

Course Description

MN651—Christian Leadership II—Leaders as Stewards

Spring, 2021

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3 credits

Prerequisite: MN-601 (Foundations of Christian Leadership)

Core Course for MACL

Letter grade only

Description

This course examines leadership practice through the lens of Christian stewardship. Four primary dimensions of organizational stewardship will be examined through both theory and application: stewardship of self, stewardship of physical resources, stewardship of others and their gifts, and stewardship of mission.

Objectives

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1. Identify how principles of Christian stewardship inform organizational leadership of resources, people, and mission.
2. Analyze the use of stewardship principles in organizational settings.
3. Develop awareness of one's personal leadership potential through the lens of Christian stewardship.

Curricular Objectives

1. Identify and interpret key themes from the Christian scriptures.
2. Articulate key theological affirmations of the church's theological tradition.
3. Develop a missional strategy with attention to a particular cultural context.
4. Articulate a coherent personal philosophy of Christian leadership.

Requirements/Evaluation

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| Weekly responses to Readings/Lectures | 20% |
| Stewardship of Self | 20% |
| Stewardship of Physical Resources | 20% |
| Stewardship of Others and Their Gifts | 20% |
| Stewardship of Mission | <u>20%</u> |
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Tentative Bibliography

Required

Barton, Ruth Haley. *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry*, Expanded Edition. (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2018)

- Brueggemann, Walter. *Materiality as Resistance: Five Elements for Moral Action in the Real World*. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2020)
- Irwin, Tim. *Extraordinary Influence: How Great Leaders Bring Out the Best in Others*. (Hoboken: Wiley, 2018)
- Jamieson, J.T. & Jamieson, P.D. *Ministry and Money: A Practical Guide for Pastors*. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009)
- Rodin, R. Scott. *The Steward Leader: Transforming People, Organizations, and Communities*. (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2010)
- Stevens, R. Paul. *The Other Six Days: Vocation, Work, and Ministry in Biblical Perspective*. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999)
- Wilson, Kent R. *Steward Leadership in the Nonprofit Organization*. (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2016)

Recommended

- Brinckerhoff, Peter C. *Nonprofit Stewardship: A Better Way to Lead Your Mission-Based Organization*. (St. Paul: Wilder Publishing Center, 2004)
- Lotich, Patricia. *Smart Church Staff Evaluations: A Guide to Performance Appraisals That Motivate, Develop, and Reward Church Employees*. (Smart Church Management, 2013)