

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PTH 640 Weddings, Funerals and Other Services

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the formative and transformative functions that ceremonies serve in the life of the church. Water baptism, the Lord's Supper, wedding ceremonies, infant dedications and funeral services will be examined. Suggestions for worship services, pastoral care, business and board meetings will also be offered.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Ability to plan and conduct a worship service.
2. Ability to plan and conduct a communion service.
3. Ability to plan and conduct a water baptism service.
4. Ability to plan and conduct a funeral service.
5. Ability to plan and conduct a wedding.
6. Ability to plan and conduct a baby dedication.

REQUIRED TEXT

Sourcebook of Funerals Vol. 1 www.deaconsil.com/catalog/product174.html
Sourcebook of Weddings (Communication Resources,
www.comresources.com/store/CatalogPage.asp?catalog_page_id=32)

COURSE OUTLINE

October 29, 2010	Worship services & communion
November 5, 2010	premarital counseling, legal requirements, wedding coordination
November 12, 2010	funeral services & pastoral care
November 19, 2010	baby dedications & water baptism

METHODOLOGY

Classroom presentations, on-site demonstrations, practice and guest lecturers.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attend class on-time and participate in all class sessions.

Options for papers: Choose a topic from the following options and prepare a paper of 7 to 8 pages using a minimum of five sources.

- Premarital counseling
- Pastoring the bereaved
- Approaches to worship (planning)
- Wedding and funeral message (six minutes each)
- Student choice (upon professor's approval)

GRADING PROCEDURE

Class attendance and participation	30%
Class project	70%