

Pentecostal Theology Seminary

ML720 - Pastoral Ministries

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Catalog Description

This course is an introduction to the ministry of the local church pastor. It includes consideration of appropriate biblical passages that inform pastoral ministry, a historical survey of the development of pastoral care, and presents the ministry of the pastor as public theologian (preacher/prophet), church administrator (king), and congregational caregiver (priest/sage). 3 Credit Units

Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the Church as missional by using Scripture and theological formulation.
2. Construct a biblical theology of ministry call and practice.
3. Discuss the characteristics of the priestly and prophetic roles of pastor and the relevancy of prophetic presence in a postmodern world.
4. Describe the character and nature of the pastor as leader.
5. Identify pastoral leadership models appropriate to the Wesleyan-Pentecostal ethos.
6. Articulate the components of a Pentecostal Theology of the sacraments: (1) as related to personal relationship to God; and (2) their significance to worship, mission, discipleship, and formation.
7. Identify key ethical issues in pastoral ministry, including, but not limited to, human sexuality, racism, and scientific inquiry.
8. Critique key contemporary issues related to pastoral ministry.

Required Textbooks

- Hill, Wesley. *Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Homosexuality*. Zondervan, 2016. (ISBN: 978-0310534198).
- Oden, Thomas C. *Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry*. Harper, 1983. (ISBN: 978-0060663537).
- Steinke, Peter. *How Your Church Family Works: Understanding Congregations as Emotional Systems*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2006 (ISBN: 978-1566993296).
- Tomberlin, Daniel. *Pentecostal Sacraments: Encountering God at the Altar – Revised Edition*, Cherohala Press, 2019 (ISBN: 978-1935931874).

- Ecklund, Elaine Howard. *Why Science and Faith Need Each Other*, Brazos, 2020 (ISBN: 978-1587434365).

Assignments/Grading

See Academic Catalog for grading scale. All assignments are to be uploaded to Populi in Microsoft Word or Google Docs format. **Submit your best work first! Subsequent submissions will not be accepted. Assignment will be graded one time.**

- **Class participation - 35%.** This includes weekly attendance, discussion questions, and reading quizzes.
- **Washed and Waiting** Book Review – 15%. 1500 words. Be prepared to discuss in class. **Due Week 4.** For instruction on writing a book review see: <https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/book-reviews/>
- **Why Science and Faith Need Each Other** Book Review - 15%. 1500 words. Be prepared to discuss in class. **Due Week 6.**
- **How Your Church Family Works** Book Review - 15%. 1500 words. Be prepared to discuss in class. **Due week 8.**
- **Pentecostal Sacraments** Reflection Paper - 20%. This is not a formal book review, but a reflection on the text and class discussions. This should include a few paragraphs as to how the student envisions the intersection of sacramental observance and Pentecostal worship in the congregation. 1800 words. **Due Finals Week.**

Course Outline

Foundations for Pastoral Ministry

Session 1: Biblical Models for Ministry

Session 2: Patristic Developments; Reformation Developments

Session 3: Wesleyan/Pentecostal Models of Ministry

The Pastor as Public Theologian (Prophet)

Session 4: The Public Square: Religion, Culture, & Politics

Session 5: Justice and Righteousness; Human Sexuality

Session 6: Intersections of Faith & Science

Pastoral Leadership (Shepherd-King)

Session 7: Congregational, Community, and Denominational Relationships; Integrity, Ethics, and Toxic Leadership

Session 8: Local Church Administration; Conflict Reconciliation

Pastoral Care (Priest)

Session 9: Preacher & Teacher; Encourager, Comforter, Confessor

Session 10: Marriage/Weddings, Divorce, Dying & Death, Funerals

Theology and Practice of Pentecostal Worship

Session 11: Pentecostal Spirituality and Worship, The Anointed Touch, Water Baptism

Session 12: The Lord's Supper; Foot-washing

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