



Emerging Religious Leaders (ERL): Christian & Jewish Seminarian Study & Dialogue Program January 11-15, 2015



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Course Description:

The future of our religious communities depends upon clergy who will be able to provide leadership in a religiously plural world. To advance this goal, the ICJS and the Washington Theological Consortium have partnered to offer a January-Term study program that brings together Christian seminarians and Jewish rabbinical students to engage in textual study and conversation at an overnight retreat center. The Jewish-Christian relationship is paradigmatic for understanding both the possibilities of religious pluralism, and the dangers of religious conflict, ignorance, and misunderstanding.

This intensive course will raise up the commonalities of our traditions, but more importantly it will focus on the particular ways our respective communities read, interpret and embody their traditions. The participants will have an opportunity not only to listen to brief lectures throughout the five days, but also to engage in small group study of sacred texts. Jewish and Christian seminarians will also have ample opportunity to get to know one another, and we hope they will develop lasting relationships that will go beyond their five days together. We want to promote rigorous interreligious learning as well as interreligious friendship.

Course Facts and Figures:

Course Title: "Jewish and Christian Encounters: Texts, Traditions & Practices"
Date: **January 11-15, 2015** (Sunday evening through Thursday afternoon)
Course Location: Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, Maryland
Cost: Meals and Accommodation will be provided – *Tuition costs apply for credit.*
Students: 12-15 Seminarians & 12-15 Rabbinical Students

Faculty:

- Dr. Judy Fentriss-Willians, Virginia Theological Seminary
- Dr. Larry Golemon, Executive Director of the Washington Theological Consortium
- Rabbi Ilyse Kramer, Jewish Educator at ICJS
- Rabbi Dr. Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
- Dr. Christopher Leighton, Executive Director of the ICJS
- Dr. Heather Miller Rubens, Roman Catholic Scholar at ICJS
- Dr. Benjamin E. Sax, Jewish Scholar at ICJS
- Dr. R. Kendall Soulen, Wesley Theological Seminary
- Dr. Homayra Ziad, Muslim Scholar at ICJS