PM 512B STUDIES IN MINISTRY  PROFESSOR: MCCANN  FALL 2011

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a study in the characteristics of ministry in a small church. Attention is given to time management, spiritual discipline, administrative tasks, preaching style, financial management, and other tasks found in leading a small church. Emphasis will be given to ministry characteristics which result in greater satisfaction by both church and pastor.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Become knowledgeable of resources for ministering in a small church.
2. Develop skills and understandings of the special qualities of a small church.
3. Be able to apply leadership principles in a small church setting.
4. Develop an understanding and an appreciation for those who serve in small churches.
5. Develop an appreciation for contributions of small churches to the Kingdom of God.

TEXTS: SHEPHERDING THE SMALL CHURCH, Glen Daman.
The following additional resources contribute to a better understanding the small church ministry and are suggested for students’ further study: DEVELOPING YOUR SMALL CHURCH’S POTENTIAL, Walrath; MAKING IT WORK, EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION IN THE SMALL CHURCH, Walrath; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE SMALL CHURCH, Walrath and Griggs; MONEY, MOTIVATION, AND MISSION IN THE SMALL CHURCH, Pappas and Walrath; UNDERSTANDING THE SINGLE-STAFF CHURCH, PASTORING THE SINGLE-STAFF CHURCH, and GUIDING THE SINGLE-STAFF CHURCH, D. G. McCoury; THE FIRST TWO YEARS, Bruce Grubbs; LEADING THE SMALL CHURCH, Doran McCarty. ATTENDING GOD’S BUSINESS, Gerald Keller; THE LIFE OF A RICH MAN, Mrs. W. N. Paschal.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
1. Read the text as assigned.
2. Participate in class discussion.
3. Read a minimum two books from the list of resources in those suggest for further study.
4. Write a book report on the two additional books you have read.
5. Write a paper in which you identify ministry skills especially needed in a small church and show how those skills can be applied in a ministry setting.

GRADING: A grade will be given for each class session. Grades may be based upon any class activity. A student absent without excuse will receive “0” that day. Tests will count for 1/3 of the semester grade. Attendance and all other work will count for 2/3 of final grade. An assignment turned in late will result in one letter drop for each day past due. Five absences will result in a grade of “F.” (If a student cannot attend class, he should arrange with the Dean’s office to drop).

Note: All writing is to be prepared for grading using the grading rubric adopted by the faculty. All written work should be kept in a notebook to be turned in the last regular class period. This Syllabus is dated 5/23/11. It may be changed to better meet the needs of the class.