

4DM801 Theology of Ministry
Course Guidelines, Syllabus, and Assignments
February 20-23, 2012
Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA
Professor: Dr. Bruce H. McRae

Meeting February 20-23, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Reformed Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. McRae's Background...

- Married to Katherine, with children Calli, Colin, and Bonnie
- An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America since 1986
- Educational Background
 - BA from Washington University in St. Louis
 - M Div from Westminster Theological Seminary
 - D Min from Fuller Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, California
 - MBA from Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- Ministry History
 - 1986-1988 -- Assistant Pastor, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Doraville, GA
 - 1988-1994 -- Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Community Church (PCA), Los Angeles, CA
 - 1994-2000 – Senior Pastor, Brookwood Presbyterian Church, Snellville, GA
 - 2000-2002 – Associate Director and Professor of Practical Theology, Atlanta Seminary for Ministry and Theology, Atlanta, GA
 - 2002-2003 – Executive Pastor, North Park Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA
 - 2003-2005 – Executive Pastor, PCA Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, GA;
 - 2005-2007 – Marketing Communications and Customer Service Manager, UPS Mail Innovations, Alpharetta, GA;
 - 2002-currently – Visiting Instructor in Practical Theology, Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA
 - 2008- currently – Director of Church Relations, Great Commission Publications (the publishing company jointly owned by the Presbyterian Church in America and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church)
 - 2009-currently – Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology, Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Course Description

A study of the nature and work of the Christian leader from a theological perspective. This course provides participants the opportunity to discuss contemporary participants the opportunity to discuss contemporary challenges to traditional models of pastoral ministry, to interact with new developments in hermeneutics, to develop a variety of ways for assessing recent cultural developments in the West, and to renew interest in prayer as a part of ministry of the Word. The focus of the course will be on the biblical theology that drives all ministry, and to help the student develop a complete biblical theology of ministry.

Course Objectives

Be able to formulate a theology of ministry that will guide their practice

Be able to review the history of the development of the theology of ministry and to isolate issues that inform their practice of ministry and to show how these issues can enlighten their practice

Be able to relate major themes of Christian theology to the practice of ministry

Be able to formulate exegetical arguments for their theology of ministry

Be able to evaluate their own ministry in light of the theology of ministry they develop

Be able to recognize the role of the social sciences in the practice of ministry and to compare the relative value of those disciplines with the direction they get from the exegetical and theological sciences

Be able to embrace their roles in the church, broadly considered, and to set an example for their parishioners and colleagues that reflects the Bible's teaching about the role of the minister

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Integration Paper

Write a twenty-page paper describing a problem that the student encounters in his ministry and show how his theology of ministry provides direction for instituting programs in the church that lead to a resolution of the problem. Make sure that you summarize the core values of your theology of ministry as part of the analysis of the problem and the solution.

The paper will be graded on the basis of how clearly the situation in the church is described, the extent to which pertinent issues in theology of ministry are expounded and applied to the problem, and the usefulness of the solution. Consideration will also be given to the extent that the paper: reflects the reading done by the student, integrates material from class lectures, and reflects serious thought about how theology of ministry can and should guide your practice of ministry.

Integration papers will be due on May 31, 2012, via email. Further details will be provided on where to send the integration paper.

Required Course Reading

Each student must read 2000 pages of reading on the topic of theology of ministry.

Hull, Bill, The Disciple-Making Pastor.

빌 헐, 목회자가 제자 삼아야 교회가 산다 (요단출판사) 323 pgs

Lovelace, Richard, Renewal as a Way of Life.

리처드 러블레이스, 온전한 영성: 이기적인 영성에 치우친 이 세대를 향한 회복의 메시지(아가페) 287 pgs

Macchia, Stephen, Becoming a Healthy Church.

스티븐 A. 매키아, 건강한 교회를 만드는 10가지 비결 (주 아가페출판사) 472 pgs

Malphurs, Aubrey, Being Leaders.

오브리 맬퍼스, 리더가 된다는 것은 (국제제자훈련원) 336 pgs

Marshall, Walter, and McRae, Bruce, The Gospel Mystery of Sanctification: Growing in Holiness by Living in Union with Christ.

월터 마샬, 성화의 신비: 그리스도 안에서 이루어 가는 거룩한 삶 (복있는 사람) 430 pgs

Ogden, Greg, The New Reformation.

그레그 옥던, 새로운 교회개혁 이야기 (미션월드) 288 pgs

COURSE TOPICS

	Date	Topics
Day	Date	
1	February 20	<p>Introduction: The Need to Develop a Theology of Ministry through Biblical Core Values</p> <p>The Dynamics of Spiritual Renewal: The Grace of the Gospel and God's Empowering Presence</p> <p>Worship in Spirit and Truth</p>
2	February 21	<p>Evangelism</p> <p>Discipleship</p> <p>Ministry in the Body of Christ</p> <p>Community and Healthy Relationships</p>
3	February 22	<p>Biblical Leadership</p> <p>Strategic Vision</p> <p>The Ministry of the Word</p>
4	February 23	<p>Prayer and Spiritual Warfare</p> <p>The Ministry of Service</p> <p>Biblical Stewardship</p> <p>Conclusion: How to use these Biblical core values to lead your ministry</p>

Bibliography
Other Helpful Books on Theology of Ministry (but not required for this course)

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, Life Together

디트리히 본회퍼, 말씀 아래 더불어 사는 삶 (빌리브(아인복스)) 312 pgs

Edwards, Jonathan, The Distinguishing Marks of a Work of the Spirit of God

조나단 에드워즈, 성령의 역사 분별 방법 (부흥과개혁사) 206 pgs

Colins, Jim, Good to Great

짐 콜린스, 좋은 기업을 넘어 위대한 기업으로 (김영사) 408 pgs

Hallesby, O., Prayer

오 할레스비, 기도 (생명의 말씀사) 169 pgs

Martin, Ralph, Worship in the Early Church

랄프 P. 마틴, 초대교회 예배 (은성) 230 pgs

Pope, Randy, The Intentional Church

랜디 포프, (랜디포프의) 목회 계획 (국제제자훈련원) 351 pgs

Wagner, Peter, Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help our Church Grow

C. 피터 와그너, 교회성장 될 수밖에 없는 성령의 은사 27가지 (예찬사) 311 pgs