

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE
Spring 2018
(course runs January 1 through April 30)

ST815 Living Theology

Intensives Sessions (plus pre- and post-course work):

January 1 – ideally students begin reading immediately

1st session Jan. 31-Feb. 1: Wednesday, 6-9 pm, Thursday, 9 am–5 pm

2nd session March 8-10: Thursday, 1–9 pm, Friday, 9 am–5 pm, Saturday, 9 am–4 pm

April 30 – due date for major integration paper (and any other outstanding work)

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Course Description:

An exploration, for D.Min. candidates, of how theology enlivens Christian understanding, formation, and ministry. Working through the full spectrum of Christian doctrines, the course will note how Christian doctrine serves as (1) lens for analyses of our current historical situation; (2) script for Christian speaking, living, and ministry; and (3) foundational component of your D.Min. project.

Course Requirements:

A complete set of requirements will be included in the course syllabus.

- **Reading:** DMin courses require a minimum of 1,500 pages of reading. Students should expect to read about 1,300 pages of required reading before class and should come prepared to discuss readings in class. (1st session ~440 pages, 2nd session ~860 pages) An additional 200 pages will be selected by each student after the intensives..
- **Writing:** DMin courses require a minimum of 30 pages of writing. Students should expect to write 30-35 pages, comprised of 3 preliminary papers and a major integration paper.
- **Participation:** Class participation is an essential aspect of our shared learning. Students will read, write, analyze, and discuss in class. Each student will also be responsible to be the discussion prompter once during the second intensive class session.

Required Texts:

Rowan Williams, [*Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*](#) (Westminster John Knox, 2010)

Elizabeth Johnson, [*Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God*](#) (Bloomsbury Academic, 2011)

Emmanuel Katongole, [*Mirror to the Church: Resurrecting Faith after Genocide in Rwanda*](#) (Zondervan, 2009)

Samuel Wells, [*A Nazareth Manifesto: Being with God*](#) (Wiley, 2015)

Brian Bantum, [*The Death of Race: Building a New Christianity in a Racial World*](#) (Fortress, 2016)

Ephraim Radner, [*Church*](#) (Cascade Books, 2017)

Arthur Sutherland, [*I Was A Stranger: A Christian Theology of Hospitality*](#) (Abingdon, 2006) 978-