

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Continuing Education Course

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PTHM 545 Ministry Development Seminar

(3 credit hours)

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The *Ministry Development Seminar* is a five-day learning experience for the participants in the MA in Christian Ministries degree program designed to integrate the spiritual, psychological, and professional dimensions of their life and ministry.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the *Ministry Development Seminar* course, the participants should be able to:

1. Implement a strategy for integrating the disciplines into their spiritual formation process.
2. Demonstrate a growing awareness of their own psychological make-up and how this interacts with their spirituality and ministry.
3. Clearly understand and assess their unique design for ministry including areas of ministry passions, life experiences, personal strengths and limitations as they relate to enhancing ministry effectiveness.

TEXTBOOKS

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Required Reading:

Bradford, Mark. *Temperament in Ministry*. Springfield, MO: Self-published, 2000. (This notebook will also include the printed results of your personality assessment tests.)

Malphurs, Aubrey. *Maximizing Your Effectiveness: How to Discover and Develop Your Divine Design*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1995.

McIntosh, Gary L., and Samuel D. Rima, Sr. *Overcoming the Dark Side of Leadership: The Paradox of Personal Dysfunction*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1997.

Willard, Dallas. *The Spirit of the Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1991.

COURSE METHODOLOGY

Lectures, readings, small group activities, writing assignments, and assessment instruments will be utilized to achieve the course objectives.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Introduction and description of MACM degree
- II. Personality Profile Assessments
- III. The Nature of Spiritual Formation
- IV. Maximizing Your Divine Design

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. *Pre-Session*

1. Read all assigned texts.
2. Write a two-page reflection paper (approximately 500 words) for each of the Malphurs, McIntosh/Rima, and Willard texts.
 - a. The content of the papers should focus on four topics/themes from your reading that were most significant to you and why they were significant. Reflection papers are **DUE** the first day of class **Monday, January 14, 2002**.

- b. Complete, in writing, the test exercises in the McIntosh/Rima text in order to understand your own tendencies. You are not required to turn in the test results for evaluation, but you should **be prepared to discuss** these issues in the **Thursday afternoon class session, January 17, 2002.**

B. *Session*

1. Attendance and avid participation in all sessions.
2. Preparation for each day's activities.

C. *Post-Session*

1. Write a five-page integration paper on each of the three major aspects of the course.
2. Write a three to five page paper integrating all three major aspects of the course into your life and ministry.

DUE: All post-session assignments must be **postmarked** no later than **Friday, April 19, 2002.**

Submit Assignments to:

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NOTE: A change of grade fee (\$15.00) may be assessed on all work submitted past the postmark date, even when the professor has granted an extension. Late work may be penalized at the discretion of the professor.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Pre-session: Reading Reflection Papers	100 points
Post-session: Five page Integration Papers	300 points
3 to 5 page Integration Paper	100 points

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Topical bibliography to be presented within course session.

SPECIFIC DATA

Syllabus prepared by Mark Bradford, John Spurling, and Randy Walls, October, 2001.