#### DIVISION IV - THE WITNESS OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY

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The program of Division IV is concerned with the church, its nature and ministry, and its leadership, clerical and lay. The program is designed to help students understand their various roles as leaders in the local church and to provide opportunities for practice in these roles.

The basic courses are designed to provide students with an introduction to the ministry of the church. The M.Div. student must satisfactorily complete 15 term hours of work in basic courses, consisting of **PR 6300** Introduction to Preaching (three term hours), **WO 6313** Word and Worship (three term hours), **XS 6310** The Church in Its Social Context (three term hours) and six term hours in at least two ministerial areas other than preaching and worship to be selected from the list of designated courses. In addition, each M.Div. student must complete at least three more term hours in the division at the 7000 or 8000 level.

Students in the M.Div., C.M.M. and M.T.S. programs must have completed **ST 6300** Introduction to Theology and one term each of Bible and church history coursework before beginning any courses in ministry. **XS 6310** The Church in Its Social Context must be taken prior to, or concurrently with, other courses in ministry. **PR 6300** is a prerequisite for all advanced courses in preaching, and **WO 6313** is a prerequisite for all advanced courses in worship.

Beyond the regular elective courses offered each term, reading courses in Division IV may be arranged. See the registrar for details.

### **Basic Courses**

**PR 6300.** Introduction to Preaching. An introduction to preaching, focusing on the preparation and delivery of the sermon. Attention to the form, content and style of the sermon, the liturgical and social context in which the sermon is preached and the person of the preacher. Three term hours.

**WO 6313. Word and Worship.** An introduction to the history and theology of Christian worship. Attention to the identification and function of the following elements: prayer, praise, proclamation and sacramental action. Allows students to develop a practical theology of worship and gain experience in constructing and leading worship. Three term hours.

**XS 6310.** The Church in Its Social Context. An examination of social structures, trends and dynamics affecting contemporary life, local communities and the mission of the church. Helps prepare students to understand and respond to specific sources of social structure and power, including economic, racial, ethnic and gender differences. Emphasis on the analysis of the local community as the context of ministry. Three term hours.

The following courses (except CA 7013) satisfy the basic ministerial studies requirement for the M.Div. degree.

#### Christian Education

**CE 7304.** The Church's Educational Ministry. An introduction to the church's educational ministry. Attention to practices and strategies that are biblically/theologically grounded and informed by sociology, anthropology, psychology, cultural studies and philosophy of Christian education; to the planning, administering, supervising and evaluating of a local church program; and to ministry with children, youth, adults and the aging. Three term hours.

**CE 7032, 7332. Educational Ministry in the Small-Membership Church.** An exploration of the unique characteristics of small-membership churches, with particular attention to their

context, such as urban and rural. Includes strategies for ministry with children, youth and adults; methods of recruiting, training and supporting volunteers; and ways to use outside resources. One and one-half or three term hours.

#### **Church Administration**

**CA 7309. The Minister as Administrator.** A study of the importance of effective administration in pastoral ministry, with special attention to organization, the use of time, the development of management skills and group process. Three term hours.

**CA 7013. United Methodist Polity.** A study of the Methodist Church, its historical emphases, structure, polity, discipline and leadership. Special attention to the United Methodist Church today. One and one-half term hours.

### Church Music

**CM 7316 (MN 7316). Music and Arts in the Church.** A study of the role of music and additional arts in worship and other ministries of the church. After an introduction to aesthetic and theological foundations, students participate in hands-on workshops that explore specific art forms, including dance, drama, visual arts, and music. The class also covers acoustics for worship. Three term hours.

## Evangelism

**EV 7307.** Theory and Practice of Evangelism. A study of the theological foundations of evangelism with a view to developing appropriate principles and strategies of evangelism in the local church. Three term hours.

#### **General Ministries**

MN 7311. Prayer and Spirituality. A study and exploration of various traditions of Christian prayer and spiritual life. Examines the relationship between prayer and everyday life, as well as various forms of spiritual practice and discipline appropriate to people of differing temperaments and life circumstances. Three term hours.

MN 7316 (CM 7316). Music and Arts in the Church. A study of the role of music and additional arts in worship and other ministries of the church. After an introduction to aesthetic and theological foundations, students participate in hands-on workshops that explore specific art forms, including dance, drama, visual arts, and music. The class also covers acoustics for worship. Three term hours.

MN 7320. Ministry in the Black Church. A course designed for all students interested in knowing more about the ministry of the black church. Examines the underlying theological rationale and its practical implications for ministry in the black church from the perspective of cultural pluralism in the black experience. Includes an experience in the context of the black church. Three term hours.

MN 7329. Issues in Practical Theology. A critical look at how to develop, strengthen and exercise the habit of integrating theological inquiry and understanding into congregational ministry by helping students to reflect on the practice of ministry in light of disciplines in theological education and other sources. Emphasizes the case study method and provides indepth attention to selected areas of ministry. Three term hours.

**MN 7342. Women in Ministry.** An interdisciplinary inquiry into the experience of women in ordained ministry, giving attention to feminist, womanist and mujerista critiques and constructions of ecclesiology and to the impact of race, class and sexual orientation on women's pastoral leadership. Three term hours.

MN 7355. Models of Ministry With the Poor. A practical theological inquiry into the church's contemporary engagement in the ancient faith practice of remembering the poor. Includes theological-ethical considerations and examination of "best practices." Three term hours.

#### Pastoral Care

**PC 7301.** Introduction to Pastoral Care. An introduction to pastoral ministry, including listening skills, the use of prayer and sacraments, crisis counseling, the history of pastoral care, referrals, cross-cultural counseling, gender issues, biblical and theological foundations, and the development of pastoral identity.

- **PC 7321. The Caring Congregation.** An introduction to the church's ministry of pastoral care. Three term hours.
- **PC 7322. Pastoral Care and Family Systems.** An introduction to the church's ministry of pastoral care by means of theological reflection upon, and application of, relevant "family systems" theories in the nurture of congregations. Three term hours.
- **PC 7639. Basic Clinical Pastoral Education.** A 400-hour quarter of supervised pastoral experience approved by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Normally offered during a 10-week, 40-hour-per-week summer term. Requires prior consultation with a faculty member in pastoral care. Students may take either this course or a CPE internship but not both. Six term hours.

### Christianity and Society

**XS 7302.** Issues in Urban Ministry. An examination of ministry issues in urban multicultural contexts, with emphasis on the connections between theories of urbanization, the reality of urban life and the praxis of ministry. Three term hours.

### **Advanced Electives**

### Christian Education

- **CE 8301. Teaching the Bible in the Local Church.** An examination and practice of a variety of approaches to the study of the Bible with children, youth and adults in the local church. Three term hours.
- **CE 8020, 8320. Ministry With Children.** A consideration of the church's educational ministry with children. Attention to developmental theory to the nature of teaching and to comprehensive planning for ministry with children. One and one-half or three term hours.
- **CE 8330. Youth Ministry.** A consideration of the church's educational ministry with youth. Includes observation of and participation with young people. Requires a one-day service learning module with young people. Three term hours.
- **CE 8332. Speed Dating Spirituality: Ministry With Young Adults.** A critical exploration of the spiritual beliefs, values and practices of young people ages 18 to 30 from diverse social contexts. Attention to the vocation of the young adult and the role of the congregation and pastor. Three term hours.
- **CE 8338.** Emancipatory Educational Ministry With Adolescent Girls: Liberating Ophelia and LaTomika. An interdisciplinary inquiry of the experiences of teenage girls, focusing on the impact of race, class and gender oppression. Uses feminist, womanist and mujerista perspectives to inform the construction of a critical ministry with teenage girls in the church. Requires a one-day service learning module with young people. Three term hours.
- **CE 8072, 8372. Christian Education in Cultural Context.** An exploration of the teaching ministry of the church in relationship to diverse local and global settings. Special attention to equipping students with knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to design curricular resources and learning environments appropriate to diverse contexts. May be taught on campus or as an immersion experience in an off-campus site, local or international. One and one-half or three term hours.
- **CE 8375. Spiritual Formation in the Church.** An exploration of a variety of historic and contemporary practices that support and guide Christian formation and spirituality in a pluralistic world. Special attention to leadership of small groups in the congregation and to the interrelationship between spirituality and justice. Three term hours.

### Christianity and Society

- **XS 8302.** Race Relations and the Church. An examination of race relations in the United States with special attention to the role of the church in intergroup relations. A survey of the basic theories of race relations, identifying current intergroup dynamics and exploring implications for ministry. Addresses the experiences of black, Hispanic, Anglo, Asian and Native American populations as they interact. Three term hours.
- **XS 8321. Witness and Ministry in Global Context.** A study of Christian witness and ministry in a cultural context different from the students' own cultural context, usually outside the United States, with special attention to the role of theological reflection in an environment

affected by globalization in all its dimensions. May be repeated for additional academic credit when topics vary. Three term hours.

XS 8326. Broad-Based Community Organizing: Holiness and Politics in the Urban Church. An examination of the principles and practices of ministers and churches in shaping the political life of their communities. Asks why and how churches organize and teaches the art of organizing. Three term hours.

**XS 8332.** Contemporary Issues in Urban Ministry. A study of metropolitan issues of poverty, racism, crime, youth gangs, housing, education, immigration, urban policy, politics and economics. Particular attention to the cultural and religious values reflected in the inner city as positive resources for urban revitalization. Offers a single topic focus during each term. May be repeated for academic credit. Three term hours.

**XS 8339. Christian Ministry in a Multicultural Society.** A historical, theological and ethical examination of the foundations for ministry in a diverse and pluralistic society to assist students in developing Christian ministry models in a multicultural/pluralistic society. Three term hours.

**XS 8345.** Issues in Faith, Feminism, and Public Policy. An examination of economic and social policy issues that affect the lives of women and girls and informs the ecclesiology, skills, and strategies of leaders for shaping local, state, and federal public policy. Three term hours.

**XS 8350.** The Social Mission of the Church. Theological reflection and social analysis of the church and society – their structures, processes and interactions – as related to the church's mission and roles in society. Attention to social and moral reflection and to the exploration of action strategies as the church discerns its task in society. Three term hours.

### Christian Worship

WO 6313 is prerequisite for all WO courses except WO 8018, 8318.

**WO 8308. Women and Worship.** An examination of feminist critique of religion with reference to its implications for reform of worship. Considers issues of language, symbol and action, and examines and evaluates various positions and proposals. Three term hours.

**WO 8311.** The Rites of Christian Initiation. A historical and practical study of the catechumenate, baptism, confirmation, first communion and renewal, and also the theology proclaimed by these rites. Three term hours.

**WO 8313.** The Church Year. A historical and practical study of the witness of the church year to the Christian faith. Three term hours,

**WO 8315. From Agape to Eucharist.** A survey of the evolution of the Christian Eucharist from its New Testament beginnings and possible Jewish roots to its current manifestation in a context of liturgical renewal and reform. Also attention to issues of pastoral practice. Three term hours.

**WO 8317.** The Daily Prayer of Christians. A study of the historical development of Christian daily worship with particular attention to its use as a school of Christian spiritual formation. Allows students to examine historical documents and contemporary revision of the daily office and to consider the theological significance and pastoral possibilities of daily prayer. Three term hours.

**WO 8018, 8318. Worship in a Global Perspective.** A study of primarily non-Euro-American worship resources, including prayers, stories, litanies, music and other worship forms from Asia, Africa, Spanish-speaking countries of Central and South America, Native American cultures and global ecumenical movements such as the Taizé Community of France and the Iona Community of Scotland. May be taught as an overview course on campus or as a focused, on-site study of a particular tradition off campus. One and one-half or three term hours.

**WO 8322. Ritual Studies and Liturgical Practice.** An introduction to the field of ritual studies with emphasis on implications for liturgical performance, creation and leadership. Three term hours.

**WO 8325.** Issues in Methodist Worship. An examination of the historical background, spiritual commitments and stylistic issues that shape and define Methodist worship, with application to contemporary liturgical issues within Methodism and the wider church. Three term hours.

**WO 8327. Contemporary Patterns of Christian Worship.** A study of selected current worship patterns and musical styles including charismatic and Pentecostal influences ("Praise and Worship"), worship from intentional ecumenical communities such as Taizé and Iona, feminist worship, "Emerging Church" worship and cross-cultural influences in Christian worship. Three term hours.

#### **Church Administration**

- **CA 8315.** The Pastor as Financial Leader. An introduction to the basic theological principles of church finances. Includes examination of the relationships between budgets and campaigns, how to lead a finance committee and stewardship challenges. Seeks to develop a model for sound pastoral leadership in church finances. Three term hours.
- **CA 8317. Theology and Practice of Stewardship.** An examination of a range of issues related to the theology and practice of stewardship and how theology informs church stewardship programs and fundraising. Three term hours.
- **CA 8319.** Dynamics of Pastoral Leadership. A study of the nature and function of pastoral leadership in a local church setting. Provides opportunities for a study of literature in the field of effective local church leadership and for responses to case studies of effective local church pastors at work. Three term hours.
- **CA 8320.** Ethical Dilemmas in Pastoral Care. An introduction to the intrinsic and powerful underlying ethical dilemmas of pastoral leadership. Issues covered include pastoral use/abuse of power, pastoral integrity in ethically complex situations, the ethical/missional integrity of faith communities, and moving beyond mere moralism. Three term hours.
- **CA 8368.** Leadership in the Christian Context. A seminar on current models of leadership and their practical, ethical, social and theological implications for ministry. Covers issues of role theory, leadership and systems theory, women's roles as leaders, conflict management, leadership in times of crisis and working with lay leaders. Three term hours.

#### **Church Music**

- **CM 8102, 8103, 8104. Instruction in Conducting.** (M.S.M.) A three-term sequence of specialized instruction in church music conducting for M.S.M. students with a performance concentration in choral conducting. Includes specialized class and private instruction and a repertoire lab. Three term hours, one hour per term.
- **CM 8106. Handbells and Worship.** (M.S.M.) A comprehensive study of the techniques of English handbell ringing and the pedagogy of handbell choir directing. Includes the use of handbells and handbell repertoire in a liturgical setting. One term hour. M.Div. students by permission.
- **CM 8107.** The Youth Choir and the Church. (M.S.M.) A comprehensive study of philosophy and techniques for working with church youth choirs, including recruitment, voice building, working with changing voices, touring, effective group building and literature development. One term hour. M.Div. students by permission.
- **CM 8108.** Cantoring in Worship. (M.S.M.) A course on leading congregational singing in a variety of styles, including psalmody, African American song, Taizé prayer and global music. Also addresses issues of basic vocal pedagogy. One term hour. M.Div. students by permission.
- **CM 8012, 8013. Seminary Singers.** An organization devoted to the performance of choral music and worship leadership in Perkins Chapel. Allows students to enroll for noncredit, but requires those registered for credit to take two terms in the same academic year and be present for all public appearances. Allows students to take the course in addition to 12 term hours of regular coursework. One and one-half term hours, credited at the end of the spring term.
- **CM 8120. Supervised Practicum.** (M.S.M.) Required of all M.S.M. students, with course activities that occupy both years of study. During the first or second spring term of study, focuses one class session a week on issues of pastoral care and problems in human relationships in church music work. Gives professional field supervision in music and ministry during all terms. Requires a special church music project and other agreed-upon activities during the last spring term of study. Provides a final evaluation with supervisors, the M.S.M. director and the practicum committee. One term hour.
- CM 8024, 8124. Music Ministry With Children. (M.S.M.) A course designed for musicians and educators interested in developing a church music education program for children ages 3

through 12. Includes topics such as vocal development and literature, children's choir curricula, music reading skills, children in worship and music in the church school. Music reading skills helpful but not necessary. One or one and one-half term hours. M.Div. students by permission.

**CM 8330.** Church Music Colloquium I: Introduction to Congregational Song. (M.S.M.) A survey of the history, theology, and practice of congregational song. Congregational song includes the hymns of the classical Western tradition, recent developments in Western congregational practice, and songs of the world church. Special attention is given to analyzing current hymnals, understanding the theology of song texts, performing the various styles of music employed in Christian hymnody, and selecting congregational songs for worship and the seasons of the Christian year. Three term hours.

CM 8331. Church Music Colloquium II: Theological Themes in Church Music. (M.S.M.) A survey of theological and philosophical assumptions undergirding church music. This course examines primary historical hymnal writings, philosophical and theological writings, and theoretical treatises on the theology and practice of church music. Selected congregational songs and choral works are analyzed in light of their theological and musical assumptions. Three term hours.

CM 8332. Church Music Colloquium III: Survey of Church Music Genres. (M.S.M.) A study of the history and development of musical genres used throughout church music history. Genres include Western chant, early polyphony, mass, Requiem mass, Lutheran church cantata, passion, oratorio, Anglican anthem and service, and motet. The course connects the historical narrative of the church – from its early days to the present – with the major genres of church music. Three term hours.

### Evangelism

**EV 8310. Issues in Evangelism.** An examination of various issues in the theory and practice of evangelism, such as evangelism in postmodern culture, evangelism and the emerging church, evangelism and congregational renewal, evangelism and spiritual direction, and evangelism and popular culture. Three term hours. *Prerequisite:* EV 7307.

#### Pastoral Care

**PC 8301. Pastoral Care: Special Problems.** An examination of several major areas of pastoral work and of the relationship between pastoral care and some of the other functions of ministry. Allows the class to select specific topics. Three term hours.

**PC 8318. Mental Health Skills for the Pastor.** Basic skills, concepts and knowledge needed to evaluate mental health problems presented by parishioners, to intervene in problem situations and to make effective referrals. Pastoral experience required. Three term hours.

PC 8326. The Pastor's Crisis Ministry. An introduction to the church's ministry of pastoral care, with special emphasis on crisis theory and intervention and theological reflection upon human crisis. Provides opportunities for intervention procedures to be practiced and then applied to typical crises in which the minister is called upon to help, such as illness, dying, bereavement, wife and child abuse. In-class training by a local domestic violence prevention program is offered, and a certificate of training is provided upon completion. Three term hours.

**PC 8330. Pastoral Care and Counseling of Adolescents.** A theoretical and experiential exploration of pastoral ministry with youth. Special attention to faith and identity development, adolescent/family dynamics and the diversity and influence of current youth cultures. Three term hours.

**PC 8333. Pastoral Care and Counseling of Women.** Addresses pastoral care and counseling concerns of women through exploration of issues such as women's psychological/social/spiritual development, women's roles and functions in families and relationships, women's bodies and sexuality, and women in the church. In-class training is provided by a local rape crisis center, and a certificate is awarded upon completion. Three term hours.

PC 8335. Sexual and Domestic Violence: Theological and Pastoral Concerns. An introduction to the issues of domestic violence, child sexual abuse, rape and elder abuse, focusing on theological and ethical concerns and the church's pastoral and educational response. Three term hours.

- **PC 8336. Premarital Counseling.** An exploration of the educational, psychological and pastoral perspectives on counseling persons for marriage in the light of an overview of the meaning of marriage in the Christian tradition. Three term hours.
- **PC 8341. Spirituality and the Human Life Cycle.** An introduction to intersections of spirituality and developmental psychology. Includes case analysis of autobiographies, novels and film. Three term hours.
- **PC 8345. Justice Issues in Pastoral Care.** An exploration of the ways in which ethical reflection and sociocultural analysis are foundational for the practice of pastoral care. Focuses on four interrelated forms of systemic injustice: sexism, racism, classism and heterosexism. Three term hours.
- **PC 8348. Pastoral Self-Care.** Remembering the Good Samaritan's example of finishing the journey while caring for the hurting, explores the healthy balance between caring for self and caring for others. The ministerial role of caregiver can intensify this search for spiritual symmetry. Three term hours.

### Prayer and Spirituality

**PS 8355. Introduction to Monastic Spirituality.** An introduction to the theology and spiritual practice of the monastery, exploring the genesis and genius of monastic spirituality and its possible relevance for those living beyond the boundaries of the monastery. Three term hours.

### Preaching

Prerequisite for all PR courses is PR 6300.

- **PR 8303. Preaching From the Bible.** An exegetical-expository study of a book of the Bible with reference to pulpit proclamation. Three term hours.
- **PR 8322.** Reading and Preaching Biblical Narrative. A study of selected narratives from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, with special concern for the ways in which new literary critical analysis of those narratives is important for the construction and delivery of sermons. Allows students to preach and evaluate sermons. Three term hours.
- **PR 8327.** Preaching and Contemporary Literature. A course designed to explore some of the best of contemporary novels, short stories and plays, raising questions about the theologies implied and searching for ways to use these materials in the homiletical task. Includes authors such as Saul Bellow, Frederick Buechner, Graham Greene, Peter Shaffer and Flannery O'Connor. Three term hours.
- **PR 8340.** Preaching Biblical Wisdom Literature. An exploration of biblical wisdom themes and genres for Christian preaching, with special attention to placing biblical wisdom in conversation with contemporary secular wisdom. Three term hours.
- PR 8345. Preaching Public Issues: Biblical, Theological and Homiletical Perspectives. A biblical and theological analysis of the practice of public-issues preaching in the mission of contemporary congregations to their communities with reference to three occasions of pulpit address: chronic social problems, controversial issues and social crises. Three term hours.
- **PR 8352. Creative Sermon Design.** An exploration of the rhetorical and theological implications of sermonic form in 21st-century congregations. Attention will be given to the power of form to gain and hold attention, to convey essential biblical and theological knowledge and to shape faith. Three term hours.

### **General Ministries**

MN 8026, 8326. Ministry in the Hispanic Church. A course designed to introduce students to the practice of ministry in the Hispanic church covering the topics of: the Hispanic community and Bible reading, the Hispanic community and the role of the church, the Hispanic context and the dominant culture, the Hispanic community and mission strategy and the Hispanic community and leadership. Offers methodological tools and practice that allow students to be ready to participate in team developing ministries with Hispanics. One and one half or three term hours.

# **EXTRA-DIVISIONAL COURSES**

**XX 6003, 6104. Spiritual Formation I, II.** For description, please see the "Special Programs for Academic Credit" section of this catalog. One term hour credit after completion of both XX 6003 and XX 6104.

**XX 8610, 8611. Concurrent Internship I, II.** For description, please see "The M.Div. Internship" in the Master of Divinity section of this catalog. Twelve term hours, six per course.

**XX 8365, 8366. C.M.M. Internship.** For description, please see "The C.M.M. Internship" in the Master of Church Ministries section of this catalog. Six term hours, three per term.

**XX 8600, 8601. Full-time Internship.** For description, please see "The M.Div. Internship" in the Master of Divinity section of this catalog. Twelve term hours, six per course.