MNST 7522 Mission and Ministerial Identity in the ECC

0 credit required for ECC call to ministry students

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Dates: Fall semester: Nov.2-3, 2012

Spring semester March 1-2, 2013

Time: See course schedule Location: Nyvall Hall and ECC offices

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Course Description: This intensive course will be a seminar-styled course which will take place over two weekends in a Friday-Saturday rhythm. This course fulfills part of the requirement of the ECC for ordination as well as helps graduating students grow in their vocational identity, prepare for being in the Call Process and transition from seminary student to ministry leader. In addition students will explore how the Evangelical Covenant Church pursues Christ's priorities in the world by covenanting congregationally, regionally, denominationally and globally.

Course Goals:

By the end of this course students will be able to:

1. Communicate the primary tenets of the ECC's Organizing for Mission strategy by being exposed to the mission and ministry of the ECC.
2. Articulate the polity and structure of the Evangelical Covenant Church in order to teach it and practice it at the congregational level.
3. Access the resources and services available to ECC ministry leaders.
4. Complete an effective ministers' profile in preparation for the Call to Ministry process.
5. Communicate the necessary techniques and skills necessary to be prepared for the Call to Ministry Process and candidating.
6. Implement the necessary strategies to manage clergy financial issues and solutions and begin to develop a personal budget in preparation for being a ministry professional.

Course readings

John Weborg. *Made Healthy in Ministry for Ministry. Wipf and Stock*

Various articles will be made available during the class.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance and participation in all sessions.
2. A completed Covconnect profile **by Dec.1, 2012**
3. A 300 word reflection on the required text (Weborg) **Due December 15, 2012**
4. Revisit/revision of A Rule of Life. **Due March 15,2012**

Course Schedule:

Fall Semester: **Friday** **Location: 8303 Higgins Rd.** **Time 9-3**

9-9:15	Introduction to Class
9:15-noon:	Organizing and resourcing for Mission
	Spotlight on ECC ministries
Noon:	Lunch with ECC leaders
1-3:	Introduction to ECC personnel/departments and personnel

Saturday: **Location: Nyvall Hall** **Time: 9-4**

9-10:30	The role of The Dept. of Ordered Ministry: Carol Lawson/Mark Novak
10:30-noon	Exploring Vocational identity
Noon-1	Lunch: Jerome Nelson: The view from the Superintendent
1-2:	Covconnect profile details and development (meet in Library)
2-4	Call to Ministry: Preparing to interview: techniques and case studies

Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend both days of course

Spring Semester: Friday **Location: Nyvall Hall** **Time: 9-4**

9-noon:	Clergy Finance and taxes
Noon:	Lunch (on your own)
1:30-2:30	Spiritual Formation: Holy Awkwardness: *Naming the elephant in the room*
2:30-4:00	Candidating: questions, stories and skill development

Saturday: Contemplative Retreat **Location: Divine Word, Techny, IL.** **Time: 9-4**