

Syllabus: An Introduction to Integral Ministry Practice

Course Overview

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Course Description

An Introduction to Integral Ministry Practice contains the theoretical context for understanding mission-centric ministry and whole systems strategies for evolving out of minister-centric ministry practices. The whole program is an overview of the principles and imperatives associated with evolving into an integral 2nd tier ministry practice. This course is a pre-requisite and preparation for a one-year internship/certificate program. Students will explore the following topics:

- Differences between minister-centric and mission-centric models of ministry
- Elements of theory and practice behind Integral Ministry Model
- Elements of cultural change and evolutionary transformation
- Necessity of Individual/Group/Organizational shadow integration
- Embodied Spirituality
- Intentional Application in Ministry

Course Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Identify the elements of cultural evolution
- Articulate the cultural change process
- Determine the fundamentals of integral ministry practice
- Examine the impact of unresolved shadow issues within individuals/groups/organization
- Explore and practice components of embodied spirituality
- Compare and contrast variances between minister-centric and mission-centric cultural imperatives
- Assess how integral principles are demonstrated in actual ministry settings

Required Resources

- Articles written by Dr. Gary Simmons

Recommended Texts

- Thresher, T. *Reverent Irreverence*. Tucson, AZ: Integral Publishers, 2010.
- Sanguin, B. *The Emerging Church: A Model for Change and a Map for Renewal*. Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada: CopperHouse, 2008.
- Dethmer, J., Chapman, D, Klemp K.W. *The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership: A New Paradigm for Sustainable Success*. Booknook.biz. 2015.
- Smith, P.R. *Integral Christianity: The Spirit's Call to Evolve*. Stretford, Manchester, United Kingdom: Paragon House, 2011.
- Laloux, F. *Reinventing Organizations: An Illustrated Invitation to Join the Conversation on Next-Stage Organizations*. Millis, MA: Nelson Parker (2016).
- *The Next Wave*: Edited by Dustin Parma

Live Collaborate Class Sessions*

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm All times Central Time (CT) Zone

January 2022

1. January 5, 2022
2. January 12, 2022
3. January 19, 2022
4. January 26, 2022

February 2022

5. February 2, 2022
6. February 9, 2022
7. February 16, 2022
8. February 23, 2022

March 2022

9. March 2, 2022
10. March 9, 2022