



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2023 CLERGY ETHICS TRAINING

What is the registration link? [Register for Clergy Ethics Training Here](#)

When and where can I register?

Registration is now open and can be found on the Conference website. It is scrolling on the main page, listed on the conference calendar or can be found by typing “clergy ethics” in the search bar.

Why does it cost \$100?

The registration fee covers a background check, lunch, as well as site, facilitator, and technology fees.

Why is this mandatory?

This training is to fulfill our denominational requirement to complete an ethics training for all clergy and lay supply per quadrennium (2016 Book of Resolutions ¶2044).

What are the training dates and locations?

Monday, January 23 – Newnan First
Thursday, January 26- Dunwoody
Tuesday, January 31 – Madison First
Thursday, February 23 – Gainesville First
Monday, February 27 – Marietta First
Sunday, March 12 – Trinity at the Well (2:00p-8:00p)
Wednesday, March 15 – Cannon
Thursday, March 23 – Peachtree Road
Saturday, March 25 – Douglasville First

Do I have to attend the training in my district?

No. You may register for any session that best fits your schedule.

Will I earn CEUs for this training?

Yes. Participants will receive 0.6 CEUs for this training.

I just completed ethics training. Do I need to do this again?

Yes. Attending one of these 2023 trainings will fulfill the required ethics training for the next quadrennium, January 1, 2023-December 31, 2026. All trainings hosted in 2018 and all Lewis Center trainings since 7/1/2018 fulfilled the time period of January 1, 2018-December 31, 2022.

I am a local pastor, do I need to attend this training?

Yes. All people serving under appointment are required to participate in this 2023 training in order to continue to serve under appointment.

I am an extension minister, do I need to attend this training?

Yes. All clergy persons under appointment, even to an appointment beyond the local church, need to complete this training. Even though some extension appointments provide routine ethics training, extension ministers need to complete this training provided by The North Georgia Conference.

I am a lay servant or lay speaker. Do I need to take this training?

No. Only laity serving under appointment need to attend.

I am retired and have participated in these training sessions in the past. Do I need to do this again?

Yes. Retired clergy who would like to serve in any capacity from 2023-2026 need to take this training. You do not need to attend if you only plan to be an occasional guest preacher; however, anything more than that requires you to attend this training.

Is there a scholarship or financial assistance available to help with the cost?

The Center for Clergy Excellence does not have scholarships available for this training. When possible, clergy are encouraged to use their continuing education funds for this training. If assistance from the local church is not available, clergy will need to cover these funds out-of-pocket. Although the \$100 is an upfront cost, this training will cover your ethics certification for the next four years, \$25 per year.

Can I earn ethics CEUs for another professional license?

Yes. We will provide CEUs for another professional license. Please request this upon registration. There is no extra fee for this.

Do I need to attend more than one session?

No. You only need to attend ONE ethics training session. If you are unable to attend your registered session from beginning to end, then you will need to attend an additional session.

What if I can't make the session that I signed up for?

Please contact Rev. Leigh Martin to change your registration. leigh.martin@ngumc.net or 678-533-1372.

How long will the session last?

All sessions will be held from 9:00am to 4:00pm, with the exception of the Sunday session on March 12th that will be held from 2:00pm to 8:00pm. Attendees MUST be present for the entire training. Please select a session that you can attend from the beginning to the end.

I just completed my background check during the candidacy/ordination process. Do I need to complete another one?

If you have a background check completed after August 1, 2022, please contact Rev. Leigh Martin to verify and receive a discount code for your registration.

I serve outside the bounds of The North Georgia Conference, do I need to take this training?

Yes and No. If possible, take this opportunity to visit your home conference and attend one of our training sessions in person. If travel to North Georgia is not possible, then you may attend the ethics training offered in your host conference. Please update us if you do this. If neither option is possible, we can connect you with an online training. Please contact Rev. Leigh Martin if you are in this situation.

If you have questions please contact the Rev. Leigh Martin at 678-533-1372 or by email at leigh.martin@ngumc.net.