PT601 Foundations of Christian Ministry

**Goal**
The goal of this course is threefold: to assist students in 1) developing a sense of the history of Christian ministry and how that history was shaped by biblical, theological, spiritual, and sociological factors; 2) gaining a better understanding of the concept of ministry (lay and ordained) in their own denominations and in denominations not their own; and 3) better appreciating their call to ministry, including gifts and “growing edges” for that vocation.

**Reading Requirements**
Students should expect to read at most 800 pages from the required texts (below) and from additional articles still being selected.

**Writing Requirements**
Students should expect to write at most 21 – 30 double-spaced pages. This will be comprised of the following:
1. Reflection paper (2-4 pages) on one’s call to ministry (15% of final grade)
2. Faith development paper (5-7 pages) on a particular age group from your congregation. (20% of final grade)
3. Research paper (7-10 pages) on one’s own denomination’s understanding of ministry (30% of final grade)
4. Paper (7-9 pages) describing an interview of a minister of a denomination not one’s own and direct observation of that minister in the practice of ministry (25% of final grade)

**Other**
In addition to the above, active class participation is required at all classes with timely reading of all assignments (10% of final grade).

**Required Texts**