



Lola Pauline Mays New Thought Seminary

2007-2008
Course Schedule

Fall Semester -
October 3 - December 20, 2007

Winter Semester -
January 2 - March 27, 2008

Lola Pauline Mays New Thought Seminary
Community Church of New Thought
5013 E. Broadway Road
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The Seminary teaches principles based on laws of science, opinions of philosophy, and the insights of all religions applicable to the needs and aspirations of humankind as presented by the Unity, Religious Science, and Divine Science movements in the world.

General Information

The Lola Pauline Mays New Thought Seminary offers a two-year program leading to qualification as an ordained New Thought Minister. All courses are conducted at the Seminary Headquarters: 5013 E. Broadway Road, Mesa, Arizona 85206, USA. Phone: 480-830-1074, Email: ccntmesa@yahoo.com Website: www.ccntmesa.org

Applications can be obtained by writing or calling Community Church of New Thought, 5013 E. Broadway Road, Mesa, Arizona, 85206, USA.

Dr. Blaine C. Mays, Dean
Rev. Lynne Hollander, Registrar

Accreditation is from Community Church of New Thought, an Arizona Non-Profit Organization.

Course of instruction is based upon the metaphysical principles contained in the Bible, as found in the teachings of Jesus the Christ, and as set forth in Religious Science, Unity, and Divine Science teachings. Other sources of wisdom identified as principles of New Thought are also taught.

The seminary instructors have collectively served New Thought ministries for more than two hundred years, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to each class.

What Does It Means To Be A Minister?

by James Dillet Freeman

- It means to make yourself small so that others may feel large.
 - It means to make yourself a servant so that others may feel their mastery.
 - It means to give so that those who lack may receive.
 - It means to love so that those who feel unloved may have someone who never rejects them, someone with whom they can always identify themselves.
 - It means to hold out your help to those who ask and deserve help and also to those who do not ask or deserve it. It means to always be there when you are needed, yet never to press yourself or another when you are not wanted.
 - It means to stay at peace so that those who are contentious will have someone to whom they can turn to stabilize themselves.
 - It means to keep a cheerful outlook so that those who are easily cast down may have someone to lift them up.
 - It means to keep faith, and to keep on keeping faith even when you yourself find little reason for believing, so that those who have no faith can find the courage to live.
 - It means not merely to live a life of prayer, but to turn your prayer into life--more life for you, more life for those to whom you minister.
 - It means to be God-centered and human-hearted, to involve yourself in man's humanity and to keep your vision on man's divinity--and so draw forth in all around you the human form divine.
 - It means to share in the great moments of men's lives--in birth and sickness and marriage and death--and at all those times, whether of crisis or celebration, to bring comfort and a blessing, and above all, a sense of Presence that sometimes we cannot see and of a Meaning that often we overlook.
- This is what it means to be a minister of God and a minister to man.

Seminary Instructors



Revs. Debbi and Marvin Brown



Rev. Lynne Hollander



Dr. Betty Mays



Dr. Mimi C. Ronnie



Dr. Flo Dibblee



Dr. Beatrice Kenney



Dr. Blaine C. Mays



Rev. William Spence

Consideration is given to past training, education, and experience in determining what courses an individual student needs to take in pursuing ministerial status. Courses will be recommended to students based on how the student intends to use his/her training. Acceptable credits earned elsewhere are honored toward requirements for ministerial status.

There are no fees for seminary courses, which are presented on a love offering basis. Our desire is to present the strongest program possible, knowing that every need of the seminary will be met. We invite each student to understand and apply the laws of prosperity, supply, and demand.

Ordination depends upon the completion of the required courses and upon the recommendation of the Review Board and the Ordination Committee. Ordination will be conferred upon qualifying students Sunday, March 30, 2008, followed by a reception. All are invited to attend.

Extension Campus: For information regarding the Payson, Arizona Campus, contact Rev. AnnMaree Thompson, 928-978-1913.

Fall Semester, 2007

Course Schedule

Fall Semester meets Wednesday and Thursday evenings, October 3 through December 20. No classes are held on Wednesday, November 21 and Thursday, November 22 or Wednesday, December 26 and Thursday, December 27.

Light from the Language of Jesus, Part 1

Wednesday, October 3 - 31, November 7 - 28, and
December 5 - 19, 6-7 pm

This course uses the research of Aramaic Bible scholars Rocco Errico, George Lamsa, and Niel Douglas-Klotz to interpret the life and sayings of Jesus as they pertain to New Thought fundamentals. The Aramaic Language was the spoken language of Jesus' time, and in order to fully grasp the life and teachings of Jesus we must read and feel them as translated directly from Aramaic.

Instructor, Dr. Beatrice Kenney.

The Perennial Wisdom, Part 1

Wednesday, October 3 - 31, November 7 - 28 and
December 5 - 19, 7-8 pm

This course explores, from a New Thought perspective, fundamental models, principles, and practices from a variety of the world's religious and philosophical traditions that can be applied to increase the spiritual quality of one's life, consciousness, and interactions with others.

Instructor, Rev. Lynne Hollander

New Thought Fundamentals, Part 1

Wednesday, October 3 - 31, November 7 - 28 and
December 5 - 19, 8-9 pm

This course presents the basics of the broad arena of New Thought principles and spirituality using writings from the founding individuals of three major New Thought Schools -- Divine Science, Religious Science, and Unity.

Instructor, Rev. Lynne Hollander

Dr. Beatrice Kenney: Bea holds a PhD in Education from the University of Connecticut and has taught ages six to seventy. She became a licensed practitioner with the United Church of Religious Science and for the next 10 years served the South Shore Community Church and the Boston Center for Religious Science teaching, counseling, participating in Sunday services, and attending regional and national conferences. Bea is especially interested in the spiritual healing of poverty and illness.

Dr. Betty I. Mays: Betty was ordained by Dr. Joseph Murphy in 1980. She served as Pastoral Director and Associate Minister for 27 years at Unity of Phoenix. She also trained at the Living Bible Center and received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 1992. Betty is now serving as Pastoral Director and Co-Minister of Community Church of New Thought.

Dr. Blaine C. Mays: Blaine has been in New Thought all his life. He is a former member of Silent Unity, served as Senior Minister at Unity of Phoenix for 27 years, and has been President of the International New Thought Alliance for 30 years. Blaine is one of 22 ministers to receive an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Association of Unity Churches. He is Co-Minister of Community Church of New Thought.

Dr. Mimi C. Ronnie: Mimi was born into New Thought. After graduating from Fresno State University, she began her studies with Religious Science International. Mimi has been involved in the founding of seven New Thought churches. She was ordained in 1981 by Dr. Joseph Murphy. Mimi became Executive Director of the International New Thought Alliance in 1976 and is now COO for the Alliance. She is Co-Minister of Community Church of New Thought and received her Honorary Doctorate in 1999.

Rev. William Spence: Bill is an ordained minister of the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought Seminary and has been involved in New Thought for 45 years, including church administration, building, finance, counseling, speaking, and teaching. He serves as general counsel to the International New Thought Alliance Executive Board. In addition to Bill's great service in many dimensions of New Thought, he has maintained a large and successful law practice in the Valley of the Sun.

Instructors' Vitae

Revs. Debbi and Marvin Brown: Revs. Marvin and Debbi Brown have extensive background in New Thought education and presentations. Marvin and Debbi were ordained by the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought Seminary in April, 2002. Debbi has written a manual covering death, dying, grief, spiritual counseling, ministering to the sick, and administering last rites, memorial services, baptisms, and weddings.

Dr. Flo Dibblee: Flo holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Masters of Science in Education from SIU. After doctoral work (ABD) at Kansas University, she became a licensed minister in 1961 and was ordained by Lowell Fillmore in 1966. She served Unity Headquarters almost 12 years, including Silent Unity. She has worked in public and private education in teaching and administration. Flo is Co-Minister of The Center of the Living Light, a prayer, teaching, counseling, and mentoring ministry.

Rev. Lynne Hollander: Lynne holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Washington. Lynne spent 13 years studying and teaching the evolution of consciousness based on the Fourth Way teachings of George Gurdjieff, Peter Ouspensky, and Rodney Collins, followed by graduate work and certification with the California Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. Lynne was ordained by the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought Seminary in March, 2000 and is presently the Preceptor of the Addington International New Thought Alliance Archives Research Center and Library.

Doug and Karen Jones: Doug and Karen are Co-Chairs of the International New Thought Alliance Archives Committee. Karen is a Practitioner with Community Church of New Thought. Their professional backgrounds and extended familiarity with New Thought material are valuable assets to organizing and cataloging the Archives and bringing it to international accessibility.

Journey in the Old Testament, Part 1

Thursday, October 4 and 18; November 8 and 29; and December 13, 6-8 pm

This course deals with the metaphysics of the Bible and stages of unfoldment from allness and involution through stages of "trial and error" experiences only to know there's more!

Instructor, Dr. Flo Dibblee

Effective Counseling and Treatment, Part 1

Thursday, October 11 and 25; November 1 and 15; and December 6 and 27, 6-8 pm

This course teaches the power of prayer treatment at metaphysical and practical levels, as well as the procedures of counseling, dialogue, listening, and responding. There are definite do's and don'ts.

Instructors, Drs. Betty and Blaine Mays

New Thought History and Archives

Thursday, October 4 - 25, 8-9 pm

This course discusses New Thought, a more than a century-old movement dedicated to healing all levels through persistent positive thinking and acceptance of one's indwelling divinity. The course also covers pertinent information about the history of New Thought, illustrating dynamic yet little known facts about New Thought pioneers up to its present day leaders, writers and students.

Instructors, Doug and Karen Jones, Dr. Mimi C. Ronnie

Church Administration

Thursday, November 1 - 15, 8-9pm

This course delves into the many aspects of church leadership and management.

Instructor, Dr. Blaine C. Mays

Legal Aspects of Counseling and Ministering

Thursday, November 29, December 6 - 20, 8-9pm

This class is designed for students to understand the legal obligations of clergy and pastoral counseling according to the United States government and the State of Arizona, distinguishing between what one is mandated to do and what one chooses to do.

Instructor, Rev. William Spence.

Winter Semester, 2008

Course Schedule

Winter Semester meets Wednesday and Thursday evenings,
January 2 through March 27, 2008

Light from the Language of Jesus, Part 2

Wednesday, January 2 - March 26, 6-7 pm

This course continues applying the works of Aramaic Bible scholars Rocco Errico, George Lamsa, and Niel Douglas-Klotz to interpret the life and sayings of Jesus as they pertain to additional topics such as the parables of Jesus and the meaning of the Cross.

Instructor, Dr. Beatrice Kenney

The Perennial Wisdom, Part 2

Wednesday, January 2 - March 26, 7-8 pm

This course continues the exploration of fundamental models, principles, and practices from a variety of the world's religious and philosophical traditions that can be applied to increase the spiritual quality of one's life, consciousness, and interactions with others.

Instructor, Rev. Lynne Hollander.

New Thought Fundamentals, Part 2

Wednesday, January 2 - March 26, 8-9 pm

This course continues the presentation of basic New Thought principles and spirituality using writings from and about other prominent individuals who have contributed to the New Thought movement.

Instructor, Rev. Lynne Hollander

Journey in the New Testament, Part 2

Thursday, January 3, 17, 31; February 14 and 28;
March 13 and 27, 6-8pm

This course continues with the metaphysics of the Bible from the realization of the birth of awareness of Truth to the fullness of Light.

Instructor, Dr. Flo Dibblee

Effective Counseling and Treatment, Part 2

Thursday, January 10 and 24; February 7 and 21;
March 6 and 20, 6-8 pm

This course continues with the power of prayer treatment at metaphysical and practical levels, as well as procedures for counseling, dialogue, listening, and responding. There are definite do's and don'ts.

Instructors, Drs. Betty and Blaine Mays

Homeletics and Ceremonies

Thursday, January 3 - March 27, 8-9 pm

Homeletics teaches the branch of practical theology that deals with homilies and lessons, empowering one to prepare and deliver a creative message of inspiration and wisdom.

Instructors, Revs. Debbi and Marvin Brown