

CE514 Educational Ministry of the Church

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Course Description

A survey of Christian education, broadly considered, in the life of the church. Emphasis on the history of catechesis and the importance of Reformed confessions in the nurture of the people of God . Other topics to be addressed: the question of paedocommunion in the Reformed tradition, Christian schooling (institutional and home), Sunday school, VBS, youth work, retreats, and the value of a church library. In sum, this course will deal the ways in which the church seeks to “teach them to observe whatsoever [Christ has] commanded.”

Reading

Nevin, John Williamson. *The Anxious Bench A Tract for the Times*. Chambersburg, Pa: Weekly Messenger, 1843. [Will be distributed to the class electronically]

Packer, J. I., and Gary A. Parrett. *Grounded in the Gospel: Building Believers the Old-Fashioned Way*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2010.

Parrett, Gary A., and S. Steve Kang. *Teaching the Faith, Forming the Faithful: A Biblical Vision for Education in the Church*. Downers Grove, Ill: IVP Academic, 2009.