

COS 524 – THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION: PRACTICE OF MINISTRY

COURSE DESCRIPTION *(Goals & Objectives)*

This course is the capstone to the student's basic course of study. Its focus is the integration of the biblical, theological, and practical aspects of ministry.

Students will be able to:

1. Articulate a Trinitarian theology for the practice of ministry.
 2. State clearly the nature and mission of the Church and its relation to pastoral ministry.
 3. Demonstrate the ability to reflect theologically.
 4. Develop a plan for lifelong theological reading, reflection, and growth.
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TEXTBOOKS

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Will Willimon: Pastor: ***The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry***
- Kathleen Cahalan: ***Introducing the Practice of Ministry***
- Charles Wood and Ellen Blue: ***Attentive to God: Thinking Theologically in Ministry***

SUPPLEMENTARY:

- Lacey Warner and Ken Carder: ***The Grace to Lead***
- Frederick Buechner: ***The Sacred Journey***

TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

Goal: Two basic texts (**required**) per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are **required** and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but **optional** texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.