

OD780: Four Dimensions of Leadership for Military Chaplaincy (4 units)

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DESCRIPTION/RELEVANCE FOR MINISTRY:

This online course is foundational for the Military Chaplain D.Min. program. This course may be taken immediately upon admission to the program as an introduction to issues of personal development in leadership, spiritual leadership, team leadership and the unique context of leadership in the military. Biblical and Theological foundations for leadership will under gird a broader discussion of leadership practices in ministry.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Understand Biblical content /models of leadership.
- Understand and articulate a theology of leadership.
- Gain insight into personal leadership style.
- Gain appreciation for a variety of styles of leadership.
- Understand and apply learning of practical skills of team leadership and spiritual leadership in the Military Chaplaincy context.

COURSE FORMAT:

The class will be conducted on the Internet using a 10-week lesson program aligned with Fuller's academic calendar. Each week, students and the instructor will interact with the material and each other through journaling, threaded discussions, web-based research. Lectures for each lesson will be available online.

REQUIRED READING:

- Bennis, Warren. *Why Leaders Can't Lead*. Jossey-Bass. San Francisco. 1990. ISBN:1-55542-282-9. 160 pages.
- Blackaby, Henry. *Spiritual Leadership: Moving People to God's Agenda*. Broadman & Holman. 2001. ISBN: 0-80541-845-8. 306 pages.
- Kouzes James M.; Posner Barry Z.; Maxwell John C. *Christian Reflections on the Leadership Challenge*. John Wiley & Sons. 2004. ISBN: 0-7879-6785-8. 176 pages.
- Lencioni, Patrick. *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*. Jossey-Bass. San Francisco. 2002. ISBN: 0-7879-6075-6. 224 pages.
- McIntosh, Gary L. & Rima, Sam D.,Sr. *Overcoming the Dark Side of Leadership*. Baker Books. Grand Rapids, MI. 1997. ISBN: 0-8010-9047-4. 226 pages.
- McNeal, Reggie. *A Work of Heart*. Jossey-Bass. 2005. 078794288X. 176 pages.
- _____. *The Present Future*. Jossey-Bass. 2003. 0787965685. 172 pages.
- Nouwen, Henri. J. *In The Name of Jesus*. Crossroad. Reprint edition 1993. 0824512596. 107 pages.
- Peterson, Eugene H. *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*. Eerdmans. 2005. 0802828752. 368 pages.
- Thrall, Bill; McNicol, Bruce; McElrath, Ken. *The Ascent of a Leader*. Jossey-Bass. San Francisco. 1999. ISBN: 0-7879-4766-0. 179 pages.
- Wright, Walter C. *Relational Leadership*. Paternoster Press. Carlisle, UK. ISBN: 0-85364-996-0. 206 pages.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Weekly threaded discussions (20%)
2. Journaling personal reflections on one's own leadership formation (10%)
3. Read required texts (2,400 pages) and complete assigned reading reflections (15%)
4. Complete online learning activities, assessments, leadership reflections (25%)
5. Write a 15-20 page theologically reflective integration paper that combines insights/skills from course with current chaplaincy (30%)

PREREQUISITES: None.

RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM: Core requirement the Military Chaplaincy DMin program, the first of two required classes.

FINAL EXAMINATION: None.