

**Lola Pauline Mays**  
**New Thought School of Ministry**  
**2017-2018**  
Course Schedule

**Fall Semester**

September 27 – December 14, 2017

**Winter Semester**

January 3 – March 22, 2018

**General Information**

The Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry offers a two-year program leading to qualification as an ordained New Thought Minister. For the Mesa campus, all courses are conducted at the school headquarters: 5013 E. Broadway Road, Mesa, Arizona 85206, USA. Phone: 480-830-1074.

Website: [www.ccntaz.org](http://www.ccntaz.org), Email: [requests@ccntaz.org](mailto:requests@ccntaz.org)

**Applications can be obtained by writing or calling:**

Community Church of New Thought, 5013 E. Broadway Road, Mesa, AZ, 85206, USA, Rev. Dr. Blaine C. Mays, Dean

**Accreditation is from Community Church of New Thought**, an Arizona non-profit religious organization, having 501-C3 status with the Internal Revenue Service authorizing it to conduct a ministerial school.

The course of instruction is based upon the metaphysical principles contained in the Bible, as found in the teachings of Jesus the Christ, as originally set forth in Religious Science, Unity, and Divine Science, and as identified in 28 other New Thought-centered organizations in the world. Other sources of wisdom identified as principles of New Thought are also taught.

The school's instructors have collectively served New Thought ministries and organizations for more than two hundred years, and have also served many years at various levels in education, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to each class.

**Unity Worldwide Ministries**

Unity Worldwide Ministries has authorized that anyone ordained by the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry can qualify to apply to the Field Licensing Program of the Unity Worldwide Ministries.

**Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry Alumni**

Ministers ordained by the school are invited to join the Alumni Association of graduates of the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry. Contact Rev. Grace Jackson, 480-539-0415, for more information.

**Registration Fee**

When applying to attend the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry, a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 is required.

**Fees for Classes**

There are no set fees for courses, which are presented on a love offering basis. Love offerings are received during each class evening. All offerings received are divided, half to the school and half to the instructors, based on their hours of instruction.

**Ordination Fee**

Ordination depends upon the completion of the required courses and upon the recommendation of the Review Board, the Ordination Committee, and the CCNT Board of Directors. Prior to graduation ceremonies, there is an ordination fee of \$200.00 required from each intended graduate.

## **Auditing Classes**

All classes are eligible to take for audit, with no credit given towards certification or ordination. No books or materials will be provided for any audited class, but are available for purchase.

## **Requirements for Ordination**

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. The amount of class instruction needed in the school varies with each individual student with specific consideration given for past New Thought class training, service, experience, academics, and professional involvement. Acceptable credits earned elsewhere are honored toward requirements for ministerial status.

## **Re-issuance of Ordination Certificate**

There is a \$50.00 fee to re-issue an ordination certificate, payable prior to processing of new certificate.

## **Fall Semester Course Schedule, 2017**

Fall Semester meets Wednesday and Thursday evenings, September 27 through December 14. In observance of Thanksgiving, no classes are held on November 22 or 23.

### **The Minister's Toolbox, Part 1**

*Wednesday, September 27 – November 15; November 29 – December 6, 13, 6–7 pm*

This course teaches the basic concepts of individuality, identity, and self-awareness. Techniques in meditation, affirmation, use of imagery, how to ask for a change of behavior, and your bill of rights are taught. These lessons are diagrams for creative living, generating your support system, and establishing self-reliance.

Instructor, Rev. Karl Keierleber

### **Bible Lore and History: Old Testament**

*Wednesday, September 27 – November 15; November 29 – December 6, 13, 7 – 8 pm*

This is an introductory course *about* the Bible and its coalescence into Holy Scripture. By studying the patriarchs in their cultural environment; theories of authorship; and current scholars, our goal is to gain a broader appreciation for the magic and mystery of the Bible. We will examine creation myths and flood stories that likely informed Genesis.

Emphasis will be on Mosaic authorship verses documentary hypothesis; theories of the exodus, what archeology supports, and how these stories were recorded from oral tradition to eBook.

Instructor, Rev. Susan Sky

### **Alternative Ministries**

*Wednesday, September 27 – November 15; November 29 – December 6, 13, 8 – 9 pm*

This course offers descriptions of ways to create your own ministry based on your personal calling. We will examine current trends in alternative ministry that exist outside the realm of a physical church. Some of these forms include music, healing, serving the elderly, homeless populations, cancer patients, hospice, educational, television, radio, internet, prayer, and retreat ministries. Your unique talents and interests are the foundation of your ministry.

Instructor, Rev. Lucretia Howard

### **Old Testament Interpretation, Part 1**

*Thursday, September 28; October 12, 26; November 9, 30; December 14, 6 – 8 pm*

This course deals with the metaphysics of the Bible and stages of unfolding through which the soul moves. From the beginning in Genesis, with the involution process, and through the rest of the Old Testament, the soul moves through the stages of "trial and error."

Instructor, Rev. Grace Jackson

### **Effective Counseling, Part 1**

*Thursday, October 5, 19; November 2, 16; December 7, 6 – 8 pm*

Procedures and guidelines for counseling spiritually including dialogue, listening, and responding. There are definite “do's and don'ts”.

Instructor, Dr. Blaine C. Mays

### **New Thought History and Archives**

*Thursday, September 28; October 5, 12, 19, 8 – 9 pm*

This course discusses New Thought – dedicated to healing all levels through persistent positive thinking and one's indwelling divinity. From Plato to Oprah: the themes, ideas, and experiences began long before the late 1800's. We will examine many influences that were adopted or discarded that formed today's understanding of New Thought. Students will be given an orientation and tour of the Archives, October 19, 7 pm.

Instructors, Dr. Mimi Ronnie, Dr. Beatrice Kenney, Dr. Blaine C. Mays

### **Church Administration**

*Thursday, October 26; November 2, 9, 8 – 9 pm*

This course covers the many aspects of church leadership and management.

Instructor, Dr. Blaine C. Mays

### **Legal Aspects of Counseling and Ministering**

*Thursday, November 16; December 7, 14, 8 – 9 pm*

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 can choose to do.

Instructor, Dr. Blaine C. Mays

## **Winter Semester, 2018 Course Schedule**

Winter Semester meets Wednesday and Thursday evenings, January 3 through March 22, 2018.

### **The Ministers' Toolbox, Part 2**

*Wednesday, January 3 – March 21, 6 – 7 pm*

Part 2 incorporates deeper discussion of your basic ministerial purpose: Discussion of goal setting, decision making, the power of imagination, and the difference between spontaneity and impulsiveness. As a minister, learning techniques of observation will help you to help others recognize life patterns. Learn how to change your thoughts and change life patterns using effective Spiritual Mind treatments. The class explores ideas of deeper spirituality, meditation, and personal growth for the benefit of those we serve.

Instructor, Rev. Karl Keierleber

### **Bible Lore and History: New Testament**

*Wednesday, January 3 – March 21, 7 – 8 pm*

This is an introductory class about the Bible and its coalescence into Holy Scripture. Our goal is to gain a broader appreciation for the magic and mystery of the Bible. We will examine the Q document and other sources that inform the Gospels, the emergence of a Christian church, and the English translation variations for purpose and understanding of why so many and which are more useful in New Thought.

Instructor, Rev. Susan Sky

### **Effective Counseling and Treatment, Part 2**

*Wednesday, January 3 – March 21, 8 – 9 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.

Instructor, Dr. Blaine C. Mays

## **New Testament Interpretation, Part 2**

*Thursday, January 4, 18; February 1, 15; March 1, 15, 6 – 7 pm*

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, Rev. Grace Jackson

## **New Thought Fundamentals**

*Thursday, January 4 – March 22, 7 -- 8 pm*

This course presents the basics of the New Thought Movement using writings especially from the founding individuals of three New Thought Schools: Divine Science, Religious Science, and Unity. Special emphasis is placed on the women of New Thought. Two texts of importance for this study are *Courage, Conviction and Consciousness, 365 Days of Inspiration from the Women of New Thought*, compiled by Rev. William Mercer; and *The Quest, a Journal of Spiritual Rediscovery* by Richard and Mary-Alice Jafolla.

Instructor, Rev. Barbara Brown

## **Homilies and Ceremonies**

*Thursday, January 4 – March 22, 8 – 9 pm*

Homilies 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.

Instructor, Rev. Marvin Brown

## **Instructors' Vitae**

**Rev. Barbara Geis Brown** is a Harvard educated, National Board Certified Speaker, author, Unity member, and ordained New Thought minister with close to 20 years of field ministry experience teaching all levels of students. She holds a degree in theology and social justice within communities. Bebe was selected as the Phoenix Union Superintendent's choice for meeting with President Obama in 2015, and was ordained by the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry in 2015.

**Rev. Marvin Brown:** Rev. Marvin Brown has extensive background in New Thought education and presentations. He was ordained by the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry in 2002. Marvin teaches mindfulness practice, metaphysics, mysticism, and the history of religion and churches.

**Rev. Lucretia Howard:** Has a degree in Pastoral Ministry from Ohio Christian University, she was ordained by the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry. She is the creator of Lost Inside Ministry LLC, reaching out to those in need from addiction or illness she uses her arts and counseling education to help individuals heal spiritually and emotionally.

**Rev. Grace Jackson** currently is founder and minister of The Circle of Love, Power and Dominion at Community Church of New Thought where she also serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors. Her passionate calling and love of enlightenment led her to be a Sunday school teacher, spiritual retreat leader, humanitarian, toastmaster, professional model, teacher, community leader, and financial advisor at three of the top ten financial organizations in the United States. Rev. Grace, a 2008 graduate of the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry, and as its Alumni Coordinator she joyfully motivates others to reach their unique God-given potential.

**Rev. Karl Keierleber:** Karl is an instructor with The Real You Seminars and is Vice President of The Real You Publishing, LLC. He has been involved with New Thought since 1960, growing up with the teachings of Ernest Holmes. As a teenager, Karl attended Science of Mind classes taught by Dr. Mark Carpenter from the Phoenix First Church of Religious Science. He is a graduate of the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry. He currently serves as a Fire Department Chaplain for the Rural Metro Fire Department. Karl, a retired Fire Chief has a successful background in business and public safety administration.

**Rev. Dr. Beatrice Kenney:** Bea Kenney is the Archivist at the Addington International New Thought Alliance Archives and Research Library. Bea has been in teaching and publishing services all of her life. She began her commitment to New Thought in 1978 as a student then teaching about the Law, Prosperity, Aramaic interpretation of the Bible, and the history of New Thought.

**Rev. Dr. Blaine 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 was President of the International New Thought Alliance for 39 years. He has served as CEO of the INTA since 1997. 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.

**Rev. Dr. Mimi C. Ronnie:** Mimi has been in New Thought all her life. 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 Chief Operating Officer for the Alliance. She is Co-minister of Community Church of New Thought and received her Honorary Doctorate in 1999.

**Rev. Susan Sky:** Susan has been ordained through Universal Life Church, Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry, and International Metaphysical Ministry. She holds a B.Msc and an M.Msc degree from University of Metaphysics and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Sedona. Her specific ministerial interests are answered prayer and spiritual healing. Susan is a member of several prayer teams and prayer shawl ministries.