

DMIN CHURCH GROWTH CORE, 02DM804
LEADING THE HEALTHY AND GROWING CHURCH
July 16-20, 2012
Sanders L. Willson

Course Description:

In this course we will attempt to grow in our understanding of what a healthy and growing church is and how we can more effectively lead a church toward greater health and growth. Our primary resource will be the Scriptures, and we will also look to various theological and cultural commentators, as well as our shared experiences as current leaders and practitioners. Topics will include church and culture, evangelism, discipleship, worship, preaching, teaching, missions, and various aspects of pastoral leadership.

Course Instructor:



Sanders (Sandy) Willson has been the senior minister of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN since 1995. During these years, Second Church has continued to grow and to expand its mission to urban Memphis and the world.

In Memphis, Sandy is co-founder of Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies; co-founder and chair of NEXUS (leadership mentoring program for emerging adult professional leaders); co-founder and chair of the Memphis Shalom Project (a unified evangelical church ministry strategy for the city); a founder of Reformed Ministries Network (a regional church planting ministry); and co-founder and board member of the Second Presbyterian Church Foundation for missions. He serves on The Gospel Coalition board and on the Board of Reference for Union University and Reformed Theological Seminary. Sandy's Sunday morning messages are broadcast on WREG TV (CBS affiliate); he also teaches 500 men at AMEN Bible Study every Thursday morning.

Internationally, Sandy ministers with partners in Africa, Asia, South America, and the Middle East and speaks regularly in North American churches on the topic of world missions. He served on the Board of Directors for World Relief. Sandy received a B.S from the University of Virginia, an M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and a D.D. from Crichton College in Memphis. He previously pastored Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elizabethton, TN and Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church in Lookout Mountain, TN. Sandy and his wife, Allison, were married in 1972 and are grateful for five children, three daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, and four grandchildren.

Course Assignments:

Book reports – Each student should read 2000 pages of *new* reading and submit a one-page book report on each book or article over 50 pages in length. The reading report including the summary sheet is due July 16, 2012.

Integration paper – Each student will also submit a 15-20 page integration paper describing how he will seek to implement what has been learned, interacting with as many of the reading assignments, lectures, and discussions as possible. This paper is to be submitted to the D.Min. office by October 31, 2012.

Required reading – Each student should read the required books (if not already read) and at least one book from each of the four categories for a total 2000 pages of *new* reading.

Required Books

I. Being a Healthy Leader

Kotter, John. *Leading Change*. Harvard Business Review Press, 1996, 208 pp.
ISBN: 9780875847474

Sanders, J. Oswald. *Spiritual Leadership. for Every Believer*. Moody Publishers, Rev. 2007,
208 pp. ISBN: 9780802482273

II. Knowing Our People

Dean, Kendra Creasy. *Almost Christian*. Oxford University Press, USA, 2010. 264 pp.
ISBN: 9780195314847

III. Leading a Healthy Church

Clowney, Edmond P. *The Church: Sacraments, Worship, Ministry, Mission*. IVP, 1995,
336 pp. ISBN: 9780830815340

Dever, Mark. *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*. Crossway Books, 2004, 288 pp.
ISBN: 978-1581346312

Robinson, Haddon. *Biblical Preaching*. Baker Academic, 2 edition, 2001, 256 pp.
ISBN: 9780801022623

IV. Leading a Growing Church

Rainer, Thom S. *Surprising Insights from the Unchurched and Proven Ways to Reach Them*.
Zondervan 2008, 228 pages. ISBN: 9780310286134

Additional Book Choices to complete your reading of 2000 pages of new reading:

I. Being a Healthy Leader

Biehl, Bobb. *Increasing Your Leadership Confidence*. Questor Publishing, 1989.
Blanchard, Ken; Hybels, Bill; Hodges, Phil. *Leadership by the Book*. Morrow, 1999.
Blanchard, Ken. *Leadership and The One Minute Manager*, William Morrow, 1999.
Blanchard, Ken. *Self Leadership and The One Minute Manager*, William Morrow, 2005.

Bridges, Jerry. *Discipline of Grace*. NavPress, 1994.

Buckingham, Marcus and Clifton, Donald. *Now, Discover Your Strengths*, The Free Press, 2001.

Callahan, Kennon L. *Effective Church Leadership*. Harper & Row, 1990.

Carson, Don. *The Cross and Christian Ministry: Leadership Lessons from I Corinthians*. Baker, 1993.

Drucker, Peter. *The Effective Executive*. Harper & Row, 1966.

Fernando, Ajith. *Jesus Driven Ministry*. Crossway Books, 2002.

Ford, Leighton. *Transforming Leadership*. IVP, 1991.

Galloway, Dan with Bird, Warren. *On-Purpose Leadership*. Beacon Hill Press, 2001.

Gladwell, Malcolm. *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make A Big Difference*. Back Bay Books, 2000.

Heifetz, Ronald; Linsky, Marty. *Leadership On The Line*. Harvard Business School Publishers, 2002.

Hunter, III, George C. *Leading and Managing a Growing Church*. Abingdon Press, 2000.

Hybels, Bill. *Courageous Leadership*. Zondervan, 2002.

Lencioni, Patrick. *The Five Dysfunctions Of A Team*, Jossey Bass, 2002.

Lencioni, Patrick. *The Four Obsessions Of An Extraordinary Executive*, Jossey Bass, 2000.

Lencioni, Patrick. *The Five Temptations of a CEO: A Leadership Fable*. Jossey Bass, 1998.

Miller, Paul E. *A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World*. NavPress, 2009.

Neuhaus, Richard John. *Freedom for Ministry*. Eerdmans, 1979.

Peterson, Eugene. *Working the Angles*. Eerdmans, 1987.

Peterson, Eugene. *The Contemplative Pastor: Returning to the Art of Spiritual Direction*. Eerdmans, 1989.

Piper, John. *Brothers, We are NOT Professionals*. Broadman & Holman Publishers. 2002.

Prime, Derek and Begg, Alistair. *On Being A Pastor: Understanding Our Calling and Work*. Moody, 2004.

Rainer, Thom. *High Expectations: The Remarkable Secret of Keeping People in Your Church*. Broadman & Holman, 1999.

Tichy, Noel. *Leadership Engine*. HarperCollins, 2002.

Willard, Dallas. *The Spirit of Disciplines*. HarperCollins, 1988.

II. Knowing Our People

Anderson, Leith. *Dying for Change*. Bethany House, 2008.

Barna, George. *Revolution*. Tyndale. 2005.

Barna, George. *The Seven Faith Tribes: Who They Are, What They Believe and Why They Matter*.

Barna, George. *Futurecast: What Today's Trends Mean for Tomorrow's World*. Tyndale, 2011.

Belcher, Jim. *Deep Church: A Third Way Beyond Emerging and Traditional*. IVP, 2009.

Carson, D.A. *Christ and Culture Revisited*. Eerdmans, 2008.

Crouch, Andy. *Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling*. IVP, 2008.

Hunter, James Davison. *To Change The World: The Irony, Tragedy and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World*. Oxford University Press, 2010.

Kinnaman, David and Lyons, Gabe. *unChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity...And Why It Matters*. Baker Books, 207

McNeal, Reggie. *The Present Future*. Jossey Bass, 2009.

Newbigin, Lesslie. *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*. Eerdmans, 1989.

- Noll, Mark A. *The New Shape of World Christianity: How American Experience Reflects Global Faith*. IVP Academic, 2009.
- Smith, Christian with Melinda Lundquist Denton. *Soul Searching: The Religions and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*. Oxford University Press, 2005.
- Smith Christian with Patricia Snell. *Souls in Transition: The Religions and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults*. Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Smith, Christian and Emerson, Michael O. with Patricia Snell. *Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money*. Oxford University Press, 2008.
- Wells, David. *Above All Earthly Pow'rs: Christ in the Postmodern World*. IVP, 2005.
- Wells, David. *The Courage to Be a Protestant: Truth-Lovers, Marketers, and Emergents in the Postmodern World*. Eerdmans, 2008.

III. Leading a Healthy Church

- Adams, Jay. *Purpose in Preaching*. Zondervan, 1982.
- Callahan, Kennon. *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*. Jossey Bass, 2010.
- Collins, James & Jerry Porras. *Built to Last*. New York, NY: Harper Business, 1997.
- Collins, James. *Good to Great*. New York, NY: HarperCollins, 2001.
- Cymbala, Jim. *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire: What Happens When God's Spirit Invades the Heart of His People?* Zondervan, 1997.
- Dawn, Marva. *Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down*. Eerdmans, 1995.
- Dever, Mark, ed. Danny Akin and David Dockery. *The Church*. Broadman and Holman.
- Dever, Mark and Alexander, Paul. *The Deliberate Church: Building Your Ministry On The Gospel*. Crossway, 2005.
- Greidanus, Sidney. *The Modern Preacher and the Ancient Text: Interpreting and Preaching Biblical Literature*. IVP, 1988.
- Keller, Tim. "The Missional Church." www.columbiapres.org/docs
- Lawless, Chuck. *Membership Matters*. Zondervan, 2005.
- Lewis, Robert. *The Church of Irresistible Influence*. Zondervan, 2003.
- Lloyd-Jones, Martin. *Preaching and Preachers*. Zondervan, 1972.
- Lucas, Sean Michael. *On Being Presbyterian: Our Beliefs, Practices and Stories*. P & R Publishing, 2006.
- Maxwell, William D. *A History of Christian Worship: An Outline of Its Development and Forms*. Baker, 1936.
- Miller, C. John. *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*. Zondervan, 1999.
- Parrish, Archie and Sproul, R.C. *The Spirit of Revival*. Crossway, 2000.
- Pope, Randy. *The Prevailing Church*. Moody, 2002.
- Rainer, Thom S. & Eric Geiger. *Simple Church*. Broadman & Holman, 2006.
- Reeder, Harry L., III with David Swavely. *From Embers to a Flame: How God Can Revitalize Your Church*. P & R Publishing, 2004.
- Stott, John R. W. *Between Two Worlds*. Eerdmans, 1982.
- Stott, John R. W. *The Living Church: Convictions of a Lifelong Pastor*. IVP, 2007.

IV. Leading a Growing Church

- Barna, George. *Turn Around Churches*. Regal Books, 1993.
- Coleman, Robert. *Master Plan of Evangelism*. Revell, 1993.
- Guder, Darrell. *The Continuing Conversion of the Church*. Eerdmans, 2000.
- Hunter, III, George G. *Church for the Unchurched*. Abingdon, 1996.
- Hunter, III, George G. *Radical Outreach: Recovery of Apostolic Ministry and Evangelism*. Abingdon Press. 2003.

- Hunter, III, George G. *How to Reach Secular People*. Abingdon Press, 1992.
- Macchia, Stephen A. *Becoming a Healthy Church: 10 Characteristics*. Baker, 1999.
- McIntosh, Gary, ed., *Evaluating the Church Growth Movement: Five Views*. Zondervan, 2004.
- Newbigin, Lesslie. *The Open Secret: An Introduction to the Theology of Mission* (Revised Ed). Eerdmans, 1985.
- Pippert, Rebecca Manley. *Out of the Salt Shaker & Into the World: Evangelism as a Way of Life*. IVP, 1999.
- Rainer, Thom S. *Breakout Churches: Discover How to Make the Leap*. Zondervan, 2005.
- Roxburg, Alan J. and Romanuk, Fred. *The Missional Leader: Equipping Your Church to Reach a Changing World*. Jossey Bass, 2006.
- Russell, Bob with Rusty Russell. *When God Builds A Church: 10 Principles for Growing a Dynamic Church*. Howard Publishing, 2000.
- Stearns, Richard. *The Hole in Our Gospel: The Answer that Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World*. Thomas Nelson, 2009.
- Stetzer, Ed and Putnam, David. *Breaking the Missional Code*. Broadman & Holman, 2006.
- Sweet, Leonard. *Aqua Church*. Vital Ministry, 1999.
- Warren, Rick. *Purpose Driven Church: Growth Without Compromising Your Message*. Zondervan, 1995.
- Willard, Dallas. *The Great Omission: Reclaiming Jesus' Essential Teachings on Discipleship*. Harper Collins, 2006.

Course Objectives Related to D.Min. Student Learning Outcomes
Course: Leading the Healthy and Growing Church, Professor: Dr. Sandy Willson
Campus: Orlando, Date: July 16-20, 2012

| <u>DMin Student Learning Outcomes</u> | | <u>Rubric</u> | <u>Mini-Justification</u> |
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| <i>In order to measure the success of the DMin curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the DMin outcomes.</i> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strong ➤ Moderate ➤ Minimal ➤ None | |
| Articulation (oral & written) | Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks. | Strong | The Integration Paper requires students to interact with the concepts taught in this class. |
| Scripture | Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.) | Strong | Scripture is used as the primary source for class lectures. |
| Reformed Theology | Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards. | Moderate | Many of the required readings are written by Reformed authors. |
| Sanctification | Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification. | Moderate | Students interact with books that promote holiness as an aspect of spiritual leadership. |
| Desire for Worldview | Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God. | Minimal | Issues of worldview and worldview formation are ancillary to the material covered in this course. |
| Winsomely Reformed | Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.) | Strong | Students interact with material from Evangelical and non-Christian authors. |
| Preach | Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm. | Strong | Required readings include books on preaching. |
| Worship | Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service. | Minimal | Course mainly deals with worship through the lens of church leadership. |
| Shepherd | Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide. | Strong | Students learn shepherding skills necessary to lead a healthy and growing church. |
| Church/World | Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues. | Minimal | Church/World issues are ancillary to the material covered in this course. |

Reading Report Guideline

Title of Book
Complete Bibliographic Reference

Overview—Give a brief overview of the book, including its theme, perspective and approach.

Critique—Offer a brief critique of the book, including elements of strength and weakness.

Application—Offer some specific application to your own ministry— demonstrating the value and relevance of the material in this book.

Best Quote—Be sure to include the page number where the quote can be found.

Insert a “page-break” and continue document with each report

Sample cover sheet for your Integration Paper (IP)

INTEGRATION PAPER (OR TITLE OF PAPER)

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Sample: Theology of Ministry, 2DM801

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