

COURSE OF STUDY SPRING 2022

#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 the influence the books and your personal experience is important.

Text books: 1. *“African American Pastoral Care and Counseling. The Politics of Oppression and Empowerment”* Edward P. Wimberly

2. *“Crisis Counseling In the Congregation”* By Dr. Larry E. Webb

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?

5. 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?

6. Zoom meetings will include lectures and discussion.

Saturday, March 19:	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Saturday, April 9:	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Saturday, April 23:	9:00 - 11:00 AM and 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Saturday, May 7:	9:00 - 11:00 AM

7. You will view a movie on your own time entitled, “Saving Grace.” A Pope’s journey.

Questions on the Movie:

- a. What motivated him to leave the Vatican and go to the village?**
- b. How did he lose his calling?**
- c. How did he get it back?**
- d. Why and how did the Priest lose his calling?**
- e. Give an example of the villagers “disease” from your own life.**
- f. The Pope was tempted and how did he overcome?**