

Congregational Studies Signature Course

Spring 2018

Assignment Addendum

Saturday Cohort Discussions

One Saturday per month (9am-11 am, Central Time), the entire cohort will meet via telephone for discussions that revisit learning experiences and add layers of insight. These phone calls are required for all enrolled students. Each of these sessions will be rooted in texts and articles. At the close of both the Fall and Spring terms, students will share lessons learned over the course of the term.

NO CALL in January

February 17

March 10 - 9:00 am – 11:00 am CT – Cross Course Seminar

April 28

May 12

IMPORTANT NOTE: failure to attend these calls will jeopardize your ability to pass this course.

Overview of Spring Assignments

January 4-5	January In-gathering (8:30am to 4:30 pm, Thursday and Friday)
January 5	Orientation to Focused Initiative with Teaching Pastor 9am to 11:00 am via Zoom Conference Call
February 12	Congregational Studies II begins
February 15	Journal reflection on self-learning
February 17	SATURDAY Seminar: Analysis of Power & Authority
February 22	Boundaries and Power: Reflection on Ministerial Misconduct

	Discussion Board #1 Leaders, Group 1. Respondents, Group 2
March 1	Focused Initiative Check-in (Allow time for prep) Discussion Board #2. All students post & respond.
March 8	Preaching Assignment #3: Open topic
March 10	SATURDAY Seminar: Cross-Team Call with all courses
March 15	MFC Self-Evaluation due to Congregational Studies Faculty (Allow time for prep)
March 22	Sabbath during Spring Intensives
March 29	Sabbath during Spring Intensives
April 5	The Promise of Shared Ministry (Allow time for prep) Discussion Board #3 Leaders, Group 3. Respondents, Group 4
April 5	Draft of Focused Initiative Proposal due on Populi
April 12	Ministry Beyond Congregational Walls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback sent from Faculty on April 5 Focused Initiative draft • Discussion Board #4 Leaders, Group 5. Respondents, Group 6
April 19	Riding the Wave of Technology Discussion Board #5 Leaders: Group 7. Crowd Sourcing Response (all)
April 26	Worship for Everyone: Spanning Engagement across Generations
April 28	SATURDAY SEMINAR: Changing nature of volunteerism
May 3	Submit “final”, Focused Initiative proposal approved by TP, Lay Committee, faculty
May 10	Mid-Year UUA Evaluations (completed evaluations from Lay Committee, Teaching Pastors)

May 12

SATURDAY SEMINAR

- End of year review
- Accolades around collegiality

May 17

End of term