

### Sessions

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 from 09.30 to 4.30 p.m.

21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 from 09.30 to 4.30 p.m.

There will be an individual examination at another moment, by appointment.

### Venue

Federal Synod

Rue Brogniezstraat 46

1070 Brussels (Anderlecht)

### Language

The teaching language will be English.

### Inscription

By email to be sent to [xo@fedsyn.be](mailto:xo@fedsyn.be).

### Price

The course is completely free.

### Person of contact

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The main aim of the Federal Synod of Protestant and Evangelical Churches in Belgium is to represent the member denominations and recognised charities, on the basis of the Declaration of Faith of the World Evangelical Alliance.

For the different matters that concern the relations between the authorities and the recognised religions, the Federal Synod acts through the Administrative Council of the Protestant and Evangelical Religion (ARPEE / CACPE).

For other societal and convictional matters, the Federal Synod can act as a representative body in a direct way.

The present course is the course mentioned on the form used to request a badge for “minister of worship”.

## Course for beginning pastors



*Training course for a better working Church*



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## General information

The Federal Synod organised this course for the first time in 2014. Strengthened by its success and encouraged by the positive feedback, we want to repeat this good experience during the year 2016.

### Target audience

This course is designed for beginning pastors but is also of interest for other pastors or even for other people who have a responsibility within their church. The aim is to inform the participants about the responsibilities that a key position in a church involves. The pastor may however not necessarily be the person carrying out these tasks.



## Content of the course

This course will deal with the following subjects :

- the legal, administrative and financial requirements of a church ;
- the Belgian structures, from an administrative point of view, as well as from an ecclesiastical point of view ;
- the ecclesiastical landscape.
- functioning of the Federal Synod and of the ARPEE/CACPE
  - professional secrecy
  - working with staff and volunteers

As you can see, it is by no means an in-depth/advanced course about accountancy or about laws, social security, urban planning, structures and financing. It is in essence a course that will single out the points for which one has to pay extra attention to, to make sure that things are correctly carried out. On the other hand, there are also parts in the course that are more directly relevant to the pastors (e.g. rights and duties, decision-making process).



## Why follow this course ?

This course will be of great value for anyone who is involved in the management and the leading of a church, as a pastor or as an elder. The course teaches very important things, such as the duties of a church towards the authorities/society. It also teaches how to properly manage the accountancy. All these things are important, particularly in order to have a good testimony towards people from outside our churches and unbelievers.

Furthermore, we are very blessed that the teachers collaborating with us are people with an extensive knowledge in their field.

We are convinced that this course will be very beneficial to the way our churches work.

