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

- Sanguin, B. *The Emerging Church: A Model for Change and a Map for Renewal*. Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada: CopperHouse, 2008.
- Smith, P.R. *Integral Christianity: The Spirit’s Call to Evolve*. Stretford, Manchester, United Kingdom: Paragon House, 2011.
- *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