PT3531 (Special Topics): Advanced Pastoral Studies: Pastoral Leadership and the Planting, Nurturing, and Revitalization of Christ's Church for the Ages (2 Hours)
2020 Summer Semester
Aug 13-15 (Thurs-Sat)
Th: 1:00-8:00 PM, Fr: 8:00-5:00 PM, Sat: 8:00-3:00 PM
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Classroom: V/C / TBA (on-site)
All Coursework due: Nov 15

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This special topics course will study the work of the pastor in relationship to three specific roles in the church: church planting, church revitalization, and shepherding a multi-staff church. This course will develop a biblical doctrine of the responsibilities of a pastor, and then apply that framework to the variety of positions a pastor finds themselves called, looking specifically at the servant-leaders approach. Specific attention will be paid to the pastor and staff, volunteer, and church officer relationships.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
● The student will be able to understand the theology and Biblical foundations of the doctrine of ecclesiology.
● The student will be able to understand the theology and Biblical foundations of the sacraments.
● The student will be able to differentiate various doctrinal views concerning the church and the sacraments.
● The student will be equipped to approach Christian ministry within the local church from a theologically informed mindset.
● The student will understand the transgenerational nature of the church.
● The student will be able to theologically assess the contextualization of the church.

COURSE TEXTS
Required Texts:
Recommended Texts:

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- Read texts: Preferably Miller and MacNair before class. You will sign the Reading Completion record and turn it in with your other papers at the end of the class. See Page 6 of syllabus.
- Interviews/Assessment:
  - Two Church Planters
  - Two Revitalization Planters
  - Two “Next-Level” Pastors
    - You will receive an interview questionnaire after registration for class.
    - Each interview will be accompanied by a 2-3 page assessment of what you have learned after the lectures.
    - Interviews can take place before class, but assessments should be written after class lectures.
- Three 3-4 page papers on each subject. Identify 10 essential initiatives that you would employ and deploy as your biblical rational. Prioritize the initiatives biblically and strategically. The three subjects:
  - Planting
  - Revitalizing
  - Nuturing/Staff or Volunteer leadership

**GRADING WEIGHT**

Reading Record: 10% of final grade
Three Subject Papers: 15% (each) of final grade (total: 45%)
Three Interviews/Assessment: 15% (each) of final grade (total: 45%)

**COURSE SCHEDULE & ASSIGNMENTS**

Below is the course schedule. Discussion topics are in regular font. Reading to be completed by the very next class date is in **green**, and due course requirements are in *italics*.

Module 1: Overview and Review of the Doctrine of the Church
  - Topic 1: Doctrine of the Church
  - Topic 2: The Church’s Mission and Ministry
Module 2: The Planting of a Gospel-Healthy Church (Ignite the Flame)
  - Topic 1: Contextualization without Compromise
  - Topic 2: Methods (Core Groups and Parachute Plants)
  - Topic 3: Assets and Liabilities in Church Planting (Theologically Driven, Church Splits, Pioneering, Denominational, etc.)
Module 3: The Revitalization of a Gospel-Deprived Church (Embers to a Flame)
  Topic 1: The Biblical Objective and Apostolic importance of Revitalization
  Topic 2: The Practical Importance of Revitalization
  Topic 3: Revitalization and Replanting
  Topic 4: Revitalization and Closing
Module 4: The Nurturing of a Gospel-Committed Church (Fanning the Flame)
  Topic 1: Taking a Church to the Next Level
  Topic 2: Building on Legacies (How to Use the Past without Living in the Past)
  Topic 3: Planning for the future (How to Change the Future without Starting Over)
Module 5: The Pastor and a Pastoral Staff (Solo Pastor and Senior Pastor)
  Topic 1: Building the Staff
  Topic 2: Developing the Staff
  Topic 3: Evaluating the Staff

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SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY
Will be distributed in class as a separate file.

READING COMPLETION RECORD

ST3531: Systematic Theology V: Ecclesiology (2 Hours)

Your Signature below indicates that you have completely read the given texts (book, .pdf, journal articles, website) to 100% Completion. If you have not read to 100% completion, please put the percentage in increments of 25% (25, 50, 75).

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