

FALL 2013
Ministry Study Course Descriptions & Textbooks
for
Professor Michael D. Johnson

MIN300 - Essentials in Ministry CRN 13147 *MW, Noon - 1:15 pm, Nelson 310*

Open Secrets by Richard Lischer (New York: Broadway Books, 2001)

ISBN 0-7679-0744-2

Pastoral Theology - Essentials of Ministry by Thomas C. Oden (New York: HarperCollins, 1982)

ISBN 0-06-066353-7

This course, formally titled, Pastoral Ministries, is designed for all those who will be engaged in some kind of ministry. It is a high and holy privilege to be significantly involved in people's lives as they are experiencing some of life's most memorable events. Topics will include an examination of the context of ministerial work that includes preaching, teaching, home and hospital visitation, and performing baptisms, baby dedications, weddings, funerals, counseling, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. Examination will also be given to the personal life of the minister. The *Open Secrets* text will serve as an in-depth case study which will conclude the study of the course. Students will have the opportunity to develop a portfolio of resources which will prove to be helpful in the future when called upon to perform any of the pastoral duties which will be covered in the course.

MIN316 - Church Administration CRN 13148 *TR, 9:25 - 10:40 am, Nelson 310*

Church Administration by Robert H. Welch (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2005)

ISBN 0805431640

Church Administration and Finance Manual by Otto F. Crumroy, Jr, Stan Kukawka, and Frank M Witman (Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing, 1998) ISBN 0-8192-1747-6

This course is seen as a companion to the Church Leadership course which often focuses on "doing the right thing" while Church Administration focuses on 'doing things right'. No doubt those called to the ministry are drawn to the opportunities of working with people and consequently focus much of their formal studies in dealing with those concerns. One of the harsh realities of ministry, however, is that much of the minister's time is taken up with the administrative work of managing personnel, facilities, and finances. The course will therefore be organized around the study of these three significant areas. Students will also have the opportunity to develop an in depth policy manual which will serve as an invaluable resource when engaged in active ministry.

If you have any specific questions about these courses please do not hesitate to contact the professor by email (mjohnson@mc.edu) or by phone/text (601-473-4735) or coming by the office (Provine 107) - This information has also been posted on the professor's website.