

**COS 123 – Formation for Discipleship**  
**Instructor: Rev. Dr. Joseph Patterson III**

Please read everything in this document. If you agree to all this information, you may register for the class.

**STEP 1: Check your calendars**

Below are the five live Zoom class sessions required for you to attend. Please check your personal and professional calendars. If you are not able to attend all five sessions, please do not register for the class.

- Saturday, March 20, 9:00–11:00 a.m. (EST)
- Saturday, April 10, 9:00–11:00 a.m. (EST)
- Saturday, April 24, 9:00–11:00 a.m. **and** April 24, 1:00–3:00 p.m. (EST)
- Saturday, May 8, 9:00–11:00 a.m. (EST).

**STEP 2: Check your calendars.... again!**

This is what the complete Spring online session will look like. You will be working on classwork consistently throughout this time period.

PRE-CLASS WORK:	Begin by March 12
CLASS	March 20 – May 8
POST-CLASS WORK:	May 9 – May 22

**STEP 3: Understand the requirements to be in an online class at the WV Extension**

- You must have access to a high-speed internet connection for each Zoom class session (*No dial-up connections*)
- Each student must have their own electronic device with which to participate (desktop computer or laptop; no tablets or smartphones). One student per device.
- You must have audio and video capabilities on your computer (we need to be able to SEE and HEAR you).
- You must participate in, and pass a Zoom practice session conducted by COS Director, Greg Markins or other designated person.

#### **STEP 4: Register**

If you understand and agree to steps 1-3, you are ready to register! [Click here](#).

#### **STEP 5: Purchase textbooks**

##### **Required Textbooks:**

Sondra Matthaei, *Formation in the Faith*

Marjorie J. Thompson, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*

Kevin M. Watson, *The Class Meeting*

Junius B. Dotson, *Developing an Intentional Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations* (Copies of this text are available at no cost to the student, compliments of Discipleship Ministries. It is available as a free PDF at [www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org). Should the student desire to purchase a printed copy, instructions are available on the same website)

##### **Supplementary Textbooks:**

Jack Seymour, *Teaching the Way of Jesus*

Norma Everiste, *Church as a Learning Community*

Anne Wimberly and Evelyn Park, *In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church*

**STEP 6: Begin working on Course Pre-Work found in Course syllabus found at this link: <http://coswv.org/schedule/>. Scroll down to Spring Term 2021 and locate course number and select link to access/download syllabus.**