

Temple School

Vision Statement Temple School envisions people expressing their full potential using knowledge and action in God’s world. Members and friends of the church are encouraged to pursue lifelong learning and development.

Mission Statement Temple School provides resources to assist adult learners in their quest for knowledge, leadership skills, spirituality, and personal development.

Guidelines Please consult the Field School Guide for detailed instructions on how to plan a successful field school.

Courses Most courses are divided into five units except where noted. Besides study time, each field school course should have a **minimum** of ten hours of class time. A completion card is awarded at the end of class when a course is completed.

Instructional setting Courses may be taken in two settings. First, all courses are available to be taught in field schools operated throughout the church. The format of these field schools varies (see Field School Guide). The other major setting is home study [marked with (HS) where available]. These courses are available for persons who are unable to attend field schools. In most cases, classroom dialogue is preferable to the home study approach.

Course codes Course offerings in the curriculum are prefixed with the following codes:

- AL Abundant Living
- AM Aaronic Ministries
- CL Congregational Leadership
- DS Directed Study
- HI History
- PA Procedures and Administration
- PS Peace and Justice Studies
- SL Service Learning
- SS Scriptural Study
- TE Theology and Ethics

Fees	Field School Student Fee	\$20.00 per course (effective April 1, 2011)
	Home Study (Correspondence)	\$20.00 per course
	Directed Study Credit	\$10.00
	Shipping Costs	

Order Retail Total	Current Shipping Charges
\$0.01 - \$35	\$9
\$35.01-\$199	20% (\$7 to \$40)
\$200+	actual + \$15
Special Handling	actual + \$10
Commercial Accounts	actual

Please NOTE: Home Study and Instructor Guide Sheets are included with most course books. Some courses do not have instructor guide sheets or home study sheets available; these are indicated after the course title.

Preordination Required Courses

Foundational Courses for All Priesthood Offices

SL101 An Introduction to Caring Ministries (Home Study sheets available)

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Office-Centered Preparation Course

AM200 Aaronic Ministers: Ministry of Presence (Home Study sheets available)

This office-centered course covers the priesthood offices of deacon, priest, and teacher, and is open to all students. Priesthood members will understand roles and functions and improve skills for more effective ministry. Others will develop an appreciation of the importance of priesthood ministry. (2002) ISBN 9780830912568

PA140 Elders: Servants of God's People (Home Study sheets available)

This course is recommended for new ordinands, people who are interested in the office of elder, as well as those who have served in the office of elder. (2003) ISBN 9780830912582

PA202 The Seventy: Empowered for Mission and Ministry

This course is a beginning step in a lifelong journey for the seventy. It explores the ministry and mission of the seventy by focusing specifically on the call, accountability, preparation, and the Great Commission. Ample discussion questions and worship ideas are included in the text. There is no instructor guide; no home study. (2005) ISBN 9780830912629

PA212 High Priests: Ministers of Vision (Home Study sheets available)

This course sets a new vision for the ministry of high priests that includes building support systems, standing for peace and justice, bridging cultures and people, fostering spiritual growth and wholeness, and enhancing leadership effectiveness. (2000) ISBN 9780830912643

PA222 Evangelists: Sharing a New World of Blessing (Home Study sheets available)

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General Education Offerings

Preordination and office-centered preparation courses are highlighted below.

Abundant Living

AL340 Ministry and the Physically III

This course focuses on the principles of ministry to persons suffering physical disease of an acute nature. It will further the understanding of ministering to the sick in a variety of settings. (1996)
ISBN 9780830912704

Aaronic Ministries

AM145 Family Advocacy (Home Study sheets available)

This course provides an overview of ways to be an advocate for family relationships. The emphases in this course are on observing, understanding, supporting, encouraging, and referring. Dealing with families at risk is addressed. Ministry to all is stressed. (1998) ISBN 9780830912780

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AM210 A Pastoral Care Ministry of Presence

The purpose of this course is to develop a theological foundation for Aaronic pastoral care ministry that highlights the four core values of the Community of Christ. It is designed to be a starting point for each participant in their journey to understand and enrich the theological foundations of their pastoral care ministry. (2006, five units) ISBN 9780830912803

Congregational Leadership

CL175 Issues in Team Building

This course explores a multitude of issues associated with the dynamic challenge of teamwork. Students will explore personal insights, identify obstacles, and discover how to be an effective team member or team leader. A variety of evaluation and self-assessment tools are included for student and team development. (2002) ISBN 9780830912827

CL950 Improving Adult Education

This course offers the Temple School philosophy of life-long, learning, foundations for teaching adult learners, and specific ways to prepare and facilitate classes. **All Temple School instructors are encouraged to take this course** to enhance the effectiveness of the learning experience. The instructor guide sheets are printed in the course book. (2000) ISBN 9780830912865

Directed Study

There are many good books that provide insight, inspiration, and knowledge. Temple School is working to fulfill a need for more resources for adult study. The study guides, *Tips for Teaching*, are available at no charge. Students need to purchase or provide a copy of the book for their personal study. Persons who desire Directed Study credit added to their transcript need to pay \$10.00, fill out a record card, and send in a class report to Temple School, 1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050. The following guides are currently available.

DS150 Good \$ense: A Course on Budgets

This material (developed by the Willow Creek Association) is highly recommended by the Presiding Bishopric as a ministry tool for disciples seeking to implement a holistic approach to Christian financial stewardship. This user-friendly material can also be used as an effective tool for getting one's financial affairs under control. The church's principles of a Disciple's Generous Response will be included as an introductory section. Contact Diane Martin 1-800-825-2806 ext. 3013 and/or www.cofchrist.org/goodsense for information.

DS200 Directed Study – [General Category for local offerings]

Special courses offered by local jurisdictions are given Temple School credit under this general category. The local jurisdiction needs to assign a course name. To earn Temple School credit for directed study, a \$10.00 fee per person is required.

DS303 Understanding the Way

This book is a work of theology (faith seeking understanding); it is written for Community of Christ members and those on the path of membership. This text continues the journey begun with *Seekers and Disciples*. Students need the book (purchased from Herald house 1-800/767-8181 or found in the Witnessing Disciple Tool Kit). Instructional questions and activities are provided in the book. ISBN 9780830914692

DS365 Transforming Power of Prayer, volume 1

Based on the book by Velma Ruch, this is an exploration of the spirituality of prayer. Students need a book. (Purchase down load PDF from Herald House 1-800/767-8181) Instructor tips are available at no charge. ISBN 9780830915460

DS366 Transforming Power of Prayer, volume 2

Based on the book by Velma Ruch, this companion volume continues to explore prayer. Students need a book. (Purchase down load PDF from Herald House 1-800/767-8181) Instructor tips are available at no charge. ISBN 9780830915477

DS390 Share Christ's Peace: Going Deeper This course, authored by key World Church leaders, assists the learner in understanding the call each disciple and member has to share the peace of Jesus Christ in our world. Instructor helps are included throughout this text. Other supplemental resources can be found at www.CofChrist.org/onlineresources/sharepeace/default.asp. ISBN 9780830912469

History

HI120 Changing Concepts of Zion (Home Study sheets available)

Zion is a concept that has been important to the Community of Christ for many years. However its background remains sketchy for many. This course is intended to help introduce readers to facts and ideas about Zion. The concept has not remained static through the years rather has changed according to needs and understandings. This course is also intended to challenge readers to look at how their own understandings of Zion have changed – and why. (2002) ISBN 9780830912889

HI201 Latter 20th Century: The Church and Challenge (Home Study sheets available)

This course surveys the changes and challenges from the decade of the 1960s up to the expectations of Transformation 2000. (1998) ISBN 9780830912926

Procedures and Administration

PA130 A Guide for Premarital Discussions 9780830912940

This guide is a hands-on manual for priesthood members who are asked to talk with couples considering marriage. It also provides enrichment for married couples. (2001)

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PA270 Mentoring in the Christian Community (Home Study sheets available)

The mentor relationship is defined and explored through historical and scriptural foundations. This course is designed for those desiring to start a mentoring program or relationship. (1996) ISBN 9780830912964

Peace and Justice Studies

PS275 Ministry of Shalom (Home Study sheets available)

This course reviews the various definitions of shalom, the theme of peace in church history, and core values of peace and justice ministries. The purpose of this course is to explore ways to provide ministry in a practical way. People who live in a spirit of shalom will convey that spirit of ministry to those around them. (2001) ISBN 9780830913022

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SS310 Survey of the Old Testament (Home Study sheets available)

This course covers the history, books, and details of the Old Testament. It is easy to understand while providing insight into this important biblical work. (1999) ISBN 9780830913046

SS320 Survey of the New Testament (Home Study sheets available)

This course helps with understanding the content and context of the New Testament. Students are encouraged to read the New Testament and explore the people who molded it. (1997) ISBN 9780830913060

SS350 Survey of the Book of Mormon (Home Study sheets available)

The nature, the story, the textual development, and the message of the Book of Mormon are explored and discussed. This course will give the student a better understanding of the variety of views, stories, and characters in this book. (1996, 2001) ISBN 9780830913084

SS610 Inspired Counsel since 1915 (Home Study sheets available)

This course reviews the content of revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants since 1915. The editor has compiled an extraordinary amount of primary sources to frame sections concerning such topics as finances, becoming a world church, ordination of women, and the Temple. (1997, 2001) ISBN 9780830913107

Theology and Ethics

TE120 Introduction to World Religions (Home Study sheets available)

This course provides a beginning for understanding facts and details about religions. It also encourages the exploration of common beliefs shared by many religions. (1999) ISBN 9780830913121

TE230 Spiritual Disciplines (Home Study sheets available)

This course provides insight into the practice of spiritual disciplines and includes units on spirituality and discipline, fasting, prayer, meditation, and living in community. (1993) ISBN 9780830913169

TE231 Stewardship: An Old Path Made New (Home Study sheets available)

This course aids understanding of what the Community of Christ has to say about the inequities in the world and provides guidance for each disciple's response. Students explore these topics: the rich heritage of Community of Christ to seek out what it means to be God's steward, the promise of God's abundance, an understanding of freely receiving, and our call to become generous disciples embracing the six (6) principles of a disciples' generous response. (2005) ISBN 9780830913183

The booklet *Becoming a Generous Disciple: Six Principles to Live By* (2004) is included at no extra charge with this course. Additional copies are available from Herald House. ISBN 9780830911202

TE240 Stewardship as a Spiritual Discipline

This course will assist adult learners to gain a deeper understanding and encourage the practice of stewardship concepts in relationship to spiritual disciplines. Each lesson will focus on a biblical text chosen to provide scriptural background for the practice of personal stewardship and spirituality. (2006) ISBN 9780830913206