MIN 5101: Ministerial Leadership

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DATES: 1-0-13 to 5-22-13 **DAYS:** Wednesday **TIME:** 2:00 PM- 4:50 PM

Course Description:

Where do I stand, and what do I do when I visit a sick person in the hospital? What do I say to a person who has lost a loved one? How do I minister to people going through divorce, dealing with unemployment, struggling with addiction issues, family crisis, and spiritual doubts and fears? Why do some pastors fail? This course explores Pastoral Theology as a constructive practical theological enterprise focused on the religious care of persons, families, congregations, and communities. As such, the course draws on interdisciplinary methods growing out of classical and contemporary theological traditions. It will draw and learn from theological conversation throughout the academy in order to enhance the students' future practice of ministry in both congregational and specialized settings, such as chaplaincies or counseling contexts. The role of the minister as pastor will be a central focus. As well as considering such activities as visitation, such issues as advising on marriage, parenthood and dealing with crises such as death or illness, the pastoral dimension of preaching, worship and leadership and of congregational development will be discussed. It will be assumed that all of a minister's tasks have a pastoral care foundation, that is, "care of souls [*Seelsorger*]" and of the community.

Required Texts

William H. Willimon.[1] *Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry*. HarperOne, 1983. SBN-13: 978-0060663537 [$18.15 at Amazon.com ($15.66 for the Kindle edition)].

William H. Willimon. *Pastor: A Reader for Ordained Ministry*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2002. ISBN-13: 978-0687097883 [$27.16 new, or $5.85-$15.00 used at Amazon.com].

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[1] Feeling most at home behind a pulpit, Bishop William H. Willimon's deepest calling is to be a preacher and truth-teller of Jesus Christ. Willimon is currently Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke University Divinity School and retired Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church, after serving for 20 years as faculty member and Dean of the Chapel at Duke University. He continues to give lectures and teach at universities around the world. Willimon earned a doctoral degree from Emory University and has been honored with 13 additional doctorates. A recent study by the Pulpit and Pew Research Center found that Willimon is one of the most widely read authors among mainline Protestant pastors. An international survey conducted by Baylor University named him one of the "Twelve Most Effective Preachers" in the English-speaking world. With over a million copies of more than 60 books sold, his popularity is undeniable.

Thomas C. Oden.[2] *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry*. Abingdon Press, 2002. ISBN-10: 0687045320 or ISBN-13: 978-0687045327.

Recommend Readings

Thomas C. Oden. *Classic Pastoral Care*. Baker Book House, 2000. ISBN-10: 0801067626 or ISBN-13: 978-0801067624

Andrew Purves. *Pastoral Theology in the Classical Tradition*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2001. ISBN-10: 0664222412 or ISBN-13: 978-0664222413.

Richard Baxter. *The Reformed Pastor*. The Banner of Truth Trust, (1656, 1989).

Philip Jacob Spener, translated, and edited with an introduction by Theodore G. Tappert. *Pia Desideria*. Philadelphia, Fortress Press, 1675, 1964. Six classic reform proposals to regenerate and enliven pastors and the Church today.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon. *Lectures to My Students*. Zondervan; new edition (1979). Practical advice for seminary students and new pastors from the great 19th century British pastor and preacher.

Helmut Thielicke. *Encounter With Spurgeon*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1968. Read as a companion to Spurgeon's *Lectures to My Students*.

Norbert H. Mueller and George Krause, editors. *Pastoral Theology*. St. Louis: Concordia Press. This book stands as the authority on pastoral responsibility and practice in the parish. Seminary students and pastors in the field learn how to minister in specific situations. The topics addressed include: the pastor, the office, and the church; the pastor and the Word and sacraments in corporate and individual situations; pastoral care of the family; and the pastor as equipper of members and of the community.

Pastoral Care Companion. St. Louis: Concordia Press. This expansive resource provides the pastor with a wealth of materials in his work of caring for souls in times of sickness and distress. Included are resources for more than 60 topics, divided under eight categories: at the time of birth, ministering to the sick, at the time of death, times of spiritual distress, home and family, vocation, times of celebration, and miscellaneous situations. For each topic, resources include: brief theological commentary to guide the pastor, psalm verses, Bible readings, additional psalm and reading suggestions, prayers, hymn stanzas, and other hymn suggestions. ISBN: 0758612257.

William H. Willimon. *Worship As Pastoral Care*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1982.

William H. Willimon. *Calling & Character: Virtues of the Ordained Life*. Abingdon Press, 2000.

Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon. *Resident Aliens: A Provocative Christian Assessment of Culture and Ministry for People Who Know that Something is Wrong*. Nashville: Abington Press, 1989.

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[2] Thomas C. Oden (Ph.D., Yale University) is Henry Anson Buttz Professor of Theology at the Theological School, Drew University. He is the general editor of *The Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture*.

Marshall Shelly, *Well-Intentioned Dragons: Ministering to Problem People in the Church* (Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1994).

G. Lloyd Rediger, *Clergy Killers: Guidance for Pastors and Congregations Under Attack*, (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1997).

Rick Warren. *The Purpose Driven Church: Growth Without Compromise*. Nashville: Nelson Books, 1995. ISBN: 0310201063.

Essential Books for the Pastor's Bookshelf

David Horton. *The Portable Seminary: A Master's Level Overview in One Volume*. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 2006. ISBN-13: 978-0764201608.

Norman L. Geisler and William E. Nix. *A General Introduction to the Bible*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 1986. ISBN-13: 978-0802429162.

Paul P. Enns. *The Moody Handbook of Theology*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2008. ISBN-13: 978-0802434340.

Schedule and Reading Assignments

WEEK ONE: Introduction, Expectations, Definitions of Terms, and Theological Foundation. TEXT: Matthew 28:18-20.

WEEK TWO: "Ordination: Why Pastors?," W.W., pp.27-53. Also, "The Discovery of Pastoral Identity," Thomas C. Oden, p.3; "The Call to Ministry," Oden, p.18; "The Meaning of Ordination," Oden, p.26.

WEEK THREE: "Ministry for the Twenty-first Century: Images of the Pastor," W.W., pp.55-74. Also, "Shepherding as Pivotal Analogy," Oden, p.49; "The Offices and Gifts of Ministry," Oden, p.64.

WEEK FOUR: "The Pastor as Priest: The Leadership of Worship," W.W., pp.75-90. Also, "The Pastor of the Worshiping Community," Oden, p.85 and "The Ministry of Baptism and Eucharist," Oden, p.105.

WEEK FIVE: "The Priest as Pastor: Worship as the Content and Context of Pastoral Care," W.W., pp.91-109.

WEEK SIX: "The Pastor as Interpreter of Scripture: A People Created by the Word," W.W., pp.111-139.

WEEK SEVEN: "The Pastor as Preacher: Servant of the Word," W.W., pp.141-170. Also, "The Ministry of the Word Through Preaching," Oden, p. 127.

WEEK EIGHT: "The Pastor as Counselor: Care That Is Christian," W.W., pp.171-201. Also, "Pastoral Visitation," Oden, p.169; "The Care of Souls," Oden, p.186; "Ministry to the Sick," Oden, p.249; "The Care of the Poor," Oden, p.267; "Pastoral Care of the Dying," Oden, p.293.

WEEK NINE: "The Pastor as Teacher: Christian Formation," W.W., pp. 203-223. Also, "The Teaching Elder," Oden, p.141.

WEEK TEN: "The Pastor as Evangelist: Christ Means Change," W.W., pp.225-248. Also, "Equipping the Laity for Ministry," Oden, p. 153.

WEEK ELEVEN: "The Pastor as Prophet: Truth Telling in the Name of Jesus," W.W., pp.249-274.

WEEK TWELVE: "The Pastor as Leader: The Peculiarity of Christian Leadership," W.W., pp.275-297.

WEEK THIRTEEN: Focus on "Failure in Ministry," W.W., pp.288-290 and Marshall Shelly, *Well-Intentioned Dragons* (Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1994), and G. Lloyd Rediger, *Clergy Killer: Guidance for Pastors and Congregations Under Attack*, (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1997).

WEEK FOURTEEN: "The Pastor as Character: Clergy Ethics," W.W., pp.299-314.

WEEK FIFTEEN: "The Pastor as Disciplined Christian: Constancy in Ministry," W.W., pp.315-336.

WEEK SIXTEEN: Review, Presentations, and Final Exam.

COURSE -REQUIREMENTS:

1.) Attend class.
2.) Do your assigned readings in advance of each class.
3.) Complete your Mid-term and Final Exam.
5.) Write a Pastoral Theology "Expert Paper"
6.) Lead and Participant in discussions.
7.) Chapter Summaries Folder

EVALUATION:

Mid-Term Exam ……..…….. 20%
One Page Chapter Summaries …….…….. 20%
Pastoral Theology "Expert Paper" …… 30%
Participation and Attendance …….…….. 10%
Final Exam ….....…….…….…. 20%

FINAL PAPER:

Write a 10-12 page double-spaced paper on a topic of your choice pertaining to the field of pastoral theology. Discuss a possible topic with your instructor. Choose a topic that draws your interest. I am happy to provide advice and suggestions, and must approve each topic. Your paper must be an academic paper, i.e., not an essay or commentary. You must objectively describe a situation and then analyze it; then [at the end] you can give your opinion. Footnotes and bibliography [University of Chicago-Turabian style] are required. The paper is due on the final day of class.

Useful Books on Research and Writing:

Kate L. Turabian. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, Seventh Edition: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2007.

William I. Strunk, Jr., and E.B. White. *Elements of Style.* New York, Macmillan Publishing Company, 1999.

Sharon Sorenson. *How to Write Research Papers.* New York, Macmillian Publishing Company, 2002.

Jacques Barzun and Henry F. Graff. *The Modern Researcher*. 5th Edition. San Diego: Hartcourt Brace Jovanivich, 2003.

Edward P.J. Corbett and Robert J. Connors. *Classical Rhetoric for the Modern Student.* New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism is a form of dishonesty that occurs when a student passes off someone else's work as their own. This can range from failing to cite an author for ideas incorporated into a student's paper, to cutting and pasting paragraphs from different websites, to handing in a paper downloaded from the Internet. This includes buying or submitting a paper written by a third party. All are considered forms of "plagiarism" and a violation of the Seminary's academic integrity policy. Instances of plagiarism may be reported to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for disciplinary action. Possible disciplinary actions include probation, suspension or withdrawal.

The first instance of plagiarism in this course, the student must repeat the assignment. If the student plagiarizes again, the student will receive an "F" for the course.

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME BY THE INSTRUCTOR!

She who Reads Leads!