Professor of Record:

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Course Description:

A study of the nature and work of the Christian leader from a Reformed theological perspective. This course provides 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:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

• Formulate a theology of ministry that will guide their ministry practice
• 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
• Relate major themes of Christian theology to the practice of ministry
• Formulate exegetical arguments for their theology of ministry  Be able to evaluate their own ministry in light of the theology of ministry they develop
• 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
• 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 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 ministry practice.

Integration papers will be due on January 31, 2013, via email. Further details will be provided on where to send the integration paper.

Required Course Reading

Each student must read 2,000+ pages of reading on the topic of theology of ministry.

빌 허. 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 (㈜아가페출판사) 472 pgs

Malphurs, Aubrey, *Being Leaders.*
오브리 맬퍼스. 리더가 된다는 것은 (국제제자훈련원) 336 pgs

월터 마샬. 성화의 신비 (복있는 사람) 430 pgs

그레그 옥덴. 새로운 교회개혁 이야기 (미션월드) 288 pgs

Pope, Randy, *The Intentional Church*
랜디 포프. 랜디 포프의 목회 계획 (국제제자훈련원) 351 pgs
COURSE TOPICS

Day 1 – October 29 – Course Introductions – Biblical Foundations for a Theology of Ministry
  Spiritual Renewal – Gospel Grace and God’s Empowering Presence

Day 2 – October 30 – Evangelism
  Discipleship
  Ministry in the Body of Christ
  Community and Healthy Relationships

Day 3 – October 31 – Biblical Leadership
  Building a Strategic Mission Statement
  Building a Strategic Vision
  The Ministry of the Word: Preaching Excellence

Day 4 – November 1 - The Ministry of Service
  Principles of Biblical Stewardship
  Prayer and Spiritual Warfare
  Writing Your Course Paper