

COURSE OF STUDY SUMMER B TERM 2020

#323 Congregational Care

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Instructions: Please write down each question prior to answering. Short answers are not adequate for any of the questions. A demonstration of how you have been influenced by reading the books is important.

Text book: “ African American Pastoral Care and Counseling. The Politics of Oppression and Empowerment” Edward P. Wimberly

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1. What issues does the author raise to make his case that African Americans (AA) are subjugated to oppression?
2. What are some issues that are unique to the AA culture in their context of culture that needs to be considered prior to counseling?
3. What are some similarities and dissimilar images of God between the Black and White cultures identified by the author?
4. What was the most challenging subject matter discussed to you?
5. Write about an experience that challenged your childhood assumptions about another race, culture, politics, wealth, or gender. (Not all of these need to be included.)

(Due the second weekend)

Textbook: "Crises Counseling in the Congregation," Larry E. Webb

Note: The following work is due 1 week prior to the second weekend.

1. What does a parishioner seek in pastoral counseling that is similar to a patient seek with a physician.

2. Webb suggests that people's personalities can be divided into four different types. Choose one that fits you best and write about a situation when your personality either got in the way or was helpful.

3. Write about a crisis in which you brought about healing. Describe what tools you relied on.

4. In your experience, how does one find healing?

4. A written verbatim of at least a 20 minute visit with a parishioner either in the hospital or a home visit. Please use double space and number each line.

i.e. C = Clergy P= Parishioner O= Others

C1. Hello, Sandy....

P1. Hello Rev....

C2... Write a paragraph on each question

A. Describe the person & why you picked this visit.

B. What did you do that was pastoral?

C. On what resources did you rely?

D. What are the strengths & the weaknesses of your pastoral visit?

E. What help do you want?

Submitting paper guidelines:

Keep the quotes to a minimum. Your answers should be more than a few sentences. An integration of the reading and your understating/experience must be included in all of your answers. You may make references to other authors. All of the writing must be sent one week prior to the weekend. If you have in paper form, you may mail it. You may consider sending your papers to Mark Jarrett, if writing is not your strength, prior to submitting it to the Instructor. You may email or call for any clarification.