

MN-601: Foundations of Christian Leadership
University of Dubuque

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Format: Online only
Credits: 3

DESCRIPTION

This course introduces a Christian understanding of leadership. Attention is focused on Jesus being the model for exceptional leadership, the importance of a strong devotional life for leaders, the significance of the leader is influenced by the Holy Spirit, and how to lead through transition and uncharted territory. This is a course designed to establish a strong foundation for Christian leadership.

OBJECTIVES

Master of Divinity (MDiv) Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Engage contemporary theological and ethical issues with insight and humility
2. Educate and equip individuals and congregations to live and minister joyfully and faithfully as part of their own denomination and the ecumenical church
3. Integrate theology and practice in all areas of life and ministry

Master of Arts in Mission and Discipleship:

1. Articulate and reflect critically and constructively on the biblical and theological foundations of God's mission to the world.
2. Develop, implement, and assess strategies for missional living in a specific cultural context.
3. Adopt spiritual practices that nurture their personal lives as faithful disciples and witnesses.

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership (MACL) Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Develop a missional strategy with attention to a particular cultural context.
2. Apply a coherent philosophy of Christian leadership to a particular context.
3. Identify and interpret key themes from the Christian scriptures.

Course Learning Objectives:

- Identify and interpret key themes on leadership in the life of Jesus Christ.
- Develop a plan to produce successful change in a church or religious organization.

- Demonstrate an ability to evaluate and improve organizational structures.
- Examine a process for developing strategies through strategic thinking resulting in effective leadership in the local church and the community.
- Set a priority and develop a plan for private devotion for establishing a strong foundation for leadership.

RESOURCES

Allen, Marcus. *I Got Next: Ten Essential Lessons for an Effective Pastoral Transition*.
Bloomington, IN.: WestBow Press, 2020, ISBN 1973692538

Bolsinger, Tod. *Canoeing the Mountains*. Downers Grove, Ill.: Intervarsity Press, 2015. ISBN
978-0830841264

Cordeiro, Wayne. *The Divine Mentor: Growing Your Faith as You Sit at the Feet of the Savior*.
Ada, MI: Bethany House Publishers, 2007. ISBN 076420579X

Rainer, Thom. *The Post-Quarantine Church: Six Urgent Challenges and Opportunities That Will
Determine the Future of Your Congregation*. Carol Stream, IL. Tydale House Publishers,
ISBN 978-1-4964-5275-7

Baker, Dori, Lewis, Stephen, Williams, Matthew. *Another Way: Living and Leading Change on
Purpose*. St. Louis, MO. Chalice Press. ISBN 9780827200838

In addition, each student will read and analyze a book of Scripture selected in consultation with the instructor. Other video and written resources will be provided online.