

Syllabus

Pastoral/Spiritual Care of Ministry

Course Overview

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Course Description

This course is an overview of Pastoral/Spiritual Care Ministry in the context of congregational ministry. Pastoral care/spiritual care in congregational ministry may be provided by the senior minister and/or associate minister working under the leadership of the senior minister. The focus of Pastoral/Spiritual Care Ministry is providing spiritual support for congregants through encounters or visitations in church facilities or in homes, hospitals, prisons, care facilities or other institutions. Individuals that may benefit from pastoral/spiritual care may be experiencing situations and circumstances including but not limited to illness, tragedy, incarceration, conflict, loss and other chaotic or challenging life events as well as celebratory aspects of life's joys such as birth, graduation, anniversaries and receiving of honors. This course provides a rich and focused environment for dialogue and orientation to the practice of caring for others who are often experiencing challenging times.

Course Learning Objectives

By the end of this course learners will be able to:

- Utilize effective listening skills in critical and diverse circumstances with their congregants,
- Define pastoral/spiritual care ministry and the process of formation for ministry teams,
- Provide best practices guidance for end-of life care and accompanying the bereaved.
- Developing the art of self-awareness through verbatim and case study.

Required Books

- *Essential Grief; Getting Real About the Consequences of Buried Grief*- Kathleen Flynn.
- *Listening and Caring Skills; A Guide for Groups and Leaders* – John Savage
- *The Eleventh Hour* - Barbara Karnes

Recommended Books

- *Spirituality in Patient Care*– Harold G. Koenig
- *Peaceful Passing*, a Unity booklet w/various contributors
- *Being with Dying*, Halifax, Joan.

Live Collaborate Class Sessions:

All times Central Time (CT) Zone

January 2023

1. Tuesday, January 17 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT
2. Tuesday, January 24 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT
3. Tuesday, January 31 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT

February 2023

4. Tuesday, February 7 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT
5. Tuesday, February 14 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT
6. Tuesday, February 21 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT
7. Tuesday, February 28 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT

March 2023

8. Tuesday, March 7 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT
9. Tuesday, March 14 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT
10. Tuesday, March 21 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CT