



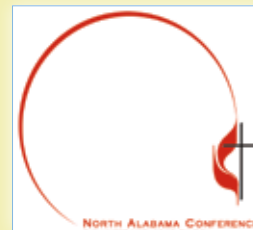
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*North Alabama and Alabama-West  
 Florida Conferences present*

*the  
 Academy  
 for Ministry  
 with Children*



A Two-Year Cycle of Courses  
 Offering Paraprofessional Certification  
 for Children's Ministry Workers



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# *the Academy for Ministry with Children*



## *Purpose*

Designed for persons seeking training in children's ministry, the Academy for Ministry with Children offers local church workers paraprofessional certification through a two-year cycle of courses. The courses are developed to affirm and strengthen the passion and love for ministry through a holistic and theological understanding of children and children's ministry.

In order to receive certification, all eight courses must be completed over a two year cycle. However, individual courses may be taken. The academy does not offer academic credits.

## *Requirements*

Participants will be required to read two books prior to the beginning of each course, and complete an assignment to be handed in at each class. You will receive a syllabus upon completion of registration.

## *Registration*

To register, contact:

Rev. Leigh Meekins, Coordinator for Ministries with Children  
Alabama-West Florida Conference  
100 Interstate Park Drive, Suite 120  
Montgomery, Alabama 36109  
334-356-8014 / leigh@awfumc.org

## *Cost*

The cost to attend is \$100 per class, which includes meals, classroom supplies and resources. Scholarships are available. Contact Elizabeth Nall (205-226-7993 / enall@norhalabamaumc.org) or Leigh Meekins (334-356-8014 / leigh@awfumc.org) for more information. Participants will be responsible for the purchase of books and out-of-town lodging. Accommodation suggestions will be offered at the time of registration.

## *Second-Year Courses*

### *Just the Bible*

Dr. Amy Cottril, Assistant Professor of Religion  
Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama  
**October 9, 2009, 4-8 p.m.**  
**October 10, 2009, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Trinity UMC, Homewood, Alabama**

### *Teaching Teachers*

Dr. Virginia Lee, Professor of Christian Education  
Memphis School of Theology, Memphis, Tennessee  
**November 13, 2009, 4-8 p.m.**  
**November 14, 2009, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**St. James UMC, Montgomery, Alabama**

### *The Other Side of the Child*

Dr. Ed Trimmer, Dean, Duffy Institute of Church Leadership  
Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama  
Dr. Elizabeth Corrie, Director of the Youth Theological Initiative  
and Assistant Professor of Youth Education and Peace Building  
Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia  
**February 19, 2010, 4-8 p.m.**  
**February 20, 2010, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Aldersgate UMC on Vaughn Road, Montgomery, Alabama**

### *How to Be a Leader*

Laura Sisson, Director of Church Relations  
Jeanne Jackson, Director of Leadership Studies  
Birmingham Southern College  
**April 9, 2010 4-8 p.m.**  
**April 10, 2010 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**North Alabama Conference Office, Birmingham, Alabama**