
DESCRIPTION: This is an introductory course on biblical, theological, and practical matters in ecclesiology and leadership. The work of lay and clergy leadership is explored in relationship to congregation formation, spiritual formation, and mission formation. All participants in a church are to be formed into an “interpretive community” that is engaged with God personally and corporately in spiritual formation and in missional outreach.

COURSE OBJECTIVES/LEARNING OUTCOMES: (1) Increased understanding concerning the centrality of worship in congregational life and mission; (2) Greater commitment to participating in congregational life, worship, and mission; (3) Increased understanding of the tasks of pastoral leadership; (4) Increased skills related to the work of a pastor; (5) Increased clarity concerning one’s own gifts and calling in relationship to pastoral ministry.


COURSE FORMAT: The class will meet for two-hour sessions twice weekly, and will include lectures, individual & group exercises, reflective discussions of materials & experiences, and guest speakers.

REQUIRED READING:
  (If student has previously read Ogden, then read)
- Roxburgh, Alan. *Crossing the Bridge*. Percept, 2000 (not in bookstore; web pdf will be supplied).
  Class Reader including James Brownson, James Evans, Stanley Hauerwas, David Ng, Elizabeth O’Connor, Manuel Ortiz, Eugene Peterson.

RECOMMENDED READING:

ASSIGNMENTS: (1) Attend class, maintain Student Report Sheet (25%). (2) Read texts and assigned articles on time (25%). (3) Complete a one-page form on all articles and books (5%). (4) Write a 500-600 word Adler-style book critique on Budde and Lohfink (10%). (5) Team visits to a church; write 1000-word paper reflecting on “gospel” and “church” as experienced in comparison with class (10%). (6) Write a 2500-3000 word term paper that integrates issues of ecclesiology, context, and leadership (25%). (7) To pursue an A, complete an Adler-style overview of 3 other recommended books; read Colossians and write a 1500-2000 word paper in reference to the course and your term paper.

PREREQUISITES: None.
RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM: Meets MDiv core requirement in Pastoral Ministry & Theology (MIN 6) or the requirement in Ministry Foundations (MIN F) for other master’s degrees.
FINAL EXAMINATION: None.