

MN354 Practicing Ministry Leadership

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Final-year MDiv required course; Three credits.

DESCRIPTION:

Congregations are a Spirit-filled, multi-generational community called to participate in the missio Dei in their time and place. An essential focus of this course is helping students cultivate their capacity for stewarding congregational resources as a ministry leader. This course will deepen a leader's knowledge, practice, and reflection upon specific skills for leadership including teaching, conflict transformation, administration, financial oversight, and stewarding people and places.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will learn to understand the practice of ministry leadership in light of the Triune God's mission in the world.
2. Students will develop skills to steward resources necessary to lead communities in context.
3. Students will reflect on their own capacity to lead communities effectively, efficiently, and faithfully.

SEMINARY OUTCOMES:

- 3B: Tend to self-reflection and personal wellness to nurture health boundaries for the sake of stewarding communities and one's own theological and ministerial voice
- 3C: Exercise professional skills for leading worship and sharing public witness
- 4A: Discern and participate in God's reconciling mission, as communicated in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the witness of the church.

PROCEDURE:

Class will meet twice weekly synchronously with async participation available. Please note that a *Ministry Experience Report* will need to be submitted before Prolog week. Instructions regarding format and submission requirements will be emailed to all registered students early August.

EVALUATION:

In addition to being accountable to readings, students will be evaluated on participation in class and completion of assignments.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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