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Ministry of Spiritual Guidance

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Course Description

Spiritual guidance is not simply a dimension of parish ministry. It is the key to recovering the mission of the church. This course offers:

- a diagnosis of the situation faced by the church
- the theological basis for change
- the vocational assumptions necessary to that change
- and conversations about the ways in which those changes might be effected

Reading

The Future of the Global Church: History, Trends and Possibilities [Hardcover]
Patrick Johnstone

http://www.amazon.com/Future-Global-Church-History-Possibilities/dp/0830856595/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1351369446&sr=1-2&keywords=global+church

Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults [Hardcover]
Christian Smith

http://www.amazon.com/Souls-Transition-Religious-Spiritual-Emerging/dp/0195371798/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1351449940&sr=1-1&keywords=souls+in+transition

Spiritual Influence: The Hidden Power Behind Leadership
Mel Lawrenz

http://www.amazon.com/Spiritual-Influence-Hidden-Behind-Leadership/dp/031049270X/ref=sr_1_11?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1351368767&sr=1-11&keywords=spiritual+leadership

Soulful Spirituality: Becoming Fully Alive and Deeply Human [Paperback]
David G. Benner

http://www.amazon.com/Soulful-Spirituality-Becoming-Fully-Deeply/dp/1587432978/ref=la_B001KIAI0S_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1351368994&sr=1-5

Vertical Church: What Every Heart Longs for. What Every Church Can Be. [Hardcover]
James MacDonald

http://www.amazon.com/Vertical-Church-Every-Heart-Longs/dp/143470372X/ref=sr_1_6?ie=UTF8&qid=1351369291&sr=8-6&keywords=church+around+the+world

Ecclesiology for a Global Church: A People Called and Sent (Theology in Global Perspective)
Richard R. Gaillardetz

http://www.amazon.com/Ecclesiology-Global-Church-Theology-Perspective/dp/1570757690/ref=sr_1_6?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1351369446&sr=1-6&keywords=global+church

"Manage Uncertainty with Commander's Intent" Harvard Business Review
by Chad Storlie

<http://blogs.hbr.org/frontline-leadership/2010/11/dont-play-golf-in-a-football-g.html>

Assignment

Relying upon and drawing from the literature for the course...

Formulate:

- a diagnosis of the challenges facing your church
- a command intent for your ministry that is ecclesologically sound, spiritually focused, and theologically integrated
- an outline of the strategies you plan to deploy for accomplishing the command intent you have identified
- be sure to include a timeline, identifying the things you plan to do to accomplish your command intent and the resources you plan to use

Then, explain:

- how your command intent is fulfilled by the strategy that you have developed
- the obstacles you believe that you will face

- the way in which you will measure your success

Requirements:

- 10-15 pages, double-spaced
- Students should be prepared to make in-class presentations from their work
- Draw from the course resources
- Supplement as you find necessary
- Final work due the last day of class
- Grade based upon the quality of the written project, attendance, and engagement

Instructor:

If there is such a thing as an Episcopalian with “mega-church” instincts, it is probably Frederick Schmidt. He has been accused of being “entrepreneurial” and was once told that he had lived in Texas too long, because he really does seem to believe that “if you build it, they will come.” (Never mind the fact that the movie, *Field of Dreams*, was set in Iowa, not Texas.)

He pleads “guilty” to both charges. Deeply convinced that where the church fails, it is the victim of its own lack of imagination, energy and courage, he is also certain that God is prepared “to do a new thing,” but refuses to be tied to the church if the church refuses to follow.

An Episcopal priest, spiritual director, columnist, consultant, blogger, and academic, he believes it is easy to be spiritual *or* religious. It is a lot harder, to be both. But he keeps trying.

He is the author of *The Dave Test: A Man, His Brother, Death and Facing Loss Together* (Abingdon, forthcoming 2013), *What God Wants for Your Life, When Suffering Persists, Conversations with Scripture: Revelation, Conversations with Scripture: Luke* and a number of other books and articles. His current project is entitled *Un-Employed: A Spiritual Guide*. He also writes a column and blogs at Patheos.com.

Home is where his wife, Natalie, and their Gordon setter, Hilda of Whitby happen to live at any one time. Together, Fred and Natalie are co-founders and architects of THE NEXT TWELVE: A Center for Spiritual Formation, Direction & Leadership.

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