



## ***Public Ministry***

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### **I. Course Description**

There will be twenty (20) hours of classroom lecture, discussion, and small group work, as well as assigned readings and written work outside of class.

This course is designed to increase the theological understanding and technical competency of ministers in the performance of public ministry. Class topics include worship planning, presiding skills, public prayer, exegetical preaching, and the eight sacraments of Community of Christ. Emphasis will be placed on the preaching and sacramental units of the course. Students will be expected to read assigned texts, deliver one homily/sermon, create and deliver one Disciples Generous Response, and plan one worship service. A particular focus of the course will be the formative and nurturing integration of spiritual disciplines, Christian discipleship, ministry, and mission.

### **II. Required Reading**

**Students are expected to complete all reading assignments prior to the first day of class.**

Bolton, Andrew and Jane Gardner, editors. *The Sacraments: Symbol, Meaning, and Discipleship*. Independence, Missouri: Herald Publishing House, 2005.  
ISBN 1008309117311731

Craddock, Fred B. *Preaching*. Nashville, Tennessee: Abingdon Press, 1990.  
ISBN 0687336481

Davis, Jeanne and Peter Judd, editors. *Worship Resources*. Independence, Missouri: Herald Publishing House, (current edition, much available online at [cofchrist.org](http://cofchrist.org))  
**Assigned reading: Attached excerpt** (online see: Planning Vibrant Worship; Inclusive Worship; Preaching; Studying a Text, Disciples Generous Response)  
ISBN 9780830914791

Ray, David R. *Wonderful Worship in Smaller Churches*. Cleveland, Ohio: Pilgrim Press, 2000. ISBN 08298144000

Taylor, Barbara Brown. *The Preaching Life*. Cowley Publications, 1993.

ISBN 156101074X

*Sharing in Community of Christ: Exploring Identity, Mission, Message, and Beliefs*,

2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Independence, Missouri: Herald Publishing House, 2010.

ISBN: 9780830915026

**NOTE: Please bring scriptures and assigned texts to class.**

### III. Course Requirements

- A. Show evidence that class texts have been read and studied prior to class.
- B. ***Due at first class*** - Students will submit a three-page, double-spaced reflection paper in response to:
  1. Having read Craddock and Taylor, explore and discuss the role of the Enduring Principles and Mission Initiatives in preaching in the Community of Christ. Be specific in your discussion and reflections.
- C. Attend all class sessions and participate in discussions and activities. Class time will include lecture format as well as small groups to allow time for sharing oral assignments.
- D. Students will deliver a five-minute exegetical homily in class. The homily will be based on a scripture text from the lectionary as listed in *Worship Resources*. All students will “draw” a selection randomly on the first day of class. Each student will deliver a five minute homily to the class, date to be announced. A full homily manuscript will be **due no later than the last day of class**.
- E. Students will deliver a 2-3 minute Disciples Generous Response. All students will “draw” a *Worship Resources* lectionary selection on the first day of class to provide the worship context and lectionary setting for the assignment. Further instructions will be given in class.
- F. All students will memorize the ***Enduring Principles and Mission Initiatives***. There will be a **QUIZ** on the **first day of class**.
- G. Students will plan and submit a fully developed annotated worship service outline based on lectionary and theme selected from *Worship Resources*. Samples of annotated worships can be found in the text *The Sacraments: Symbol, Meaning, and Discipleship*. ***Students will make lectionary selections on the first day of class.*** Complete details of assignment will be discussed in the first class session. **Due date: March 15, 2012.** Please e-mail to instructor as a Word attachment.

### IV. Course Outline

#### Session 1

- A. Word and Table: Foundations of Public Ministry
- B. Our Lens: Enduring Principles and Mission Initiatives
- C. QUIZ

D. Introduction to Exegetical Preaching: Why Preach? Basic Requirements

**Session 2**

- A. Exegetical Preaching: A Few Models
- B. Sharing our Witness: Theology of the Sermon
- C. Introduction to Resources and Library Tour
- D. Homily Assignment Q & A

**Session 3**

- A. Scripture-based Worship Planning
- B. The presiding function, public prayer, and Disciples Generous Response
- C. Guest Instructor, Jan Kraybill: The Effective use of Music in Worship

**Session 4**

- A. Sacramental Life and Practice in the Community of Christ
- B. Guest Instructor, Karen Waring: “Planning Healing Worships” and “Inclusive Worship: Children as Ministers”

**Session 5**

- A. Class Presentations: Homilies and Disciples Generous Response
- B. Wrapping it Up