complete dependence on God.

Can the Reformers show us how to get our lives into better balance? Yes — and this course will consider how, through reading and discussion of the Reformers' words alongside discussion of our present cultural situation.

Instructor: Ann White

Retired chairwoman of the history department at Edmund Burke School, Washington, D.C.; M.A. (in history) and Ph.D. (in Far Eastern History), University of Pennsylvania; member of National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

"A Divine and Supernatural Light": Jonathan Edwards and America

Dates: Second Saturdays, October 2008 through March 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., fellowship at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA (www.lewinsville.org)

Deadline for registration: October 1, 2008

No one argues about it: Jonathan Edwards is colonial America's greatest theologian and philosopher. He towers over the age as a religious figure. But though his roots are in colonial Puritanism, he worked to reshape a Puritan worldview into something quite different. He was modern for his own time. He sought to reconcile higher learning of the day with a loving piety and achieved this with an elegance not since seen.

Studies of the life, work, theology, and influence of Jonathan Edwards have received new energy in the last few years, particularly on the heels of the tercentenary of Edwards's birth in 2003. The publication of his massive collected works, begun in 1957, is only just now being completed. In this course, happening 250 years after his death, we will take advantage of this recent scholarship and explore how Edwards and his work have continued to have an impact on American thought.

Instructor: Susan Kendall

Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, and Faculty in the areas of theology, ethics and culture, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Ph.D. (in theology, ethics and culture), Claremont Graduate University; Pastoral Assistant to the Parish, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

Biblical Morality — The Reformed Version

Dates: Second Saturdays, October 2008 through March 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., fellowship at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA (www.lewinsville.org)

Deadline for registration: October 1, 2008

With morality as with everything else that matters to people of faith Reformed Christians have always maintained that they take their bearings above all from the Bible. But they have read that text and made use of it in distinctive ways. The purpose of this course is to examine critically the character of Reformed ethics, focusing in particular on what is distinctive about the Reformed approach to the use of Scripture as a resource for deliberation on moral issues. The course will provide the participants with an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the thinking of some of the key figures in the development of Reformed thought (Calvin, Barth, the Niebuhrs, Mouw, etc.) as well as to explore some of the issues that are currently the focus of moral reflection in Reformed churches.

Instructor: R. Bruce Douglass

Director of the Reformed Institute; Associate Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University; M.Div., Yale University; Ph.D. (in political science), Duke University; Elder, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA