

Christian Education and Children's Ministry Certification Course
Administration and Leadership
Perkins School of Theology
May 17-21, 2021

Syllabus

Course Objectives

- To prepare Christian educators to fulfill roles of administrators and leaders of educational/faith formation ministries in the local church.
- To provide exposure to issues of calling, leadership, strategic planning, problem solving, team building, spiritual and personal gifts, and systems in the church.
- To equip Christian educators with tools that can be used to effectively implement ministry plans that support self-management and spiritual development of all persons in the faith community.

Monday, May 17

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Opening Session (ZOOM)

Agenda: Welcome & Orientation (with Adolescent World students)
Orientation to Mighty Networks, Admin & Leadership Course
Participant Introductions using Spiritual Gifts

Tuesday, May 18

Who Am I?

9:15 a.m. – Log on Zoom after sitting with Video Student Devotional #1 and Writing Reflection on Spiritual Gifts Uploaded

9:30 a.m. – LECTURE: Enneagram with Heather Gottas (ZOOM)

10:20 a.m. – Break/Personal Time

10:40 a.m. – GROUP TIME: Enneagram with Heather Gottas (ZOOM)

11:30 a.m. – Video Student Devotional #2 and Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – Justice or Just Us

3:00 p.m. – Break/Personal Time

3:30 p.m. – Group Project or Writing Reflection: Who Am I?

5:30 p.m. – Video Student Devotional #3

10:00 p.m. – Video Devotionals #4-6 and Writing Reflection Upload Due (Mighty Network)

Wednesday, May 19

Who Do I Serve?

9:15 a.m. – Log on Zoom after sitting with Video Student Devotional #4 and Writing Reflection on Enneagram Uploaded

9:30 a.m. – LECTURE: Servant Leadership with Dean Craig Hill (Zoom)

10:20 a.m. – Break/Personal Time

10:40 a.m. – GROUP TIME: Servant Leadership with Dean Craig Hill (Zoom)

11:30 a.m. – Video Student Devotional #5 and Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – Justice or Just Us

3:00 p.m. – Break/Personal Time

3:30 p.m. – Group Project or Writing Reflection: Who Do I Serve?
5:30 p.m. – Video Student Devotional #6
10:00 p.m. – Video Devotionals #7-9 and Writing Reflection Upload Due (assignments to be made in class) (Mighty Network)

Thursday, May 20

What Am I Doing?

9:15 a.m. – Log on Zoom after sitting with Video Student Devotional #7 and Writing Reflection on Servant Leadership Uploaded
9:30 a.m. – LECTURE: Holy Spirit with Dr. Jack Levison (Zoom)
10:20 a.m. – Break/Personal Time
10:40 a.m. – GROUP TIME: Holy Spirit with Dr. Jack Levison (Zoom)
11:30 a.m. – Video Student Devotional #8 and Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. – Justice or Just Us
3:00 p.m. – Break/Personal Time
3:30 p.m. – Leadership Essentials Workshop, Part One
(Writing Reflection: What Am I Doing? Using Worksheet from Chapter 8)
5:30 p.m. – Video Student Devotional #9
10:00 p.m. – Video Devotionals #10-12 and Writing Reflection Upload Due (assignments to be made in class) (Mighty Network)

Friday, May 21

How Will I Lead?

9:15 a.m. – Log on Zoom after sitting with Video Student Devotional #10 and Writing Reflection on What Am I Doing? Uploaded
9:30 a.m. – Leadership Essentials Workshop, Part 2, (Zoom)
10:30 a.m. – Break/Personal Time
11:00 a.m. – Social Media Q and A with Elizabeth Gentry (prework is Pod Have Mercy)
12:30 p.m. – Lunch and Group Hang Out, (Mighty Network and Zoom)
2:00 p.m. – Justice or Just Us
3:15 p.m. – Break/Personal Time
3:30 p.m. – Retreat with Barb Horsch
5:30 p.m. – Final Reflections

Required Texts: *The Path Between Us* by Suzanne Stabile, read entire book if possible, focus on Introduction and chapter that matches your type)

Servant of All: Status, Ambition, and the Way of Jesus by Craig Hill,
selected chapters

40 Days with the Holy Spirit by Jack Levison

Five Means of Grace by Elaine Heath

(Student Video Devotionals will be assigned from this text.)

Leadership Essentials by Greg Ogden and Daniel Meyer, Chapter 8

The Holy Bible, Any Translation

Electronic Tools:

1. Spiritual Gifts Assessment: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/exploring-your-spiritual-gifts>

2. Enneagram Assessment: <https://enneagramgift.com/free-enneagram-tests/>

Use any of the four tests on this site and bring your top three scores to class.

3. *Pod Have Mercy*, Season 2, Episode 23: A Conversation with Justin Posey

4. *Justice or Just Us*

Videos will be shown in class through Amplify; pdf study guide will be posted on Mighty Networks. To watch videos asynchronously, you may use Amplify Media: www.chapelwood.org/amplify Church Code is STRVDN, create username and password; search *Justice or Just Us*. Chapelwood UMC, Houston, TX grants permission for certification students only. Please do not share this access with your church. Each church must purchase their own subscription to the streaming service.

Instructors:

Barb Horsch, Certified Christian Educator, is an active member of Gibson City United Methodist Church in Gibson City, IL. She is chair of the Board of Discipleship in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Graduate of University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Teresa Rossy, Certified Christian Educator, Ministry Director of Grow Ministries at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, Houston, TX, Chair of Professional Certification, Board of Ordained Ministry, Texas Annual Conference. Board of Directors of Ascending Leaders. Graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Craig C. Hill, Dean and Professor of New Testament at Perkins School of Theology, former professor of Theological Pedagogy at Duke University Divinity School, ordained elder in the UMC, graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and the University of Oxford (PhD in New Testament History). Link to bio: <https://www.smu.edu/Perkins/About/AdminStaff/DeanCraigHillBio>

Dr. John R. (Jack) Levison, W.J.A. Power Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew, Perkins School of Theology, PhD, Duke University, M.A. Cambridge University, graduate of Wheaton College. Link to page: <https://www.smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/FacultyListingA-Z/Levison>

Rev. Heather Gottas Moore, Program Coordinator, Office of External Programs, Perkins School of Theology; Minister to Youth and Young Adults at St. Stephen UMC, Mesquite; provisional deacon in the UMC. Master of Divinity and Master of Theology, Perkins School of Theology, graduate of Ashford University.

Elizabeth Gentry, Digital Content Manager, External Communication, Chapelwood UMC, Houston; graduate of Texas A&M University, Texas A&M Communication Alumni Board and teaches classes about social media.

Final Paper Topic: The Christian Educator as a Leader and Administrator

The purpose of the final paper is to create a strategic ministry plan that you will use in your setting in the coming year. The project will demonstrate your self-awareness, the leadership role and gifts you have been given by God, and your knowledge of the people with whom you serve in the body of Christ.

The paper will reveal that you read/watched the assigned materials and are looking for ways to incorporate ideas taught by the instructors, so that a significant connection is made between the curriculum of the course and your own praxis as a Christian educator. The ideas should flow logically from pre-work to classroom to your context.

Be creative. This can be expressed in a number of ways. Please include:

- ◆ vision and mission of your church and your ministry area
- ◆ context of your setting – your role on staff, the relationships with senior pastor, staff, and lay leaders, size of your congregation and brief overview of the ministry structure in which you work
- ◆ unique ways you propose to implement a ministry strategy using your particular leadership style that considers the strengths of your team of staff and laity
- ◆ other expressions that flow from class experiences

The final paper is due on or before Friday, June 4, 2021, by e-mail to trossy@chapelwood.org. Grades are pass/fail. Passing projects must include all bullet points listed above and reflect deep engagement with course materials. Class participation and daily deadlines also must be met to pass this course.

Barb Horsch and Teresa Rossy are available for consultation on your project.