

COURSE OF STUDY SPRING 2023

#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 for you?
5. Write about an experience that challenged your childhood assumptions about another race, culture, politics, wealth, or gender. (Focus on one issue.)

(Due one week prior to the second weekend in person.)

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 who 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?**

A written visit 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. Please do not record your conversation. The intent of this assignment for you to reflect and remember how the visit went.

- 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?**

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

C1. Hello, Sandy....

P1. Hello Rev....

C2... Write a paragraph on each question

- 6. Zoom meetings will include lectures and discussion.**
- 7. You will view a movie on your own time entitled, "Saving Grace." A Pope's Journey.**

Questions on the Movie:

- a. What motivated the Pope 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. In the United States what “epidemic” do we face? (Reflecting the example from the movie?)**
- f. The Pope was tempted and how did he overcome?**

PS: *I will spend most of the time on counseling skills that would apply to any culture or race.*