

THE CHARLES SIMEON LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

The Charles Simeon Lay School of Theology is a ministry of the *Charles Simeon Institute*. Each year, the *Lay School of Theology* offers seminary-quality classes that we specifically design for laypersons. The aim of these classes is to build the faith of laypersons and to enable them to be more effective witnesses in the world. During the **Spring of 2017**, we will offer two classes:

All In the Family: Anglican Christians You Should Know

God has used all sorts and conditions of people to shape the Anglican tradition of spirituality. This class will focus on acquainting participants with a spectrum of ancient martyrs and missionaries, such as: St. Alban and St. Augustine of Canterbury; medieval mystics and leaders, such as Walter Hilton and Julian Norwich; Reformation pioneers, such as William Tyndale and John Wycliffe; and more recent figures, such as Evelyn Underhill, Martin Thornton, and Michael Ramsey.

**This class will meet over the span of three Saturday mornings:
January 14, February 11, and March 11, 2017
9:30 AM —12:00 N**

**Leader: The Rev. Dr. Sudduth Cummings, *Tutor in Ascetical Theology,*
*The Charles Simeon House of Studies***

Learning Discipleship from a Martyr: Dietrich Bonhoeffer on the Sermon on the Mount

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was a German Lutheran pastor and theologian, who stood at the forefront of the resistance to the Nazis. Working with a small group of pastors and theologians, he organized the *Confessing Church*, which refused to give allegiance to Adolf Hitler. Eventually, the Nazis arrested and executed Bonhoeffer, on the basis of his activities. This class will focus on Bonhoeffer's book, "*Discipleship*," which addresses the theme of discipleship in a context marked by enormous pressure to conform to the world. Bonhoeffer

devotes the bulk of the book to an exposition of the *Sermon on the Mount*. This book has resonated with readers ever since its publication.

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