PERKINS REGIONAL COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL – 2019
COS 124 – Transformative Leadership
Pre-Class Assignments
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Course Objectives:
This course forms the student’s identity as a pastoral leader and change agent in congregations, The United Methodist Church, and the World. Students will identify and understand the attributes of transformative leaders, biblically and theologically, evaluate and strengthen their own identities and skills as pastoral leaders: explain and reflect on the nature of change in the local congregation and wider society; and implementing visioning, strategizing and planning process in their local congregations.

Pre-class assignments are due on June 12, 2019 and should be submitted via Canvas. Your work should be typed, double-space, using Times New Roman font size 12.

Required Textbooks:
ISBN: 978-0-08272-4494-8
Retail: $15

ISBN: 073820904X
Retail: $16

ISBN: 978-0-8006-6349-0
Retail: $21

ISBN 978-0-07642-0783-9 Retail: $16

Pre-Class Assignments

1. Write an essay of approximately 350 words (double-spaced, Times Roman, 12 font) describing the leadership skills and style from the required reading that inspired you.

2. Choose one particular societal issue and describe your understanding of your role as an agent of change in an essay of approximately 350 words (double-spaced, Times Roman, 12 font).
3. Write an essay of approximately 350 words (double-spaced, Times Roman, 12 font) reflecting on the changes necessary in your pastoral, and private life to become an agent of change.

4. Write an essay of approximately 350 words (double spaced, Times Roman, 12 font) of one actual situation in your congregation involving you, change, leadership, and a particular societal issue.

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify and explain biblically and theologically, the attributes of transformative leaders.
2. Informed by pre-class readings of assigned texts, describe their own identities and skills as pastoral leaders.
3. Discuss the nature of change in the local congregation and wider society.

Grading
Pre-class assignments 30% - due on June 12, 2019
Pre-class work submitted after that date is subject to grading penalties.

Coursework During Course Session

In addition to daily reading and preparation for face-to-face class, participation in online coursework will be required for the remaining 70% of the grade. This will include quizzes, online discussion posts, responses to fellow students, a cross-cultural interview, participation in synchronous discussions, etc. Details of specifics will be shared at the beginning of the face-to-face course.

Criteria of Evaluation
All the above pre-class assignments will be evaluated on the following criteria: a) fulfillment of the requirements of the assignment; b) personal creativity and thinking; c) meeting the deadline established by Perkins COSS (remember that there will be sanctions against late, misplaced, or lost work); and d) grammar, syntax, and style where appropriate (clarity, precision and formatting).