

0 FLDC credit *required* for ECC call to ministry students/open to all graduating students

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Dates: **October 26-28, 2017** Time: See course schedule

Location: Nyvall Hall (N20) and ECC offices: 8303 W. Higgins Rd.

Course Description: This intensive course is a seminar-styled course which will take place from Thursday evening through Saturday evening. 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 explore how the Evangelical Covenant Church pursues Christ's priorities in the world by covenanting congregationally, regionally, denominationally and globally.

***Note: Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend as much of the class as possible except Friday morning October 27, 2017 at ECC offices.**

Course Learning Objectives:

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

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

Course readings

Palmer, Parker. *Let Your Life Speak*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2000.

Various articles made available during the class.

Assignments

1. A completed CovConnect Minister's Profile. Once you register for FLDC 7319, you will be given instructions on how to obtain a password for CovConnect. By the first class meeting on **Oct. 28, 2017** you will be expected to have completed all of the personal information and be well acquainted with the rest of the profile and begin the writing of each section. Please bring your questions to the session for this workshop-styled session. Your initial profile must be submitted to Dean Auger by **Nov. 15, 2017**. Your profile must be completed and approved by **Nov.30, 2017**.
2. You must come to class having read *Let Your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer. We will discuss the cogent points. Your reflection on the text is due to dauger@northpark.edu by **Dec.1, 2017**.

Important Dates 2017-18 Summary

October 1	Complete background check with ECC and get password for CovConnect profile
October 1-30	Schedule and complete interview with Debra Auger and Timothy Johnson contact Luke to schedule the interview, lrpalmerlee@northpark.edu
October 15	Profile set up, biographical information entered, and questions started
October 28-30	Class sessions

November 15	Profile draft due to Dean Auger
November 30	Completed and approved profile to Dean Auger
November 20	Contact Luke Palmerlee if you have schedule conflicts in January for priority scheduling.

December 1	Reflection paper on <i>Let Your Life Speak</i> due to dauger@northpark.edu

January 8	Evening with Superintendents and ECC administrators
January 9-11	Interviews with Superintendents and ECC administrators
January 22-26	Midwinter Conference, Chicago, IL

February 2	Retreat at Divine Word, spouses welcome-more info to come