

MNST 5108 – Ministry Identity and Practice

Spring Semester 2018 - North Park Theological Seminary

Monday January 8th –Friday January 12th

8:30am– 4:30pm

Instructor: Dr. Timothy L. Johnson

Course Description:

This is a three credit course which is required for the MACF and MACM degrees. The intention of this class is to lay a theological foundation for all the various ministry foci provided within these degrees. The course objectives align with the first and fourth outcomes listed for these degrees.

MACF (1) Interpret scripture with historical and theological integrity in relation to Christian formation.

(4) Demonstrate a theologically grounded ministerial identity and growing capacity to integrate it with the ministry of Christian formation.

MACM (1) Interpret scripture with historical and theological integrity in relation to one's ministry.

(4) Demonstrate a growing and theologically grounded sense of vocational identity in God's mission.

Required Reading:

- *Calling: A Song for the Baptized* by Caroline A. Westerhoff
 - Read by January 10th, 2018
- *The Essence of the Church: A Community Created by the Spirit* by Craig Van Gelder
 - Read by January 11th, 2018
- One book on the ministry of the laity from the list below (book review required):
 - *The Empowering Church: How One Congregation Supports Lay People's Ministries in the World* by Davida Foy Crabtree
 - *Meet Me On The Patio* by Karl A. Olsson.
 - *Boundary Leaders: Leadership Skills for People of Faith* by Gary Gunderson
 - *The Other Six Days: Vocation, Work, and Ministry in Biblical Perspective* by R. Paul Stevens
- One book from a culture **different than your own** (see list of suggestions, book review required)
- Both written reviews are due on February 23rd, 2018

Students are expected to:

1. Prepare for each class session by reading the assigned texts
2. Prepare a 5-minute presentation on one of the four gospels presenting key themes and how they relate to your personality or passion for ministry. (Due January 9th, 2018)
3. Write a three-page book review on a book related to the ministry of the laity from the list above. See attached instructions. (Due February 23rd, 2018)
4. Write a three-page book review on a book from a culture different than your own. See attached instructions. (Due on February 23rd, 2017)
5. Make an oral presentation (5-10 minutes) summarizing one of the two books you are reporting on. (Due January 11th, 2018)
6. Final Paper:
 - a. Identify the metaphor for ministry that you are considering for your final paper. (Due January 10h, 2018)
 - b. Prepare a 10 minute presentation outlining the key ideas for your final paper. (Due January 12th, 2018)

- c. Write a 10 page (double-spaced) paper outlining a metaphor for ministry which provides a biblical and theological basis for your ministry in the church. The paper should integrate material from the course presentations and readings. (Due February 23rd, 2018)

Grading Rubric:

- 10% Gospel presentation
- 10% Metaphor oral presentation
- 20% Book Reviews (10% each)
- 50% Final Paper
- 10% Class participation and attendance.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

AM 1/8	Class Introduction Due: <i>Read the first two chapters of all four Gospels</i> The 4 Gospels
AFT. 1/8	Principles of Oral Communication The Healthy Pastor Guest Presenter: Rev. Theresa Marks
AM 1/9	Oral Reports/Gospels Examples of Ministry Metaphors
AFT. 1/9	One Ministry Metaphor Guest Presenter: Rev. Ira Acree Principles of Written Communication Guest Presenter: Kris Bruckner
AM 1/10	Identify and Introduce Metaphor you will be working with Baptism in the Gospels/Exegeting Your Name Class Discussion on Westerhoff book
AFT. 1/10	Writing Workshop/One Page Outline of Paper Table as Metaphor Guest Presenter: Rev. Richard Lucco
AM 1/11	Class Discussion on Van Gelder book Oral Book Reports
AFT. 1/11	Congregating the Gospel: Biblical Metaphors for Congregations Conflict: Organizational Health and Mess: Guest Presenter: Dr. Steve Peterson
AM 1/12	Case Studies Oral Presentations on Metaphors for Ministry
AFT. 1/12	More Oral Presentation on Metaphors for Ministry

2/23	10 page Final Metaphor Paper is due
	For students in the MACF and MACM degree programs, this is a Portfolio assignment.
2/23	Laity Book Report is due
2/23	Culture Book Report is due

Instructions for Book Reviews:

Laity Book Report:

Read one of the following books on the laity:

- 1) *The Empowering Church: How One Congregation Supports Lay People's Ministries in the World* by Davida Foy Crabtree
- 2) *Meet Me On The Patio* by Karl A. Olsson.
- 3) *Boundary Leaders: Leadership Skills for People of Faith* by Gary Gunderson
- 4) *The Other Six Days: Vocation, Work, and Ministry in Biblical Perspective* by R. Paul Stevens

Prepare a three-page book review answering the following questions:

- 1) *Summarize the main point of the book in one or two sentences.*
- 2) *What is something that you found helpful in the book? Something that you can use in your ministry context? Something that helped you to better understand ministry?*
- 3) *What is something that was unsettling or disturbing about the book? Something that you disagreed with. Something that frustrated you. Something that caused you to look at ministry, the church or yourself in a new way.*

Laity book review due on February 23rd, 2018.

Book Review from A Culture Unlike Your Own

Choose a book from the list provided below or one that you have had approved by the professor.

Prepare a three-page book review answering the following questions:

- 1) *Summarize the main point of the book in a paragraph or bullet points approximate a 3/4 page in length.*
- 2) *How is this book unlike your current context?*
- 3) *How is this book similar to your current context?*
- 4) *What is something that you found helpful in the book? Something that you can use in your ministry context? Something that helped you to better understand ministry?*
- 5) *What is something that was unsettling or disturbing about the book? Something that you disagreed with. Something that frustrated you. Something that caused you to look at ministry, the church or yourself in a new way.*

Culture Book review due on February 23rd, 2018

Possible Books for Culture Book Report

Ashby, Jr., Homer U. *Our Home is Over Jordan: A Black Pastoral Theology*. Chalice Press, 2003.

Cha, Peter, S. Steve Kang, and Helen Lee, eds. *Growing Healthy Asian American Churches: Ministry Insights from Groundbreaking Congregations*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2006.

Figuroa Deck, Allan, Yolanda Tarango, and Timothy M. Matovina, eds. *Perspectivas: Hispanic Ministry*. Sheed & Ward, 1995.

Massey, Jr., Floyd and Samuel Berry McKinney. *Church Administration in the Black Perspective*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2003.

Maynard-Reid, Pedrito. *Diverse Worship: African-American, Caribbean & Hispanic Perspectives*. InterVarsity Press, 2000.

Montilla, R. Esteban and Ferney Medina. *Pastoral Care and Counseling with Latino/as*. Fortress Press, 2006.

Pak, Su Yon, Unzu Lee, Jung Ha kim, and Myung Ji Cho. *Singing the Lord's Song in A New Land: Korean American Practices of Faith*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2005.

Rhodes, Lynn N. *Co-Creating: A Feminist Vision of Ministry*. Westminster Press, 1987.

Sanders, Cheryl J. *Ministry at the Margins: The Prophetic Mission of Women, Youth, and the Poor*. Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2009.

Stewart III, Carlyle Fielding. *The Empowerment Church: Speaking a New Language for Church Growth*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2001. (African American)

Townes, Emilie M. *Embracing the Spirit: Womanist Perspectives on Hope, Salvation, and Transformation*. Orbis Books, 1997.

Treat, James. *Native and Christian: Indigenous Voices on Religious Identity in the United States and Canada*. Routledge Press, 1996.

Twiss, Richard. *One Church, Many Tribes: Following Jesus the Way God Made You*. Regal Books, 2000.

Wimberly, Anne E. Streaty and Evelyn L. Parker, eds. *In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2002.

Willhauck, Susan and Jacquelyn Thorpe. *The Web of Women's Leadership: Recasting Congregational Ministry*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2001.

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Students who believe they have been harassed, discriminated against, or involved in sexual violence should contact the Dean of Students (773-244-6222) or Director of Human Resources (773-244-5601) for information about campus resources and support services, including confidential counseling services. As members of the North Park faculty, we are concerned about the well-being and development of our students, and are available to discuss any concerns. Faculty are legally obligated to share information with the University's Title IX coordinator in certain situations to help ensure that the student's safety and welfare is being addressed, consistent with the requirements of the law. These disclosures include but are not limited to reports of sexual assault, relational/domestic violence, and stalking. Please refer to North Park's Safe Community site (<http://www.northpark.edu/Campus-Life-and-Services/Safe-Community>) for contact information and further details.

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