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THEO2241/THEO5341, 2024-2025 Term1 Pastoral Theology (牧養神學)

Instructor: The Rev. Prof. Andrew Wai Man NG (伍渭文)

Meet on Monday, 14:30-17:15

Course description :

The course addresses: (1) The distinctive of pastoral theology as a practical discipline. (2) The pastor as a person and the pastoral office as ministry of word and sacrament. (3) The church as an institutional organization and spiritual organism where the pastor exercises his/her leadership. Attention is given to the historical development and the contemporary context.

Learning outcomes :

- (1) To acquaint and prepare students for future pastoral work.**
- (2) To inform students the rich Christian tradition of the pastoral ministry.**
- (3) To enable the students to formulate their own pastoral theology from Scriptures, cultural tradition and contexts. °**

Course Requirement

1. Assigned reading and class attendance. Students are required to submit a review selected from any four chapters from Willimon, William H. Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry, revised edition, 2016. The review, less than 2,500 words is expected: 1) to analyze the major concepts of each chapter and their relationship; 2) to evaluate the major concepts in light of what we had discussed in class and from what you had learned from the assigned readings and raise two questions adduced from your review. Submitted on October 28 ° (35%)

2. Taking of notes on assigned readings and class discussions for future instruction of church leadership. Submitted on November 18 ° (25%)

3. A take home exam of four questions out of eight which are expected to be an integration and reflection on the readings and lectures against the contexts where you find yourself (50%). Answer for each question is not more than 1500 words. Submitted on November 25 ° (50%) Questions will be given on November 8.

4. Reviews should be submitted in softcopy and hardcopy with veriguide.

Course Outline:

Session 1 September 2

Introduction of the course.

Reading: Pastor, Introduction; “Ch. 14: The Ministry”, in Ray S. Anderson, Theological Foundations for Ministry, 390-492; T.F. Torrance (1979)

Session 2 September 9

The Pastoral Office-The Ordination of the Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

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Reading: Pastor, Ch. 2-Ministry for the Twenty-First Century: Images of the Pastor;
Ng, Andrew Wai Man (伍渭文)。《初期教會信徒皆祭司的觀念(上)》, 中國神學研究院期刊, 第三期(1987年7月): 39-55; 《初期教會信徒皆祭司的觀念(下): 信徒皆祭司觀念在後期式微之原因》, 中國神學研究院期刊, 第四期(1988年1月): 30-51。

Session 3 September 16

Guest Instructor: The Rev. Ray Kai Fai Wong(王家輝).

The Local Church-An Institutional Organization and a Living Organism;
The Pastor as a Person(1) —Pastor's Relationships: The Congregation, Collegiality,
Denomination and the Society.

Reading: Oates, Ch. 2-The Symbolic Power of the Pastor, 65-95.

Session 4 September 23

The Pastor as the Priest; The Planning of the Sunday Service; The Shape of the Liturgy; The Church Calendar; Corporate Prayer.

Reading: Pastor, Ch. 3-The Pastor as Priest: The Leadership of Worship; 伍渭文, 《失樂園的逆轉：崇拜禮儀的屬靈操練》

Session 5 September 30

The Pastor as the Celebrant; Administration of Holy Baptism as Rite of Initiation; Catechism before and after Baptism.

Reading: Pastor, Ch. 4-The Priest as Pastor: Worship as the Content and Context of Pastoral Care; Pastor, Ch. 8-The Pastor as Teacher: Christian Formation.

Session 6 October 7

The Pastor as the Celebrant; Administration of Holy Communion as Rite of Continuation.

Reading: Pastor, Ch. 4-The Priest as Pastor: Worship as the Content and Context of Pastoral Care.

Session 7 October 14

The Pastor as Preacher and Teacher; Leading with the Sermon; The Preparation and Delivery of a Sermon; Structural and Functional Elements;

Reading: Pastor, Ch. 5-The Pastor as Interpreter of Scripture: A People Created by the Word; Interlude: The Wonderful Thickness of the Text, 132-136; Ch. 6: Servant of the Word; Interlude: Preaching in Acts, 156-165; Ch. 8-The Pastor as Teacher: Christian Formation; Willimon, Leading with the Sermon, Ch. 1.

Session 8 October 21

The Preparation and Delivery of a Sermon; Structural and Functional Elements; Preaching According to the Lectionary.

Reading: Wiersbe, Preaching and Teaching with Imagination, 51-83.

Session 9 October 28

Preaching According to the Church Calendar and Planning of the Pulpit; The Pastor as Prophet.

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Reading: Ch. 10-The Pastor as Prophet: Truth Telling in the Name of Jesus; Interlude: Sin in Christian Ministry, 254-261;

Session 10 November 4

The Pastor as Counselor; Mutual Consolation in Small Groups.

Reading: Pastor, Ch. 7-Care That Is Christian; Interlude: Augustine Confessions as a Word-Made World, 182-196; Hiltner, Preface to Pastoral Theology, Ch. 6, 7, 8 (Healing, Sustaining, Guidance).

Session 11 November 11

The Pastor as Leader and Change Agent; Launching Outreaching Programs.

Reading: Pastor, 12-The Peculiarity of Christian Leadership; Schaller, Lyle E. Parish Planning, Ch. 4-Purpose, Expectations, and Evaluation, 89-118

Session 12 November 18

The Pastor as a Person (2)--Pastor's Capability: Gifts, Spirituality, Attitude and Mental Hygiene; Study and Leisure Time.

Reading: Pastor, Ch. 14-The Pastor as Disciplined Christian: Constancy in Ministry, 319-339; Hulme, Ch. 4-The Pastor's Personality Problem, 61-76, Ch. 5-Need for a Successful Family, 77-89; Ch. 13-The Pastor as Character: Clergy Ethics; Interlude: Failure in Ministry, 294-302.

Session 13 November 25

Review; presentation of book reviews; preparation for take-home examination.

Required and recommended readings:

Required text: Willimon, William H.(2016) Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry. Revised Edition (2016) Nashville: Abingdon).

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